RESULTS FACTSHEET

Partnership for Good Governance in Ukraine

March 2023

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

This factsheet presents examples of results achieved so far under the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG). The Programme has three successive phase PGG I (2015-2018), PGG II (2019-2022) and PGG III (2023-2027), which started in March 2023. In addition to the country specific projects mentioned below, Ukraine benefits from regional interventions.

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.

Project: Strengthening measures to counter money laundering and financing of terrorism (Jan 2019-Feb 2023)

The PGGII contributed to strengthening the legislative and institutional frameworks for anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing (AML/CTF) in Ukraine in accordance with European standards.

- The 2019 Anti-money Laundering Law, and related secondary legislation, developed with the PGG contribution, has strengthened the Ukrainian AML/CFT system by transposing key provisions of the EU AML Directive into Ukrainian legislation and fulfilling the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and MONEYVAL recommendations, which prompted MONEYVAL to raise the compliance level of Ukraine. At policy-making level, five legal opinions were produced with the Programme's technical expertise for national partners, informing the law-making process, and effectively preventing the adoption of legal amendments that would have potentially undermined the AML/CTF framework.
- 434 judges and 106 prosecutors improved their knowledge on money laundering and terrorist financing, through specialised training courses in co-operation with the Training Centre for Prosecutors and the National School of Judges, hence advancing PGG's sustainability, and enhancing the effectiveness of the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of economic crime. A specialised AML unit in the

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Prosecutor General's Office, established as a result of PGG support, contributed to the impact of the criminal justice response to money laundering risks. One hundred law enforcement officials improved their knowledge and skills in financial investigations, confiscation of proceeds from crime.

- National authorities received extensive guidance through 19 technical papers to inform reform processes in preventing and countering money laundering and terrorist financing, risk assessment, financial investigations, beneficial ownership, and other relevant topics.
- A total of 1,495 representatives of the banking and non-banking sectors, as well as of the designated non-financial businesses and professions (auditors, tax advisors, real estate brokers) are better equipped to deliver on their AML/CTF obligations and informed of the relevant regulatory frameworks, with the aim to improve compliance with AML/CTF obligations and to implement AML/CTF measures against economic crime.
- An e-learning course on Beneficial Ownership (BO) targeting state registrars, legal entities, civil society and the media, developed by the Ukrainian government, in co-operation with a local NGO and with the support of the PGG, has reached over 15,000 users who improved their understanding of BO requirements and its disclosure, and further strengthening BO transparency.

A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.

More information: <u>https://pjp-</u> eu.coe.int/en/web/pgg2/ukraine

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