

Promoting Transparency and Action against Economic Crime in Central Asia



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Context of cooperation



- Joint Initiative between the European Union and the Council of Europe
 - In partnership with the authorities of the Central Asian countries
- Implementation period: 48 months from 2020 to 2023

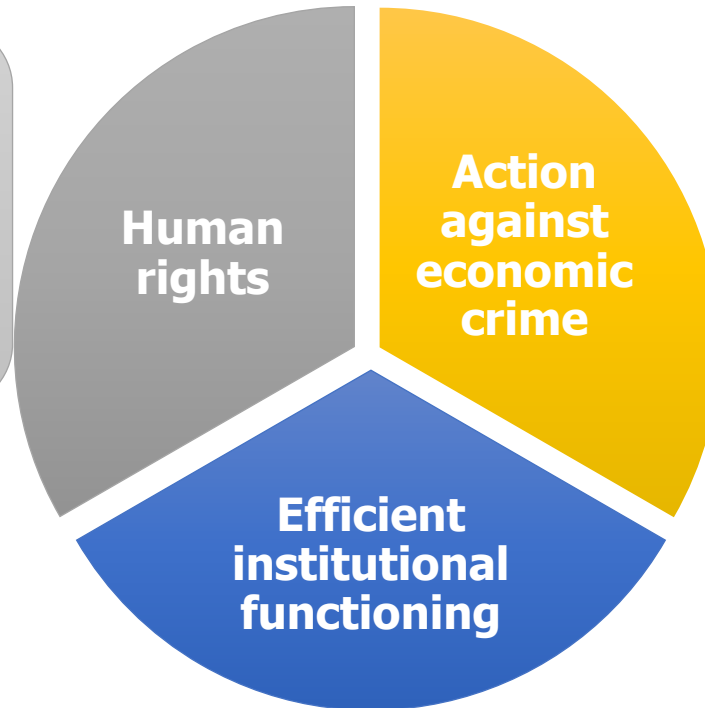
Five beneficiary countries

- Bilateral /country-level and regional technical assistance and cooperation
- In line with Council of Europe policy towards neighbouring regions and the EU strategy for Central Asia

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Three main actions (projects):

1. Facilitating the creation of a common legal space between Europe and Central Asia and enhancing human rights protection



2. Promoting transparency and action against economic crime

3. Promoting efficient functioning of state institutions and public administration

Objectives

Global objective (Impact)	To reinforce the rule of law, good governance, democracy and human rights in Central Asia, in accordance with European and other standards.
<i>Specific objective 1</i>	To enhance business integrity and compliance in the private sector
<i>Specific objective 2</i>	To enhance the effectiveness of anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and asset recovery systems in the Central Asian countries

Expected results

(regional level)

Expected result 1

Countries of the Central Asian region establish networks and exchange experience on **business integrity practices** and **protection of the rights of entrepreneurs**.

Expected result 2

Capacities of competent authorities involved in combating and preventing corruption, economic crime and terrorism are enhanced.

