

Partnership for Good Governance

Regional Project: Promoting equality and non-discrimination: towards more resilient and inclusive societies

The project aims to deepen the work done at regional level to improve data collection on hate crime grounds; improve the response to hatred and racism by equality bodies in the region, as well as by law enforcement; and work with civil society organisations and Young European Ambassadors, from the EU funded programme, providing them with knowledge and tools to better address hatred and racism, and to promote equality and diversity in their societies.

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 promoting equality and non-discrimination (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ To improve the functioning of mechanisms to combat discrimination, hatred, racism and intolerance in the EaP region in line with European standards and best practices.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Government bodies, Ministries of Interior and law enforcement agencies;
- ▶ Equality bodies and/or Ombudspersons' Offices;
- ▶ Civil society organisations working with/representing vulnerable communities and youth associations;
- ▶ General public and in particular victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech, will benefit from better protection of their rights through non-judicial redress mechanisms.

How does the project work?

- ▶ In close co-operation with the national partners.
- ▶ Through capacity building and exchanges among equality bodies/law enforcement.
- ▶ Through dialogue with non-state institutions to raise awareness on hatred, racism, and intolerance in the region.
- ▶ Ensuring a clear link between individual country-specific and regional activities to complement the country-specific projects

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ The awareness of institutions and of the population of discrimination, hatred, racism and intolerance is increased and the institutional approach to tackle these issues is harmonised;
- ▶ Policy makers better address racism and intolerance, in line with ECRI standards/recommendations and with the EU Anti-racism Action Plan;
- ▶ Equality bodies and police administrations enhance their capacities to operate in diverse societies, to

and adjust to the latest political and other developments in the region.

- Building on the results of co-operation in the field of anti-discrimination under the previous PGG Phases.

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- Non-state stakeholders such as Youth and civil society organisations increase their awareness of equality, as well of the dangers of hatred to societies.

How much does it cost?

- The total project budget is EUR 500,000.
- 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 No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, in the [Council of Europe's Anti-Discrimination Department](#) (Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, DG II).

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PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practise 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.