

“PROMOTION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC”

The rule of law is essential for a law-governed state

Background

Over the past two decades, Kyrgyz institutions have been working to strengthen the rule of law. The Kyrgyz Government has strongly committed to promoting the rule of law as one of the key priorities in the “National Sustainable Development Strategy 2014-2017.” In 2013, the Kyrgyz Republic signed a Financing Agreement with the European Union to further strengthen the rule of law by promoting transparency, accountability and anti-corruption efforts in its legislative and judiciary. On this basis, a multifaceted, three-year, € 9.5 million project was launched in August 2014 with a Consortium of six European organisations, bringing together a wealth of experience, expertise and EU best practice:

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (lead partner),
- Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM),
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR),
- Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit (IRZ),
- Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
- International Development Law Organization (IDLO).

The project team comprises experienced international and local experts.

Project goals and objectives

The overall goal of the Project is to assist in strengthening the rule of law in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Project objectives are:

- strengthening public oversight functions;
- increasing the efficiency, independence, professionalism and capacity of the judiciary;

- empowering people to have better access to justice.

Since it is a flexible and demand-driven project, the Kyrgyz institutions contribute to the identification of specific priorities, based on which regularly updated Action Plans are developed and approved by a Steering Committee, comprising the Kyrgyz institutions, the EU Delegation and the Consortium members.

Project Components

The project consists of two components.

Under Component 1 **Enhancing the Capacity and Effectiveness of Oversight Mechanisms**, the Project works on strengthening the institutional capacity of state institutions with an oversight function (the General Prosecutor’s Office, the Ministry of Justice, the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee and the Ombudsman Institute). A key aspect is to improve the cooperation and coordination between state institutions and civil society. Increased professional capacity and more effective procedures and coordination mechanisms will better enable these institutions to promote the rule of law and human rights in Kyrgyzstan.

Under Component 2 **Legal and judicial reform**, the Project works in the following areas:

- improving the legal framework by providing expert input on draft laws under consideration of the executive authorities and the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament);
- improving the overall institutional framework for law drafting, general drafting techniques and the quality of legislation; supporting the further development of the Centralised Database on Legal Information;
- developing training curricula and capacity building of judges, prosecutors, civil servants and attorneys;
- developing and implementing a new framework and mechanisms for career advancement of judges and prosecutors;

- encouraging and supporting international cooperation between the Kyrgyz judiciary and the legal community in Central Asia, EU Member States, and other countries;
- establishing an electronic case management system at pilot courts to improve the efficiency and transparency of judicial proceedings;
- enhancing court management methods and improving courts’ efficiency in the handling of cases to render justice in a more expedited and effective manner;
- improving the enforcement of civil court decisions.

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The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders”.

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