

# Partnership for Good Governance

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### CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG) Georgia: Project on combating money laundering and terrorism financing (PGG-GE)

#### Project Summary

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Project title	<b>Project on combating money laundering and terrorism financing (PGG-GE)</b>
Project area	Georgia
Budget	EURO 500,000
Funding	European Union 90%; Council of Europe 10%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	36 months (starting from 1 January 2015)

#### BACKGROUND

The PGG-Georgia “Project on combating money laundering and terrorist financing” represented one of the four National Components of the CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) “Fight against corruption and fostering good governance / Fight against money-laundering” Programme for Eastern Partnership countries. Unlike the other National Components and the Regional Programme Component, which primarily focused on anti-corruption issues, the Georgia Project primarily focused in assisting the host Government in strengthening capacities to prevent and suppress money laundering and terrorist financing.

#### NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PGG-GE Project was to contribute to democracy and the rule of law through prevention and control of money laundering and terrorist financing in Georgia, in accordance with European and other international standards. The Project aimed to do so by enhancing the capacities of the anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing system in Georgia in terms of legislation, institutional frameworks, skills and operational capabilities. Project expected results and specific activities were set pursuant to country needs and an agreed approach in providing assistance in this field. The Project focused on the following areas:

- **Legislation:** assessment and advice;
- **Prevention:** advice and capacity building in the area of risk assessments and oversight;

- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of criminal justice institutions to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate money laundering and other types of economic crime.

In line with the above, the Project achieved the following results:

- **Expected Result 1:** Legislative proposals available to make Georgian legislation and sub-legal acts compliant with the applicable European and international standards;
- **Expected Result 2:** Risks of money laundering/terrorism financing at the national and sectorial level understood and mitigating measures are elaborated;
- **Expected Result 3:** The supervisory and regulatory framework of preventative measures reinforced for the sectors of insurance, casinos, lawyers, notaries, dealers in precious metals and stones, real estate agents and NPOs; beneficial ownership and transparency of legal persons enhanced; and
- **Expected Result 4:** Capacities of authorities to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate money laundering and economic crime cases enhanced.

Assistance activities in each field included assessments, provision of expert advice, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results have been documented in technical papers, handbooks, or other **written output** which are available on the Project website.

## COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Main counterpart: Ministry of Justice of Georgia

Georgia beneficiaries:

- Ministry of Finance of Georgia (including the Revenue Service of Georgia – LEPL of the Ministry of Finance);
- Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia – FIU of Georgia
- National Bank of Georgia
- Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia
- Georgian Bar Association
- Service for Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision
- Ministry of Justice (including National Agency of Public Registry, Chamber of Notary
- Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia
- State Security Service of Georgia
- Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance
- High School of Justice;
- Law enforcement agencies.

## IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area and the EaP region, the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Action against Crime Department, was in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. It engaged international long- and short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from EaP countries to that end.

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