

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

RESULTS IN 2025



The Council of Europe Office in Yerevan coordinates and drives co-operation on the ground, including joint projects with the European Union. Since 2012, jointly developed Action Plans have helped Armenia align laws and institutions with European standards in human rights, the rule of law, and democracy.

The **Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2023-2026** focuses on supporting the execution of European Court of Human Rights judgments, advancing judicial reform, combating corruption and cybercrime, strengthening prison healthcare and probation, protecting human rights in the armed forces and the biomedical field, ensuring social rights, strengthening the rights of children, women and refugees, preventing violence against women and children, and reinforcing democratic governance. In the framework of the current Action Plan, the **Council of Europe Comprehensive Response Package to the refugee influx in Armenia** was launched in 2023.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



37 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS
INCLUDING 29 PROJECT STAFF.



THE ACTION PLAN TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET IS 21.9 MILLION EUROS.

SUPPORT FROM DONORS SUPPORTS BROAD-BASED CHANGE AND SECURES LONG-TERM STABILITY.

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5 REGIONAL AND 14 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

INCLUDING 3 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU/COUNCIL OF EUROPE "PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE" PROJECTS.

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Your support enables the Council of Europe to translate European standards into real change. Donor contributions ensure reforms are implemented, embedded, and sustained, strengthening institutions, protecting rights, and reinforcing democratic resilience in Armenia.



Watch an introduction to the Council of Europe work to end violence against women and promote gender equality in Armenia.

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN ARMENIA



ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Justice delivered faster. A national pool of 120 qualified mediators and 12 mediators were trained resulting to improved access to mediation services, easing the workload and reducing backlog of courts.

Combating economic crime. Representatives of non-financial institutions are equipped with tools to better comply with national regulations on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, aligning Armenia more closely with international standards.

PROMOTING EQUALITY, AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

Zero tolerance for discrimination and hate speech. Over 300 representatives from law enforcement, the judiciary, education, civil society, and vulnerable groups improved their capacity to combat discrimination and hate speech.

Women empowered, policies strengthened. Armenia's 2025-2028 Gender Policy Implementation Strategy and Action Plan was significantly shaped by Council of Europe recommendations and expertise. As a result, 364 women, including refugees, enhanced their skills, well-being, and social inclusion.

SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

Access to services when it matters most. A dedicated call centre of the Migration and Citizenship Service was supported. It answered over 105 000 inquiries since January 2025. 256 front-line specialists received training to strengthen competencies and provide reliable information on citizenship, refugee status, and temporary protection. As a result, over 28 473 citizenship applications were processed in 2024-2025.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Inclusive local democracy in action. All 13 Chapters of the new draft Law on Local Self-Government were developed through an inclusive consultation process, reinforcing transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in policymaking.

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE VULNERABLE

Rights behind bars upheld. Vocational centres established in three prisons improve employability and reintegration prospects for detainees while expansion of telemedicine services, delivered through eight of Armenia's major hospitals ensures better access to healthcare for people deprived of liberty.

Rehabilitation in the probation service improved. 60 probation staff enhanced their knowledge on implementing the new programme for reducing aggressive and violent behaviour among offenders. The rehabilitation programme on substance use was introduced by the Probation Services and three prisons with the support of the Action Plan.

Raising the bar in biomedicine. Through sustained legal and policy support, Armenia ratified the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine (Oviedo Convention).

Stronger oversight for social rights and anti-trafficking. 23 staff members of the Human Rights Defender's Office strengthened their capacity to monitor social rights violations. 40 legal professionals improved their expertise in labour rights and combating trafficking in human beings through a specialised HELP course.