

## **Workshop on “Media coverage of elections” organised in Baku**

The Council of Europe organised an information workshop on Media coverage of elections under its project “Reinforcing gender equality and other ethical standards in Azerbaijani media” in partnership with the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 16 January 2020 in Baku. The event aimed to raise awareness among journalists and media managers on the Council of Europe standards on media coverage of elections, including specific focus on gender equality in the light of the upcoming February 2020 Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan. More than 40 journalists and media managers, as well as representatives of the state authorities, diplomatic missions, international and local experts participated in the event.

Mazahir Panahov, Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Ambassador Zoltan Hernyes, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Baku, Saadat Yusifova, Deputy Head of the Department of Work with Non-Governmental Organisations and Communication of the Presidential Administration, Nushiravan Maharramli, Head of the National Television and Radio Council and Aflatun Amashov, Head of the Azerbaijan Press Council addressed the opening session of the information workshop. The three sessions of the event respectively focused on “Council of Europe standards on media coverage of elections”, “Azerbaijani legislation and practice on media coverage of elections” and “Specific focus on gender equality in media coverage of elections.” Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)15 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on measures concerning media coverage of election campaigns and the Council of Europe Study on media coverage of elections with a specific focus on gender equality translated into Azerbaijani were distributed among the participants.