PROJECT FACTSHEET

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PGG: Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries

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

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Council of Europe

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Project description:
The project seeks to improve access to justice for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech through non-judicial redress mechanisms; to strengthen the capacity and cooperation of Equality bodies/Ombudsoffices with NGO's partners; to raise awareness towards non-discrimination and to increase the visibility of national redress mechanisms; and reinforce the fight against hate speech in the region.
It intends to achieve this impact by:
- Improving the alignment of anti-discrimination policies to European standards in order to increase access to non-judiciary redress mechanisms and strengthen mandate of the Equality bodies and/or Ombudsoffices.
- Strengthening the capacities of Equality bodies/Ombudsoffices and NGOs to assist men and women from vulnerable groups in pursuing discrimination complaints through relevant non-judiciary redress mechanisms.
- Increasing awareness raising efforts to promote the work of Equality bodies/ Ombudsoffices and related redress mechanisms, including non-judiciary, among women and men from vulnerable communities as well as NGOs and as general public.
- Increasing the national coordination and networking among state and non-state entities that have a role in combating hate speech in line with human rights standards.

Expected results:
Under Specific objective 1:

- Expertise is provided towards drafting (revised) laws, by-laws, regulations and policies to improve redress for female and male victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech, in particular in regard to the mandates and independence of the 'equality bodies'/ombudsoffices. (Armenia, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, complemented with regional interventions for all 6 EaP countries).

- National stakeholders are capacitated on the implementation and monitoring the implementation of anti-discrimination laws, particularly on data collection mechanisms on discrimination, hate crime and hate speech. (Armenia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, complemented with regional interventions for all 6 EaP countries).

Under specific objective 2:

- Staff of 'equality bodies'/Ombudsoffices are trained to apply European standards on redress of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in their daily work.