



**CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG II)  
Project on “Enhancing the systems of prevention and combating corruption, money  
laundering and terrorist financing in Georgia”**

**Project Summary**

Project title	<b>Project on “Enhancing the systems of prevention and combating corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing in Georgia”</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 01 January 2019)

**BACKGROUND**

The project on “*Enhancing the systems of prevention and combating corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing in Georgia*” is one of the six projects which constitute the second phase of the EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) programme interventions to support Eastern Partnership countries<sup>1</sup> to counter economic crime. The project builds upon outcomes of actions implemented since 2015 to counter money laundering and terrorist financing, in addition the current project will have an added focus on combatting high-level corruption. The project has been designed to contribute to the EU 2020 targets set out in priority area “Strengthening the rule of law and anti-corruption mechanisms,”<sup>2</sup> and is aligned with the cooperation priorities identified in the EU-Georgia Action Plan, EU-Georgia Association Agenda, and Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2016-2019.

**NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES**

The **overall objective** of the project is to strengthen capacities of fight and prevent economic crime, in particular corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/FT) in accordance with European and other international standards. The project aims to do so by supporting the Georgian authorities to prevent corruption with respect to high-ranking officials and judiciary, and countering money laundering and financing of terrorism. Project expected results and specific activities have been set pursuant to country needs and an agreed approach in providing assistance in this field. The Project focuses on the following areas:

<sup>1</sup> Eastern Partnership countries are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

<sup>2</sup> European Commission (2017) [Eastern Partnership – 20 Deliverables for 2020: Focusing on key priorities and tangible results](#). Accessed on: 21 January 2019

- **Legislation:** Assessment and advice through recommendations on strengthening the legislative framework;
- **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 corruption, money laundering and other types of economic crime.

In line with the above, the Project expects to achieve the following outcomes:

- **Outcome 1:** Effective measures on prevention of corruption; and
- **Outcome 2:** Comprehensive measures on prevention and detection of money laundering and terrorist financing

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

## COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Project counterparts/beneficiaries:

- Ministry of Finance of Georgia (including the Revenue Service, Investigation Service and State Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision Service)
- Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia (FIU of Georgia)
- National Bank of Georgia
- Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia
- Georgian Bar Association
- Ministry of Justice (through National Agency of Public Registry, Chamber of Notary)
- Analytical Department of the Ministry of Justice (acting as Anti-Corruption Council Secretariat)
- General Prosecutor's Office of Georgia
- State Security Service of Georgia
- Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance
- High School of Justice
- Civil Service Bureau.

## 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) is in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. For the purpose of implementation of various specific activities, it engages international long and short-term experts with proven experience in the field of fighting against economic crimes and local experts from EaP countries so as to ensure high quality and relevance of the assistance delivered to the beneficiary institutions.

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