

Strengthening the application of the European Convention on Human Rights in Georgia

Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the application of the European Convention Human Rights in Georgia
Country	Georgia
Budget	300 000 €
Funding	European Union/Council of Europe Partnership for Good Governance
Duration	12 months (1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018)
Partners and beneficiaries	Supreme Court of Georgia, High School of Justice (HSOJ), Chief Prosecutor's Office (CPO); Georgian Bar Association (GBA), State funded legal aid service (LAS).
Main objective	Strengthening the implementation of European Human Rights standards at national level
Expected results	<p>Expected result 1: Reinforced national capacities on gender-sensitive pre-trial detention and effective investigation, jury trials including on combating ill-treatment.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The capacity and skills of the relevant target group (prosecutors and judges) is strengthened, in particular with regard to the application of the ECHR Articles 2, 3, 5 and 6. - Staff of the analytical units of the Appellate, city and regional courts is trained to work more effectively, gender-sensitively and provide research for judges on the ECHR and the ECtHR case-law. <p>Expected result 2: The national monitoring of execution of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) judgments through reinforcement of parliamentary involvement supported.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness of the Members of Parliament (MPs) on the existing parliamentary mechanisms is raised to ensure monitoring of execution of ECtHR judgments. - Parliamentary committees' staff is in capacity to assist MPs in ensuring compatibility of national legislation with the ECHR and compliance with ECtHR case-law. <p>Expected result 3: The application of the ECtHR case-law by judges and prosecutors at national level enhanced.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Prosecutor's Office and State Legal Aid Service lawyers are

	<p>enabled to apply ECHR standards in a harmonized way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judges are trained to conduct research by using the tools of HUDOC search engine’s Georgian interface. - Supreme Court judges and their assistants are trained on the latest case-law of ECtHR.
<p>Implemented or planned activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing/adapting a special training module on effective investigation of alleged ill-treatments in line with ECtHR case-law. - Training courses for mixed groups of prosecutors and judges based on HELP course on Pre-trial Investigation and the ECHR; Reasoning of Criminal Judgments; Deliberate ill-treatment in light of the ECHR. - Cascade training seminars for prosecutors and judges on effective investigation of alleged ill-treatment in line with ECtHR case-law. - Workshops/seminars for the members of parliament (MPs) including (judges, staffs of relevant state agencies) on the best practices of parliamentary oversight on effective execution of European Court on Human Rights judgments by the government. - Translation of the relevant decisions of the Committee of Ministers. - Training for the Staff of the Human Rights Unit of the Chief Prosecutor’s Office on human rights and on effective analytical work. - Trainings for legal professionals (judges, lawyers, prosecutors) on ECHR and case-law of ECtHR. - Trainings for Judges and prosecutors on re-opening of court cases following ECtHR judgments/decisions. - Training seminars for the State Legal Aid Service on ECHR. - Training seminars for prosecutors on legal reasoning and the European standards of application of coercive measures. - Trainings for judges on research by using the tools of HUDOC search engine’s Georgian interface. - Trainings for the staff of analytical units of the Appellate, city and regional courts on legal research. - Training for Supreme Court Judges on landmark case-law of the ECtHR.