Partnership for Good Governance

CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme

Thematic Programme "Fight against Corruption and Fostering Good Governance/Fight against money-laundering"

Project Summary

Project title	Good Governance against Economic Crime (GG-AEC)
Project area	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
Budget	550,000 EURO
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	12 months (starting on 1 January 2018)

BACKGROUND

The Regional Project "Good Governance against Economic Crime" represented one of the four Components under the CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) Programme "Fight against corruption and fostering good governance; Fight against money-laundering" for Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries. It was continuation of actions against economic crime in the Eastern Partnership countries, implemented within PGG since 2015.

The PGG as a whole was composed of five programmatic areas agreed between the European Commission and the Council of Europe. It stemmed from the **Statement of Intent** signed on 1 April 2014 by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbour Policy and had been developed pursuant to the Council of Europe and EU Policy priorities in the context of the Eastern Partnership, while relying on the Council of Europe expertise in standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation. "Fight against Corruption and Fostering Good Governance/Fight against money-laundering" is one of the pillars covered by the PGG. It was focused on supporting current reforms in the field of corruption and money-laundering and further strengthening capacities in the region with regard to good governance and measures to fight corruption.

The thematic Project "Fight against corruption and fostering good governance/ Fight against money-laundering", under the CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance (PGG), was a continuation of the previous Eastern Partnership assistance. It combined a **Regional Component** (involving all six Eastern Partnership countries) with **Country Components** for Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **overall objective** of the PGG-REG Project was to reinforce the impact of anti-corruption and anti-money laundering reforms by contributing to the EU key deliverables for 2020 for the Eastern Partnership by allowing sharing of experience and practices in EaP countries. More specifically, the Project focused on improving effectiveness of the specialised anti-corruption bodies and prevention structures, and increasing common understanding on effective implementation of standards of transparency of beneficial ownership and AML/CFT supervision of financial institutions.

In line with the above, the Project's expected results were:

- **Expected Result 1**: Strengthened operational independence and effectiveness of specialised anti-corruption bodies and prevention mechanism in the EaP region through exchange of country reform experiences;
- **Expected Result 2:** Developed Guide on corruption prevention and enforcement policies with respect to illicit enrichment and integrity of civil servants
- **Expected Result 3:** Developed Guidance on introduction and effective implementation of beneficial ownership requirements in line with the FATF standards, EU 4th AML Directive and international good practices
- **Expected Result 4:** Strengthened regulatory and enforcement capacities building of AML/CFT supervisory authorities in EaP countries through use of a risk-based approach.

Regional activities engaged all six countries allowed for mobilisation of Council of Europe expertise, peer-to-peer reviews and advice, and the exchange of good practices among participating countries. Assistance activities included assessment, workshops, trainings, and development of guides related to specific output of the project. The activity results were documented in technical papers, guides, and other forms of **publications and made available** on the Project website in addition to other forms of dissemination.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Each partner country identified the main beneficiaries and stakeholders for the implantation of this Project. Beneficiaries and counterparts included:

- Criminal Justice Sector;
- Specialised anti-corruption bodies in EaP countries;
- AML/CFT Supervisory authorities in EaP countries;
- Policy Advice Institutions at the central administrative level.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area and the EaP region, the Council of Europe, and more specifically the Department of Action against Crime, through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) was in charge of implementing activities under this Project. It engages international short-term experts in the field of anti-corruption and economic crime and local experts from EaP countries to that end.

CONTACT

Economic Crime and Cooperation Division
Department of Action against Crime
Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, DG I
Council of Europe
F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex (France)

Head of Unit I
Mr Mustafa Ferati
Tel: +33 (0)3 90 21 45 50
Email: Mustafa.FERATI [at] coe.int

Programme Co-ordinator
Ms Zahra Ahmadova
Tel: +33 (0)3 90 21 28 44
Email: Zahra.AHMADOVA [at] coe.int

Project Co-ordinator
Ms Natia Jgenti
Tel: +33 (0)3 90 21 52 06
Email:Natia.JGENTI [at] coe.int

Council of Europe Office in Tbilisi
Pixel Business Centre - 8th floor
34 Chavchavadze Avenue
0179 Tbilisi, Georgie
Tel: +995 (32) 291 38 70 / 71/ 72/ 73
Fax: +995 (32) 291 38 74

Senior Project Officer
Ms Tea ZARNADZE
Tel: +99532 291 38 70/ 71/ 72/ 73
Fax: +99532 291 38 74
Email: Tea.ZARNADZE [at] coe.int

Project website: https://www.coe.int/en/web/corruption/projects/pgg-regional