PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Stronger Democratic Institutions in Eastern Partnership Countries: an ODIHR project supported and funded by the EU

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Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

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Project description:
Within the framework of this project, Eastern Partnership countries will be offered assistance to benefit from ODIHR's comprehensive package of tools to bolster systems of democratic governance, based on the respect of rule of law and human rights, increase public trust in institutions, encourage more representative government, inclusive and participatory political and decision-making processes, all of which contributes to more effective responses to ongoing crises and builds resilience to future ones. The support provided under the project will allow States to implement more effective and efficient policies, as well as evaluate progress towards accountable and inclusive democratic institutions, stronger public integrity systems, human rights compliant legal frameworks, political party regulation, as well as participation of historically underrepresented groups in political life and decision-making. The project activities utilize ODIHR's regional expertise and solid understanding of the challenges facing democratic institutions while drawing on its vast partnerships to facilitate exchanges and sharing of perspectives, building on past achievements, to ensure the benefits from good practices and lessons learned support states to be better able to empower citizens and make the democratic process more inclusive and representative.

Expected results:
- Democratic institutions are better able to engage in evidence-based reforms with greater accountability, integrity and inclusivity.
- Political parties are governed by rule of law and human rights compliant and gender sensitive regulations.
- Administrative justice bodies responsible for adjudication of elections and fundamental civil and political rights operate more effectively and in accordance with international standards.
- Enhanced collaboration on addressing key recommendations to improve electoral processes in eastern partner countries.