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**CoE/EU Partnership for Good Governance Programme (PGG III)
Project on “Consolidating and Enhancing the Institutional and Operational Frameworks
for the Prevention and Combatting of Corruption, Money Laundering and Terrorist
Financing in Georgia”**

Project Summary

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Project title	Consolidating and Enhancing the Institutional and Operational Frameworks for the Prevention and Combatting of Corruption, Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Georgia
Project area	Georgia
Budget	EURO 665 000
Funding	European Union 80%; Council of Europe 20%
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Economic Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	36 months (01 March 2022 - 28 February 2026)

BACKGROUND

The Project “*Consolidating and Enhancing the Institutional and Operational Frameworks for the Prevention and Combatting of Corruption, Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Georgia*” constitutes the third phase of the EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) Programme interventions supporting Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to counter economic crimes. The Project builds upon outcomes of the actions implemented since 2015 under PGG I and PGG II to prevent and fight against corruption, money laundering (ML) and financing of terrorism (FT). The Project is aligned with the cooperation priorities identified in EU Deliverable Nine¹, the EU-Georgia Action Plan, EU-Georgia Association Agenda, and the Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2020-2023.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

¹ European Commission (2017) [Eastern Partnership – 20 Deliverables for 2020: Focusing on key priorities and tangible results](#). Accessed on 1st March 2023

The **overall objective** of the Project is to strengthen the capacities of the authorities in Georgia in the fight against corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing, by contributing to more effective and resilient legislative, institutional, and operational frameworks in Georgia in accordance with European and other international standards.

The Project focuses on the following areas of support:

- **Institutional:** consolidation and operational enhancement through sharing of best practices and guidance for policy execution; trainings and Training of Trainers (ToTs).
- **Legislation:** assessment and advice through recommendations on improving the legislative framework.
- **Prevention:** advice and capacity building in the areas of strategic planning, risk assessments and oversight, as well as awareness raising activities amongst public officials.
- **Enforcement:** strengthening the capacities of criminal justice institutions to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate corruption, money laundering and other types of economic crime.

Building on the progress of previous phases, the Project expect to achieve the following outcomes:

- **Outcome 1:** Developing effective measures on prevention of corruption; and
- **Outcome 2:** Advancing effective measures to prevent and combat money laundering/terrorist financing.

The intervention will provide advice to allow the authorities to build sufficient capacity to effectively implement anti-corruption and AML/CFT measures. Assistance activities will include assessments, provision of expert advice, legislative reviews, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results will be documented in technical papers, handbooks, or other written output which will be available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

Project counterparts / beneficiaries:

- Anti-corruption Bureau
- Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia (FIU of Georgia)
- National Bank of Georgia
- Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia
- Ministry of Finance of Georgia (including the Revenue Service and the Service for Accounting, Reporting and Auditing Supervision)
- Georgian Bar Association
- Ministry of Justice (through National Agency of Public Registry, Chamber of Notary)
- Department of International Public Law of the Ministry of Justice (acting as the Secretariat of the Governmental Commission on Matters of Enforcement of UNSCRs)
- Office of the Prosecutor General of Georgia
- State Security Service of Georgia
- Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance
- High School of Justice

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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