

Fight against discrimination, hate crimes and hate speech in Georgia

Project summary

Project title	Fight against discrimination, hate crimes and hate speech in Georgia
Country	Georgia
Budget	2 000 000 €
Funding	Danish Neighbourhood Programme (DANEP)
Duration	48 months (1 March 2018 – 28 February 2022)
Partners and beneficiaries	Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA); High School of Justice (HSOJ), Chief Prosecutor's Office (CPO).
Main objective	<p>Providing expertise, build competences, advocate and raise awareness among policy makers, legal professionals, law enforcement agencies and civil society organisations to enable them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully align national legislation and bylaws on anti-discrimination, hate crimes, and hate speech as well as relevant monitoring mechanisms to the Council of Europe standards; • ensure their effective implementation; • increase public appreciation for the laws' contribution towards democracy, human rights, peace and prosperity in the Georgian society.
Expected results	<p>Expected result 1: National legislation and policies pertaining to anti-discrimination, hate crimes and hate speech and data gathering mechanisms are aligned with international standards and bylaws; disaggregated data gathered support informed decision making and policy planning.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal, civil and administrative codes are amended and aligned with CoE standards in particular ECRI's General Policy recommendations No. 1, 7 and 15 and the judgments of the ECtHR (Identoba and others vs Georgia –homophobic attacks; Gldani Congregation and Begheluri and Others –religiously motivated attacks) - New methodology in line with the European standards on data collection is applied at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Prosecutor's Office. <p>Expected result 2: There is respect for human rights and anti-discrimination standards, intercultural dialogue and full participation of</p>

	<p>national minorities and vulnerable groups as imperative to ensure democracy, peace and prosperity in Georgian society.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National training institutions have developed and introduced specifically tailored training programmes and curricula on antidiscrimination, hate speech and hate crime. <p>Expected result 3: There is general awareness of human rights and anti-discrimination standards and the importance of securing these for democracy, peace and prosperity in Georgian society.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standards on anti-discrimination and human rights as a democratic imperative are known, understood, valued and advocated for among professionals, vulnerable groups (incl. national minorities, LGBTI persons, women, youth, and other vulnerable groups) and broader society. - Redress mechanisms are known and used by vulnerable groups, broader society and national authorities as a means to restore human rights to persons targeted by discrimination, hate crime and hate speech. - Raised awareness of importance of intercultural dialogue and no hate speech for full and equal participation and protection of rights of national minorities and other vulnerable group in society.
<p>Implemented or planned activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertise support to legislative review to align Criminal, Civil and Administrative law with ECRI recommendations and CoE standards - Support towards the setting up of a mechanism for data collection covering discrimination, hate crime and hate speech - Training of professionals and exchange of practices on anti-discrimination, hate speech and hate crime legislation and policies and relevant CoE standards and ECtHR case law to ensure their effective implementation - Raising awareness about human rights and anti-discrimination and the importance of securing these for democracy, peace and prosperity in Georgian society - Increasing the capacity of vulnerable groups including persons belonging to national minorities to make full use of their rights and participate in the Georgian public