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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Fostering mediation in Azerbaijan

This project seeks to promote European standards in the field of justice, with a focus on promoting alternative dispute resolution. It will help to consolidate the capacity of state authorities, legal professionals, mediators, etc. with a view to harmonising the domestic legal and institutional frameworks to international good practices, and to increasing the recourse to mediation in Azerbaijan.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Partnership for Good Governance". It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of strengthening justice (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To increase the recourse to mediation in Azerbaijan.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice
- ▶ Mediation Council
- ▶ Academy of Justice
- ▶ Judges
- ▶ Lawyers
- ▶ Mediators
- ▶ Civil society
- ▶ General public.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Improved availability and quality of mediation services;
- ▶ Innovative approaches to offering mediation services by supporting pilot initiatives;
- ▶ Strengthened knowledge and skills of mediators through capacity building measures;
- ▶ Improved awareness on mediation among judicial professionals and citizens.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total budget of the project is EUR 880,000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 M. (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

How to get more information?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the [Council of Europe Co-operation Unit of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice \(CEPEJ\)](#), Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I).
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PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy. It supports, in particular, Eastern Partnership countries’ domestic reforms to strengthen justice, counter economic crime, promote equality and non-discrimination, advance women’s access to justice and combat violence against women.