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**CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG III)
Project on “Enhancing national capacities for effective prevention and fight against
economic crime in Armenia”**

Project Summary

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Project title	Enhancing national capacities for effective prevention and fight against economic crime in Armenia
Project area	Republic of Armenia
Budget	630.000 EURO
Funding	European Union 80%; Council of Europe 20%
Implementation	Council of Europe – Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Economic Crime Department, Directorate General of Rule of Law and Human Rights
Duration	36 months (1 March 2023 – 28 February 2026)

BACKGROUND

This project on “*Enhancing national capacities for effective prevention and fight against economic crime in Armenia*” is one of the six projects which constitute the third phase of the EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) programme interventions to support Eastern Partnership countries to counter economic crime.

The Project follows actions implemented to strengthen institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia under the Second Phase of the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG II - 2019-2023). Building on previous achievements and taking into account the evolution of context and needs in Armenia, the proposed action under PGG III intends to support further improvements of the legislative and institutional framework against corruption, money laundering and economic crime in Armenia, but also focus on ensuring the effectiveness of its implementation.

The Project aims to support the Armenian authorities in strengthening the capacities of the country's anticorruption and anti-money laundering bodies, support the introduction and application of new mechanisms to combat corruption, and raise awareness on anticorruption and integrity.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

The proposed action under PGG III intends to support further improvements of the legislative and institutional framework against corruption, money laundering and economic crime in Armenia, but also focus on ensuring the effectiveness of its implementation.

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

- Strengthened legislative, strategic and institutional frameworks and capacities for the effective prevention of corruption
- Increased effectiveness of detection, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption-related offences
- Advanced legislative and institutional frameworks and increased technical capacities in anti-money laundering, countering terrorism financing and related asset recovery

Assistance activities will include assessments, provision of expert advice, legislative reviews, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results will be documented in technical papers, guidelines, or other written output which will be available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

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

- Ministry of Justice
- Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC)
- Civil Service Council
- Anti-corruption Committee of Armenia (ACC)
- Investigative Committee of Armenia
- Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia (CBA)
- Financial Monitoring Center within the CBA (Armenian Financial Intelligence Unit – FIU)
- Prosecutor General's Office, in particular: the Department for Combatting Economic Crimes, the Deputy Prosecutor General coordinating the field of functions aimed at civil confiscation of property of illicit origin and the Department of supervision of the investigations of the Anti-Corruption Comm
- Judiciary of Armenia (including Anti-Corruption Courts)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- National Security Service
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Migration Division
- Armenian Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) involved in the promotion of anti-corruption, integrity and transparency.

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 Economic 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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