

STEERING COMMITTEE
Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2019-2022
Progress review of the Action Plan 2019-2022 and programming outlook on the future
cooperation between the Council of Europe and Armenia for the period 2020-2021

AGENDA
7 July 2020

Yerevan - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Strasbourg - Strasbourg, Council of Europe Room 10
via videoconferencing

09:00-09:15

Introductory session

Introduction by Mr Avet ADONTS, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia.

Introduction by Ms Verena TAYLOR, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe.

09:15-10:30

Human Rights

Chairs: Ambassador Paruyr HOVHANNISYAN, Permanent Representative of Armenia to the Council of Europe

Ms Verena TAYLOR, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

➤ **Project "PGG II: 3. Supporting the criminal justice reform and harmonising the application of European standards in Armenia"**

Presentation by Ms Maria ORESHKINA, Eastern Partnership & Russian Federation Unit, Human Rights Directorate.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Ms Kristinne GRIGORYAN, Deputy Minister of Justice of Armenia

Ms Anahit MANASYAN, Deputy Rector of the Academy of Justice

➤ **Project "Human Rights and Women in the Armed Forces in Armenia"**

Presentation by Ms Bozhena MALANCHUK, Eastern Partnership & Russian Federation Unit, Human Rights Directorate.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Alexander AVETISYAN, Colonel, Head of the Human Rights and Integrity Building Centre of the Ministry of Defence of Armenia

Mr Arman TATOYAN, Human Rights Defender

- **Venice Commission on Judicial Code and Constitutional Implications of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.**

Presentation by Pierre GARRONE, Venice Commission, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

- **Project "Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in Armenia: continuing the path towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention" and Regional Project "PGG II: 18. Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards in the Eastern Partnership countries"**

Presentation by Ms Marta BECERRA, Capacity Building and Co-operation projects, Gender Equality, Directorate General of Democracy.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Ms Tatevik STEPANYAN, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Armenia

Ms Anahit MANASYAN, Deputy Rector of the Academy of Justice

Mr Tigran GRIGORYAN, Head of International Legal Cooperation Department, Ministry of Justice of Armenia

- **Project "PGG II: 17. Strengthening the access to justice through non-judicial redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries"**

Presentation by Ms Mara GEORGESCU, No hate Speech Co-operation, Anti-discrimination, Directorate General of Democracy.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Arman TATOYAN, Human Rights Defender

Mr Tigran GRIGORYAN, Head of International Legal Cooperation Department, Ministry of Justice of Armenia

- **Project "Protection of Human Rights in Biomedicine"**

Presentation by Ms Natalia BEREBENYA, Eastern Partnership & Russian Federation Unit, Human Rights Directorate.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Arman TATOYAN, Human Rights Defender

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-11:30

Democracy

Chairs: Mr Tigran SAMVELIAN, Head of European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia.

Ms Pilar MORALES, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

- **Project: "Democratic Development, Decentralisation and Good Governance in Armenia".**

Presentation by Ms Alina TATARENKO, Democratic Governance, Directorate General of Democracy.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Vache TERTERYAN, Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of Armenia

- **Project: "CAA-Institutional Support to the Communities Association of Armenia (CAA)".**

Presentation by Mr Dmitri MARCHENKOV, Co-operation and External relations, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Emin YERITSYAN, President of the Communities Association of Armenia

11:30-13:00

Lunch break

13:00-15:15

Rule of Law

Chairs: Mr Aram HAKOBYAN, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the Council of Europe

Ms Natalia VOUTOVA, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan.

- **Projects: "PGG II: 2. Supporting the civil justice reform in Armenia - enhancing the independence, efficiency and quality of the judiciary" and "PGG II : 16. Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards in the Eastern Partnership countries".**

Presentation by Ms Lilit DANEGHIAN-BOSSLER, Justice Sector Reform, Legal Co-operation, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Tigran DADUNTS, Director of the Center of Legislation Development and Legal Research of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia

Ms Arevik AVOYAN, Acting Head of E-justice and Innovative Programs Division, Department of Legal Support, Ministry of Justice of Armenia

Mr Harut AKLUNTS, Deputy Chairman of Chamber of Advocates of Armenia

- **Projects: "PGG II : 15. Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime in the Eastern Partnership countries" and "PGG II : 1. Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia".**

Presentation by Mr Mustafa FERATI, Economic Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Ms Mariam GALSTYAN, Head of Department for Drafting Anti-Corruption Policy and Monitoring of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia
Central Bank of Armenia

Corruption Prevention Commission

- **Projects: "Enhancing Health Care and Human Rights Protection in Prisons in Armenia" and "Support the scaling-up of the probation service in Armenia".**

Presentation by Ms Tanja RAKUSIC-HADZIC, Criminal Law Co-operation, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners

Ms Arpi SARGSYAN, Head of the Department for Developing Criminal Legislation, Penitentiary and Probation Policies of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia

- **Project: "Media Sector Needs Assessment in Armenia".**

Presentation by Ms Artemiza-Tatiana CHISCA, Media and Internet Governance, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Tigran HAKOBYAN, President of the National Commission on TV and Radio of Armenia

- **Regional Project: "CyberEast - Action on Cybercrime for Cyber Resilience in the Eastern Partnership region".**

Presentation by Mr Giorgi JOKHADZE, Cybercrime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Exchange of views with Armenian partners:

Mr Armen GHUKASYAN, Colonel, Head of the RA Police Headquarters

Mr Arsen AYVAZYAN, Deputy Chairman of the Investigative Committee

15.15-15.30

Conclusions of the meeting