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Regional project: Women's Access to Justice: implementing Council of Europe gender equality and violence against women standards

This project will contribute to combating and eliminating the systemic barriers women encounter when accessing justice, both the legal and institutional challenges as well as the socio-cultural barriers that materialises as gender bias in the justice systems of the Eastern Partnership countries.

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". It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of advancing women's access to justice and combating violence against women (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To strengthen access to justice for women, especially women victims of violence in line with the Council of Europe standards in this area.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Women victims of violence;
- ▶ Judges, prosecutors, lawyers and civil society advocates;
- ▶ Legal professionals dealing with cases of violence against women;
- ▶ The 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?

- ▶ A change in the Eastern Partnership countries' policies and practices in order to ensure that the justice chain is gender responsive, particularly for women victims of violence in line with the Council of Europe and international standards.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 1 000 000.
- ▶ 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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The “Partnership for Good Governance” (PGG) is a joint initiative of the European Union and the Council of Europe for strengthening good governance in the Eastern Partnership region.

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.