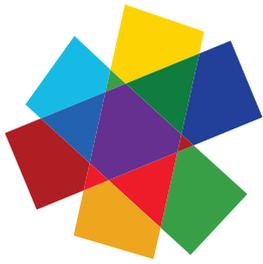




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Eastern Partnership Regional Fund for PAR

Administrative Reform in the Eastern Partnership Countries

Brief project description

Title: Regional Fund Administrative Reform in the Eastern Partnership – Phase II

Commissioner: German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus

Lead executing agency: In each partner country, state chancelleries and civil service agencies; ministries and agencies for e-governance; parliamentary administrations; ministries and agencies for vocational training and regional development, and municipalities

Overall duration: from 2020 to 2024

Background

Established in 2009, the Eastern Partnership aims to strengthen the European Union's (EU) cooperation with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. In 2014, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine signed association agreements with the EU and committed to implementing institutional and legal reforms. In 2017, Armenia concluded a comprehensive and expanded partnership agreement with the EU. In 2018, Azerbaijan agreed on new partnership priorities with the EU. In June 2021, Belarus has suspended its participation in the Eastern Partnership, in response to the EU sanctions.

Projektname: Regionalfonds „Verwaltungsreform in der Östlichen Partnerschaft II“

Auftraggeber: Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ)

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Projektgebiet: Länder der Östlichen Partnerschaft

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An accountable public administration, both at central and local levels, is key to democratic governance and inclusive economic development. The governments of the Eastern Partnership countries face major tasks in communicating and successfully implementing the required deep and complex reforms. Benefitting from the EU association processes that are clearly perceptible to the population through accelerated successes remains a key challenge.

Despite a progress made in reforming the public administration systems in the Eastern Partnership countries, they still remain inefficient. On the one hand, there is a need to upgrade financial, technical and human resources and competencies. On the other hand, legal and institutional frameworks should be created so that the administrative systems become fully functional. There is also a need to accelerate public action to make public administration much more citizen-oriented and transparent.

Democracy and good governance are key drivers for the Eastern Partnership cross-country cooperation. Hence, financed by the GIZ Regional Fund, the “Administrative Reform in the Eastern Partnership Countries” project attaches great importance to the cross-cutting reform processes in public administration. While country-specific political dynamics and

approaches to the reform process are diverse, challenges arising from the ongoing reforms are similar overall. The regional project will serve as a platform for continuous dialogue and sharing proposed solutions, which are critical for improving public services.

Goal

The benefits from the regional cooperation among the Eastern Partnership countries on implementing administrative reforms are enhanced.



Approach

The Regional Fund “Administrative Reform in the Eastern Partnership II” is used to finance sub-measures during the period of up to 3 years and will amount up to € 500,000.

The sub-measures aim:

- to increase action competencies of the specialists and executives who are in charge of the reforms;
- to increase performance of public administration system (e.g. ministries, state agencies, regional and local authorities);
- to create a network of the reform related actors to foster cooperation and mutual learning;
- to improve the regulatory and institutional framework for the reform implementation.

The Eastern Partnership countries will collaborate varying on the political dynamics, level of interest towards the reforms, and available national expertise. The regional cooperation will be anchored on

the SIGMA* principles promoting a well-functioning public administration and reporting system.

The sub-measures will contribute to the following areas of action:

1. Increasing the potential of the EaP countries in the cross-national exchange of experience in the design and implementation of administrative reforms.
2. Enhancing the competencies of decision-makers, civil servants, and public employees to upscale their performance in the implementation of administrative reforms.
3. Disseminating the administrative reform developments through advancing digitalization and e-governance.

Working topics of the sub-measures include:

1. Performance of public institutions
2. Access to public services and e-governance
3. Support to the Parliamentary Administrations
4. Education and training in the area of public service delivery, and fostering civil TVET

* SIGMA – Support for Improvement in Governance and Management in Central and Eastern European Countries – is a joint initiative of the OECD and the European Union. The initiative supports public administration reform efforts in the countries in transition.



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