

**PGG: Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards in Azerbaijan**

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Azerbaijan

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Council of Europe

**Project website:** [partnership-governance2-eu.coe.int](https://partnership-governance2-eu.coe.int)

**Project description:**

This project seeks to provide support to the Azerbaijani authorities in their path towards the signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention and to bring national legislation and policies in line with the Council of Europe standards. The project is part of gender equality dimension of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Azerbaijan for 2018-2021. The main focus of joint Council of Europe-Azerbaijani authorities' actions includes:

- assessing the institutional capacity to prevent and combat VAW/DV in Azerbaijan
- providing technical assistance to promote the signature of the IC
- strengthening capacity of justice sector officials to respond to cases involving violations of women's rights through gender sensitive and victim-centred approaches.

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**Expected results:**

- Enhanced understanding on the Istanbul Convention and other gender equality standards;
- Increase in the authorities' capacity to develop national legislation and policies in line with CoE standards on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, including the Istanbul Convention;
- Application of knowledge and skills on the Istanbul Convention and CoE standards on gender equality by legal professionals and civil servants when dealing with cases of violence against women and domestic violence.



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