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## Partnership for Good Governance

### Project: Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in Azerbaijan

This project seeks to continue to promote international standards in the field of violence against women and domestic violence, as well as to build the capacity of state authorities, legal and law enforcement professionals, civil society, etc., to adapt domestic frameworks in line with international standards, and to apply those standards to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence.

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” running from 2023 until 2027. It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of advancing women’s access to justice and combating violence against women (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

#### What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To promote international standards in the field of violence against women and domestic violence (VAW/DV) in Azerbaijan;
- ▶ To build the capacity of relevant actors, in particular law enforcement to effectively deal with cases of VAW/DV and promote multi-agency cooperation on VAW/DV;
- ▶ To encourage national actors to take action to make legislative and policy changes to better align domestic frameworks on gender equality and VAW/DV with international standards.

#### How does the project work?

- ▶ Through three main fields of action:
  - awareness raising;
  - capacity-building and strengthening of multi-agency cooperation; and
  - strengthening legal and policy frameworks.

#### How much does it cost?

#### Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Civil servants;
- ▶ Legal professionals;
- ▶ Law-enforcement officials;
- ▶ Law students;
- ▶ Civil society;
- ▶ Schools;
- ▶ Victims of violence against women and domestic violence;
- ▶ The general public

#### What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Key national actors and the general public are increasingly aware of international standards on VAW/DV;
- ▶ Knowledge and skills are applied by relevant national actors to effectively deal with cases of VAW/DV in ways that are consistent with international standards;
- ▶ Multi-agency cooperation on VAW/DV is promoted;
- ▶ National actors take action to make legislative and policy changes to better align domestic frameworks on gender equality and VAW/DV with international standards.

#### What is the project duration?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 700 000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 Mio. (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).
- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

## How to get more information?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the [Gender Equality Division](#), in the Council of Europe's Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department (Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, DG II).
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*The “Partnership for Good Governance” (PGG) is a joint initiative of the European Union and the Council of Europe for strengthening good governance in the Eastern Partnership region<sup>[1]</sup>.*

*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.*

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<sup>[1]</sup> While the Partnership for Good Governance does not include activities with the participation of the Belarusian authorities, activities may be organised with the representatives of Belarusian civil society and democratic forces as appropriate in line with the European Council Conclusions of February 2022 and the Decision of the Council of Europe Ministers’ Deputies of March 2022.