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## EU/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance Project “Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia”

### High level Conference on the Model Code of Conduct for Public Servants in Armenia

4 July 2022

*Armenia Marriot Hotel Yerevan,  
Yerevan, Armenia*

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project on “Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia” is one of six Projects which constitute the second phase of the EU/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) programme interventions to support Eastern Partnership countries to counter economic crime.

The Project provides tailored assistance responding to the country’s anti-corruption reforms agenda, while addressing issues raised by the Council of Europe monitoring bodies in the areas of corruption and money laundering. It has been designed to contribute to the EU 2020 targets set out in priority area “Strengthening the rule of law and anti-corruption mechanisms” (Deliverable 9) and is aligned with the cooperation priorities identified in the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement, and Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2019-2022.

*Programme’s expected outcomes in Armenia:*

1. Strengthened legislative and institutional frameworks for combatting corruption through independent and efficient anti-corruption bodies
2. Enhanced systems of asset declaration, conflict of interest and illicit enrichment for all levels of public officials
3. Increased effective investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption-related crimes and offenses
4. Further developed institutional asset recovery mechanisms

The PGG II-Armenia Project is implemented by the Council of Europe through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, with an implementation period of 2019-2023.

#### HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS IN ARMENIA – 4 JULY 2022

The development, promotion and guidance on the Model Code of Conduct is envisaged in the Armenian Public Service Law as part of the Corruption Prevention Commission’s responsibility. Furthermore, the adoption of codes of conduct for public officials is one of the recommended actions by the **Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)** as a measure towards enhancing integrity of public officials.

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**The Model Code of Conduct for Public Servants in Armenia** is part of the accomplishments through the cooperation between the Corruption Prevention Commission of Armenia (CPC) and the Project and the result of a long process of joint development, public consultation, modifications, and official approvals, which began in 2021.

In the above-described context, and in view of the requirement defined in the Public Service Law of the Republic of Armenia, the **high-level conference on the Model Code of Conduct for Public Servants in Armenia** will come to conclude the process of development and adoption of the Model Code, and, at the same time, launch the process of development and adoption of specific Codes of Conduct for all Armenian public institutions, based on the model rules.

The purpose of the event, therefore, is to publicise the official endorsement of the Model Code at a high level of government, highlight its importance in the development of the corruption prevention system of Armenia, and promote the next steps – namely: the adoption of specific codes of conduct by all institutions, as well as associated guidance and training, for an effective implementation of the rules and more systematic promotion of ethical practices at all levels of public service.

It is jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the Corruption Prevention Commission of Armenia in the framework of the EU/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance II Project on “Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia”.

## PARTICIPANTS

The event will be attended by high level representatives of key public institutions of Armenia, as well as civil society and the international donor community, and will be covered by national media. The approximate number of participants foreseen is 60. The list of participants is attached.

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Draft AGENDA	
<i>Time (in AMT – local time in Armenia)</i>	<i>Sessions and speakers</i>
09:40 – 10:00	Welcoming and registration of participants
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Opening Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mher GRIGORYAN, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia</li><li>• Andrea WIKTORIN, European Union Ambassador to Armenia</li><li>• Karen ANDREASYAN, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</li><li>• Hanne JUNCHER, Head of the Action Against Economic Crime Department, Executive Secretary of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe</li></ul> Moderator: <i>Evgeni EVGENIEV, Head of Unit, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Council of Europe</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Introduction and presentation of the adopted Model Code of Conduct for Public Servants in Armenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haykuhi HARUTYUNYAN, Chair of the Corruption Prevention Commission</li></ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Sharing of experiences from other Corruption Prevention Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adea PIRDENI, Deputy Minister of Justice of Albania</li><li>• Marina MICUNOVIC, Head of International Cooperation of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption in Montenegro (<u>tbc</u>)</li></ul>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Next steps and closing remarks</b>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch / Reception

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## Indicative list of participating institutions:

### **Armenian authorities:**

- Deputy Prime Minister's Office
- RA Ministry of Justice
- RA Ministry of Finance
- RA Ministry of Defense
- RA Ministry of Environment
- RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport
- RA Ministry of Economy
- RA Ministry of High-Tech Industry
- RA Ministry of Emergency Situations
- RA Ministry of Health
- RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure
- RA National Assembly
- RA Supreme Judicial Council
- Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the General Assembly of Judges
- Human Rights Defender's Office
- RA Prosecutor General's Office
- RA Anti-Corruption Committee
- RA Corruption Prevention Commission
- Yerevan Municipality
- Police of the RA
- RA State Revenue Committee
- RA Cadastre Committee
- RA Central Electoral Commission
- Public Services Regulatory Commission
- Civil Service Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia
- RA Audit Chamber
- State Supervision Service
- Constitutional Court
- Statistics Committee
- Competition Protection Commission
- RA Investigative Committee
- National Security Service of Armenia
- Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body
- Education Inspectorate
- Market Surveillance Inspection Body
- Food Safety Inspectorate
- Urban Development, Technical Standards and Fire Safety Inspectorate
- Health and Labor Inspection Body
- Nuclear Safety Committee
- Urban Development Committee
- Commission on TV and Radio

### **Armenian civil society organisations:**

- "Union of Informed Citizens" NGO
- "Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center" NGO
- "Freedom of Information Center of Armenia" NGO

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- "Armenian Lawyers' Association of Armenia" NGO
- "For Equal Rights" Educational Center NGO
- "The Protection of Rights without Borders" NGO
- Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor

**International organisations :**

- USAID Armenia
- United Nations Development Program Office in Armenia
- Eurasia Partnership Foundation
- Open Society Foundations-Armenia
- Embassies of Council of Europe member states involved in supporting the fight against corruption in Armenia

***European Union Delegation to Armenia***

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