

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project title	REINFORCING THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OMBUDSPERSON) INSTITUTION IN KAZAKHSTAN
Country/region	Republic of Kazakhstan
Budget	600,000 EUR
Donor	Voluntary Contribution (Germany)
Duration	24 months
Partners and beneficiaries	Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Kazakhstan, National Human Rights Center, NPM, civil society, prosecutors
Main objective and objectives	The Council of Europe recognises and supports the critical role played by Ombudsperson institutions in promoting and safeguarding human rights and fundamental freedoms in its member States and beyond. The project aims at supporting the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in strengthening its institutional capacity as a defender of human rights in line with European and international standards, including specific recommendations of the Venice Commission. The strengthened capacities of the CHR office will contribute to the effective implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan. By addressing individual cases and fostering co-operation, the project aims to create a more resilient and responsive human rights protection framework in Kazakhstan, aligning with European best practices.
Expected results	Enhanced capacities of staff of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (CHR), including its regional representatives, to deal with individual cases and to develop analytical reports in line with European and international standards. Improved co-operation of the Office of CHR with the civil society and public institutions to better address human rights violations.
Key activities	Comprehensive roadmap is developed to ensure the implementation of the Strategy for strengthening the Ombudsperson's Institution, aligned with Council of Europe standards (including the Venice Principles and other Venice Commission's material) and international standards; Training programmes are developed on handling individual cases and drafting analytical report; An integrated complaint handling mechanism is developed for the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights;

	A public outreach campaign is launched to increase public awareness on the mandate of the Commissioner for Human Rights, etc.
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