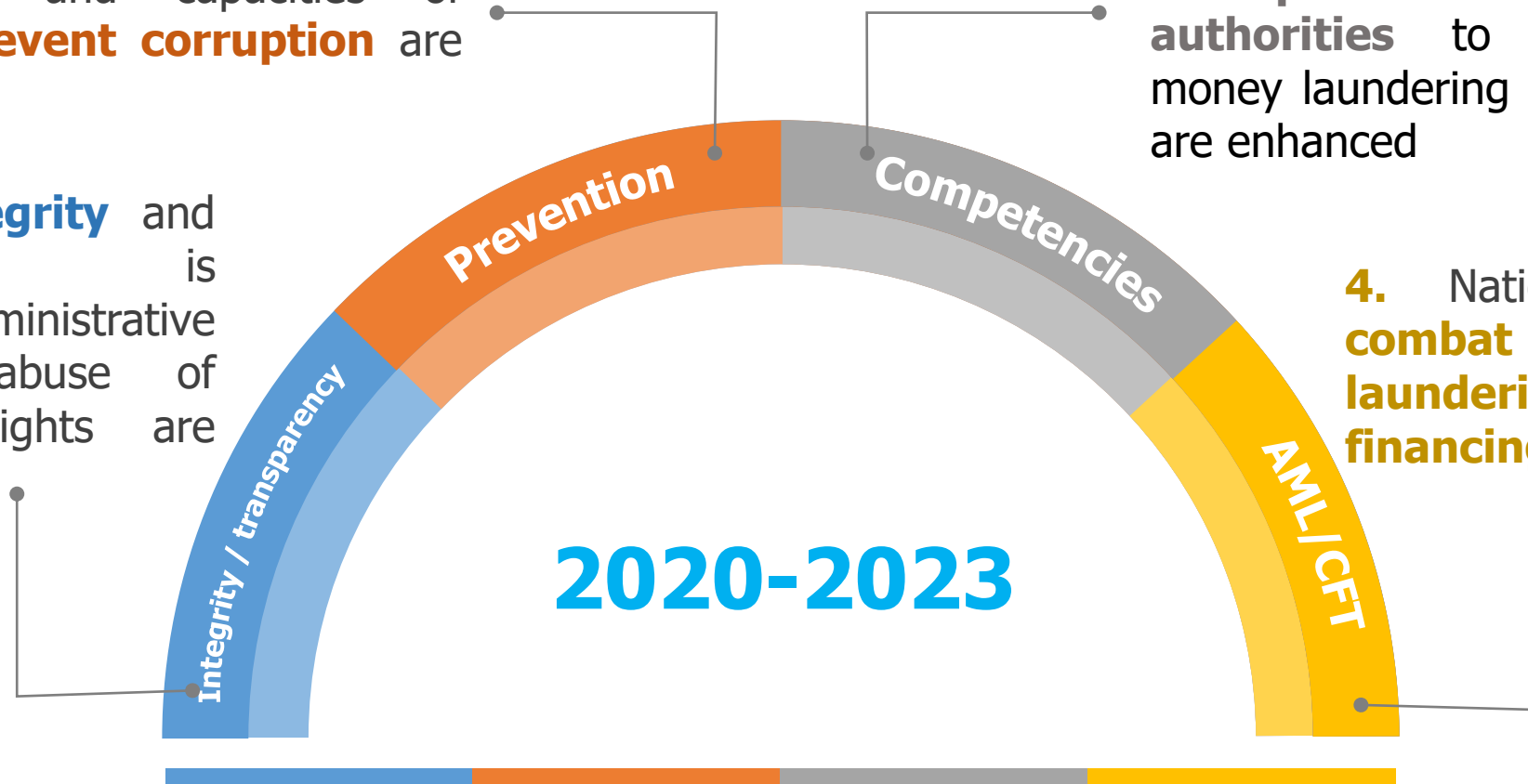
Expected results (*country-specific level*)

2. Mechanisms and capacities of authorities to **prevent corruption** are improved.

1. Business **integrity** and **transparency** is strengthened, administrative barriers and abuse of entrepreneurs' rights are reduced.

3. Capacities of law enforcement authorities to tackle corruption, money laundering and economic crime are enhanced

4. National systems to **combat money laundering and terrorism financing** are strengthened.



Beneficiary institutions

- Government and relevant ministries
- General Prosecutor's offices
- Law enforcement agencies and judiciary
- Anti-corruption authorities
- Financial Intelligence Units
- Civil services agencies
- Business Ombudsman institutions
- Business associations
- Civil society

Enhancing business integrity and transparency

- Exchange of experience on business integrity practices and protection of the rights of entrepreneurs
- Improve legal, institutional and policy frameworks on business integrity, transparency and protection of rights of entrepreneurs

Enhancing business integrity and transparency

- Promoting the anti-corruption compliance in the business sector
 - Exchange of experience and practice
 - Private sector compliance (business anti-corruption charter)

- Building the capacities of the Business Ombudsman Office
 - Strengthening the legal basis and institutional capacities
 - Promoting international standards and comparative practice
 - Improvement of the coordination between the Business Ombudsman's Office and the public sector
 - ❖ Interaction with the Prosecutor's Office specialised in economic and financial crime



Enhancing business integrity and transparency...

- Improving existing mechanisms of protection of the rights of entrepreneurs in Kyrgyz Republic
 - Review of legal and institutional framework
 - Formulating recommendations for further improvement
 - Overview of selected comparative good practice
 - Exchanging with counterpart institutions (Business Ombudsman of Ukraine)

Enhancing business integrity and transparency...

- Expressed needs and interest in relevant beneficiary countries
- Cross-cutting issues
 - Protection of whistleblowers in the private sector
- Streamlining rules and reducing procedures
 - Business Code – simplifying business-related processes and reducing the number of by-laws
- Raising awareness in the private sector of international compliance and integrity standards

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Regional-level technical assistance

.... Business integrity and transparency

Expected Result 1

Countries of the Central Asian region establish networks and exchange experience on **business integrity practices** and **protection of the rights of entrepreneurs**.

Regional studies/guidelines

on good practices on business integrity and protection of the rights of entrepreneurs; establishment of **regional benchmarks**

Exchange and sharing methodologies and experiences on specific sectoral reforms through **technical and policy advice** level fora

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