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Partnership for Good Governance

Regional Project: Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime in the Eastern Partnership region

This project aims at addressing common challenges in combating economic crime, but also at nurturing regional co-operation in fighting corruption, money-laundering and terrorist financing in the Eastern Partnership region, taking into account the international standards and good practices. The project provides a platform for promoting the consistent, coherent and effective application of the standards developed at EU level and the good practices, guidelines and interpretative documents aiming to enable the effective application of specific measures (in the AML/CFT preventive area but also for targeted sanctions) by the authorities in the Eastern Partnership region and particularly in their interaction with the private sectors.

It 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 countering economic crime (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To strengthen the capacities of relevant institutions in the Eastern Partnership region to effectively fight corruption, money laundering, and terrorist financing by applying international standards, building on regional best practices, and through multi-stakeholder engagement and enhanced cooperation

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ AML/CFT supervisory authorities;
- ▶ Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs);
- ▶ Law enforcement authorities;
- ▶ Specialised anti-corruption bodies;
- ▶ Legislative bodies;
- ▶ Members of the Judiciary and Prosecuting Offices;
- ▶ Policy Advisers and Coordinating institutions at the central administration level;
- ▶ Private sector entities responsible for the application of AML/CFT and AC measures;
- ▶ Civil society and 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?

- ▶ Strengthened institutional capacities to apply effective measures for the prevention and combating of corruption;

- ▶ Reinforced institutional capacities to apply effective measures for the prevention and combating of money laundering and terrorist financing and application of targeted sanctions

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 762,500.
- ▶ 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?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe Action against Economic Crime Department through its [Economic Crime and Co-operation Division](#) (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law).

- ▶ 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.