

EU BUDGET SUPPORT FOR RULE OF LAW



The EU's support to the justice sector in Armenia has since 2009 primarily been provided as Budget Support. These programmes have consisted of financial transfers to the Armenian treasury combined with complementary technical assistance.

THE 3 BUDGET SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

1. SUPPORT TO JUSTICE SECTOR REFORMS IN ARMENIA

Budget: €11.000.000

Period of implementation: 2024-2026 PHASE II

OBJECTIVE:

The overall objective is to contribute to the achievement of international standards in the areas of justice and anti-corruption related to integrity and accountability, independence, quality, efficiency and access to institutions to provide adequate services to the population, including vulnerable groups.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Development and adaptation of legislative amendments
- Increased visibility, credibility and reliability of the Arbitration and Mediation Centre
- Reduction in the percentage of non-suspension cases in criminal cases



2. SUPPORT TO JUSTICE SECTOR REFORMS IN ARMENIA

Budget: €30.000.000

Period of implementation: 2020-2024, PHASE I

OBJECTIVE:

The overall objective is to enable the justice sector in Armenia to effectively ensure rule of law and combat corruption.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Start of the integrity and asset declaration check of sitting judges and nominees for certain judicial positions
- Appointment of new judges
- Establishment of the Anti-Corruption Court
- Establishment of the Department of Supervision



3. SUPPORT TO JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM IN ARMENIA

Budget: €29.000.000

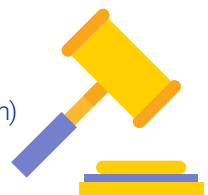
Period of implementation: 2014-2016, PHASE II

OBJECTIVE:

The overall objective of this programme was to contribute to the development of a more independent, transparent, accountable, accessible and efficient judicial system, in line with the "2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms".

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Revision of the legislation and procedures of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission
- Establishment of the Justice Academy
- Increased financing for free legal aid
- Introduction of alternative sanctions
- Introduction of the "e-Civil registry" system (e-register.am)
- Adaptation of an Action Plan to promote gender balance among candidate judges
- Promotion of gender balance among candidate judges
- Adaptation of the Law on Mediation and Law on Arbitration
- Digitized decisions



7 CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT PROGRAMMES FROM EU TO ARMENIA

1. SUPPORT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS

Period of implementation: 01.06.2024 - 31.05.2027

Total Budget: €2.585.440

KEY GOAL:

Ensuring more effective and accountable service delivery based on the principle of human rights and rule of law.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Right-based public service delivery
- Support to vulnerable groups
- Child rights protection mechanisms
- Enhanced institutional capacities
- Increased public awareness
- Victim-centered support service



2. SUPPORT FOR POLICE REFORM

Period of implementation: 01.05.2023 - 30.04.2025

Total Budget: €2.222.222

KEY GOAL:

The Action "Support to law enforcement and security reforms in Armenia" is designed to support Armenia in its Law Enforcement and Security reforms in line with priorities as identified by the CEPA and EU best practices, such as establishment of a functioning and transparent new ministry, implementation of police reform strategies, modernization and migration and document issuing services.



3. JUSTICE REFORM MONITORING IN ARMENIA JUREMONIA

Period of implementation: 2024 - 2026

Total Budget: €760.000

KEY GOAL:

The aim is to achieve that CSOs are empowered to meaningfully engage in the Justice sector reforms in Armenia.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Subgrants to Civil Society Organizations focusing on access to Justice.
- Two grants for Forcibly Displaced People from Nagorno Karabakh, specifically addressing their needs for access to Justice and rehabilitation.
- Juremonia Platform establishment, engaging 200 participants. The platform discussions encompassed strategies within the judicial, anti-corruption, prison, and probation sectors.



4. SUPPORT FOR THE MIGRATION

The project completed on 31.12.2023

Total Budget: €741.940

KEY GOAL:

Strengthening the institutional, technical and staff capacities and mechanisms of the migration authorities to comply with commitments set forth in the CEPA and the Government reform agenda.



5. "ENHANCING MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICES IN ARMENIA (E-MICS)" IMPLEMENTED BY ICMPD

The project completed on 31.08.2022

Total Budget: €341.989.95

KEY GOAL:

Improving the legal basis and infrastructure for online, secure migration management service provision to the population and further rooting of the principles of Integrated Border Management in strategic documents.



6. "ENHANCING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND CAPACITY FOR EFFECTIVE MIGRATION AND ASYLUM MANAGEMENT IN ARMENIA" IMPLEMENTED BY IOM

The project signed at the end of 2023

Total Budget: €1.950.000

KEY GOAL:

Facilitate the incorporation of the Migration and Citizenship Service within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, providing assistance in line with enlarged function of the service like

- Development of the comprehensive Migration Strategy and relevant Action Plan,
- Improvement of the international protection system and further improvement of the refugee protection legislation,
- Technical upgrade of the State Population Registry, improving data collection, quality, sharing, and utilization policies,
- Digitalization of asylum procedures and enhancement of the national reception capacity for asylum-seekers.



7. "SUPPORT TO REORGANIZATION OF THE MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICES" IMPLEMENTED BY ICMPD

The project signed at the end of 2023

Total Budget: €1.150.000

KEY GOAL:

Facilitate the incorporation of the Migration and Citizenship Service within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, providing assistance in line with enlarged function of the service, like development of the Emergency Migration Management Strategy and capacity building activities on emergency response, development of e- Citizenship Granting and Cessation Case Management System.

