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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Promoting equality and non-discrimination in Armenia

This project seeks to further support national stakeholders and partners providing in-depth knowledge and stimulating their cooperation and networking, towards better responses to discrimination and hatred. It will reinforce national remedies against hate speech, continue the work initiated with state institutions to respond to discrimination and hate crime in line with national reforms and work with non-state stakeholders and local institutions to improve their understanding of equality and diversity, better reaching out victims from vulnerable groups. Its synergy with the regional action will also feed into expected results, encouraging regional networking and creating platform for mutual understanding and exchange of the best practices.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Partnership for Good Governance” running from 2023 until 2027. It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of promoting equality and non-discrimination (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives?

- ▶ To improve the functioning of the state and non-state institutions to combat discrimination, hatred, and racism in line with the European standards.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, judiciary, and law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ Human Rights Defender's Office.
- ▶ Civil society organisations.
- ▶ General public.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The legislative framework to combat discrimination, hatred, and racism in Armenia is in line with European standards.
- ▶ State institutions and the Human Rights Defender's Office improve their understanding on discrimination and hate speech in line with the European standards.
- ▶ State institutions and law enforcement bodies improve their responses to combating discrimination and hatred under their mandate.
- ▶ The general public in Armenia raises awareness of the negative effects posed by discrimination and hatred.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 300 000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 M (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

How to get more information?

- ▶ Partnership for Good Governance
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PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy. It supports, in particular, Eastern Partnership countries’ domestic reforms to strengthen justice, counter economic crime, promote equality and non-discrimination, advance women’s access to justice and combat violence against women.