

RESULTS FACTSHEET

Partnership for Good Governance in Georgia

September 2020

Key figures

- Two successive phases since 2015.
- 16 projects under PGG II
- 2 country-specific projects for Georgia with a budget of EUR 2,430,000
- 4 regional projects covering Georgia

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

Through the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) the European Union and the Council of Europe are working together to strengthen governance in the Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus).

PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Project: Enhancing the system of prevention and combating corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing in Georgia (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

*PGG II strengthens the capacities of Georgian state agencies to **fight and prevent economic crime**, in particular corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/FT).*

- Over **115 representatives of the Civil Service Bureau, law enforcement officials and judges** increased their capacity on efficient monitoring of public officials' asset declarations, prevention of conflict of interest, investigation and prosecution of corruption and terrorist financing offences.
- Over 30 representatives of the Georgian gambling business sector also **increased their understanding on ML/TF compliance and control**, and a training module on investigation, prosecution and adjudication of ML/TF cases to support local trainers in this area was developed.
- The project provided an analysis of the current system of disciplinary liability within the Georgian Prosecution Service with recommendations and a roadmap to **support the revision of the legal framework related to the prosecutor's disciplinary liability**.
- The National ML/TF Risk Assessment Report of Georgia and the Law on Anti-money Laundering** were adopted with the project's technical support in 2019.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

Project: Implementation of judicial reforms

Component 1: Enhancing the accountability and the efficiency of the judicial system and the professionalism of lawyers in Georgia (Nov 2019-Nov 2021)

PGG II provides support to **enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the court system.**

- The case management system of the Constitutional Court was improved to **enable citizens to file online complaints**, thus ensuring wider access to justice. Expertise was also provided to revise court claim forms rendering them more child-friendly.
- Recommendations were provided to **improve data collection methods** based on the European Commission on the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) tools.
- Fair and merit-based standards for the **evaluation of non-judge staff** were developed.
- Recommendations were provided on implementation of **certification and accreditation of mediation schemes** for the Georgian Mediators' Association.
- The **knowledge of the Georgian Bar Association Training Centre staff** was enhanced about the training needs identification methodology and training management. The initial training programme for the High School of Justice was revised in accordance with experts' recommendations.

Component 2: Supporting the criminal justice reforms – tackling criminal aspects of the judicial reforms (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

PGG II provides support to **improve criminal proceedings** in Georgia in line with European standards.

- The project notably **supported national authorities in drafting amendments to the Georgian Law on International Co-operation in Criminal Matters.**
- A review of the **Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia and related laws** regulating primarily an operational framework of the law enforcement agencies was launched.
- The project developed and made available two online Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (**HELP**) **courses** on International co-operation in criminal matters and Reasoning of criminal judgments. It translated into Georgian the HELP courses on fight against ill-treatment and on the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment standards.
- Capacity-building activities contributed to enhance the knowledge of future judges about the European Court of Human Rights case-law to ensure **criminal justice delivery in cases of abuse of powers.**
- A **Gender analysis** report provided recommendations on addressing the existing gender challenges in the beneficiary institutions.

[A background information sheet on both components of this project is available on the website.](#)

More information:

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Regional projects implemented in Georgia:

- ▶ Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime
- ▶ Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards
- ▶ Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards
- ▶ Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech

For more information, consult the Factsheet on Regional projects

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