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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Promoting equality in Azerbaijan

This project seeks to continue to promote Council of Europe and international standards in the field of promoting equality and non-discrimination, 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 enhance and strengthen the promotion of equality and non-discrimination 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 promoting equality and non-discrimination (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To enhance and strengthen the implementation of European standards of equality and non-discrimination in Azerbaijan.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice;
- ▶ Ministry of Education;
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- ▶ Ombudsperson’s Office;
- ▶ 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?

- ▶ Increased capacities of the Ombudsperson’s Office staff’s to effectively protect human rights and freedoms;
- ▶ Enhanced dialogue between the Ombudsperson and the civil society, as well as capacities of CSO to work on promoting equality and a more diverse society.
- ▶ Raised awareness of tolerance and non-discrimination standards among youth and the general public.

How much does it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 220 000.
- ▶ 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 No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, in the [Council of Europe's Anti-Discrimination 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.

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.