PROJECT FACTSHEET

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PGG: Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards in the Eastern Partnership countries



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Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

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Council of Europe

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Project description:
The European Union-Council of Europe regional project aims at providing a forum for exchanges among the participating Bar Associations around the following themes:
1) independence and professionalism of lawyers;
2) the quality of legal services and their accessibility;
3) internal functioning of the Bar Associations; and
4) relations between the national Bars and professional lawyers unions/associations (including women lawyers and young lawyers associations) and relations between judges and lawyers.

It addresses these issues at the country level while bringing the Bar Associations together to exchange in the regional setting on the progress in the common areas of work. The project thus encompasses both a regional and country-specific dimension, the combination of which provides a vehicle for creating the dynamic for the necessary change in the relevant Bar Associations' professional standards and practices beneficial for the users. In this context, the project will provide a platform for discussion on the ways and mechanisms for guaranteeing the lawyers' independence and avoiding any influence or pressure, share international experience and raise awareness of the national Bar Associations and lawyers' societies about the threats to the independence of the lawyers and will submit its findings and recommendations for the

Expected results:
Under Specific objective 1:
- Regional dialogue between the lawyers, the national Bar associations, including young lawyers and women lawyers' associations (when relevant), is developed, particularly in respect to strengthening the independence and professionalism of lawyers, the quality of legal services
- Regional co-operation network of the Bars and lawyers' professional associations, including women lawyers and young lawyers, of the participating countries is established

Under specific objective 2:
- A cross-country review and analysis of the internal functioning of the Bars and their associations (situation, challenges and opportunities) is developed together with recommendations to address the gaps
- Country-specific action plans with measures to support changes in line with the agreed recommendations are developed
- The capacity of the Bar Associations to strengthen their internal institutional functioning is strengthened

Under specific objective 3:
- A cross-country review and analysis of professional standards of lawyers on independence, confidentiality and conflict of