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## Introduction

Since Ukraine joined the Organisation, and even during the pre-accession process, the Council of Europe has successfully implemented a number of co-operation programmes with the Ukrainian authorities. This new proposed Action Plan builds on the achievements of previous co-operation frameworks, notably the Action Plan 2005-2008, and aims at intensifying co-operation to support the Ukrainian authorities to fulfil the country's European ambitions and commitments towards the Council of Europe.

Ukraine's post-accession commitments are enshrined in Parliamentary Assembly Opinion 190 (1995). In Resolution 1346 (2003), the Parliamentary Assembly concluded that, although notable progress had been made in the field of legislation since the adoption of Resolution 1262 (2001), the country had not yet honoured all obligations and commitments it entered into on becoming a member state. The Assembly acknowledged further significant progress in Resolution 1466 (2005), including the entering into effect of new Codes of Civil Procedure and of Administrative Justice, and of a Law on public financing of political parties.

Furthermore, the Commissioner for Human Rights<sup>1</sup> and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities<sup>2</sup> of the Council of Europe also provided their recommendations as to how democracy, the rule of law and human rights can be further strengthened in the country.

In general, the Council of Europe and its various bodies will pursue dialogue with the government authorities at all levels, under its ongoing process to monitor the fulfilment of Ukraine's post-accession commitments.

The proposed Action Plan has been jointly prepared by the Council of Europe and the Ukrainian authorities with the assistance of the Office of the Representative of the Secretary General for the co-ordination of co-operation programmes (RSG). It provides for a comprehensive package of priority actions of the Organisation to better align Ukrainian legislation, institutions and practice with European standards, in the areas of Council of Europe's expertise such as human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The proposed Action Plan aims at enhancing the following sectors: electoral reform; the fight against corruption in political, economic and administrative areas; reform of the administration of justice, of law enforcement agencies, media, protection of minorities strengthening of democratic political culture and pluralism in the society, social cohesion, education, culture, youth policies and sport. It also provides for a basis of co-operation in the areas of local democracy and penitentiary reform.

It should be noted that at present the Constitution is deemed to contain a number of provisions that may need further clarification. Settlement of such issues would help strengthen democratic institutions and pluralist democracy in Ukraine. Currently, the Venice Commission is involved in a number of activities in Ukraine such as constitutional and electoral reform and will provide its expertise for the benefit of the Ukrainian institutions.

The co-operation process should also take account of the need to look beyond the capital, to develop a greater involvement of the regions, in particular through local democracy projects. A geographical extension of activities may require improved organisational capacity and extra costs, but this will be outweighed by the benefits of reaching out to the regions in a manner that would help overcome regional divides and increase the influence of the regions.

Ukraine's stated commitment to fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria can be further supported by additional targeted assistance through structured trilateral co-operation between the Council of Europe, the European Union and the Ukrainian authorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Report by the Commissioner for Human Rights on his visit to Ukraine (CommDH (2007) 15).

<sup>2</sup> Report of the Congress on local and regional democracy in Ukraine (CG (8) 22 Part II)

The opening of the Council of Europe Office of the RSG has already given a significant boost to this process; co-operation with the European Union will also benefit from greater and more concerted on-the-spot co-ordination, ensuring better programme implementation. Both the RSG and the Council of Europe Information Office will contribute to an increased visibility and impact of Council of Europe co-operation in Ukraine, and to ensuring a sustained role for the Organisation in contributing to Ukraine's progress towards full integration in Europe as a State fully observant of human rights, pluralist democracy and the rule of law.

Co-operation proposals are presented under six main areas of co-operation. Specific project outlines are listed under each area, presented in chronological order and indicating funding status.

The Action Plan is a strategic tool with a duration of approximately thirty-six months that brings together actions funded by the Organisation's Ordinary Budget, actions funded under EC/CoE Joint Programmes and Voluntary Contributions, and assistance funded under the budget of the Council of Europe's Venice Commission.

The Action Plan will be reviewed periodically with a view to assessing implementation of approved projects and incorporating other relevant projects. It is envisaged that projects concerning penitentiary reform and interparliamentary co-operation could be included in the Plan at a later stage.

### **Financial implications**

The proposed Action Plan 2008-2011 provides for the follow up of on-going co-operation between the Council of Europe and Ukraine, and for the reinforcement of co-operation in key priority areas.

A review of existing co-operation activities and projects has led to a partial re-allocation of available resources in line with co-operation priorities.

On-going EC/CoE Joint Programmes will also be subject to revision, within the constraints imposed by the contractual agreements with the European Commission.

Additional funding will be required to support new actions and an expanded scope of co-operation. The Council of Europe will seek such funding, both within the framework of new EC/CoE joint initiatives, and through voluntary contributions from CoE Member States and Observer States.

A summary of financial information is presented in the Appendix.

## **I. PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

Ukraine is one of the countries with the highest number of applications to the ECtHR. Typical issues of concern are: the length of proceedings in civil and criminal cases, non-execution of domestic judicial decisions, violations of the requirement of legal certainty and judicial independence, length of pre-trial detention and detention-related problems (quality of premises, medical care, etc.). Because of this, the capacity to implement the Convention must be strengthened. Efforts to train key professional groups on the ECHR must be continued. Judges, prosecutors, lawyers, law enforcement officials, NGOs, staff of the Ombudsman and the Government Agent for the ECtHR, and staff of penitentiary institutions should be further trained on ECHR standards and ECtHR case law. Co-operation activities should also be continued as regards the execution of ECtHR judgments.

The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) has identified in its reports a serious problem of ill-treatment of persons detained by the police. This problem has also been emphasised by the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Committee Against Torture and other international organisations. This is aggravated by the absence of an effective system for investigating complaints of ill-treatment. Therefore, targeted efforts are needed to combat ill-treatment and impunity in Ukraine, and to set up mechanisms and procedures for effective investigation of such complaints in line with CPT standards, ECtHR case law and other international instruments.

In the field of media, some progress has been made as regards the legislative framework, but a number of laws require amendment. Media activities will comprise three main elements: 1) Legislative framework; 2) Adoption of a professional Code of Ethics for journalists and improved standards of their reporting; 3) Improved co-operation and dialogue between media, civil society and state institutions.

The following projects are being implemented or are proposed in this area:

### **1.1. Strengthening the application of the European Convention on Human Rights**

#### **Project 1. Improving the protection and observance of human rights by enhancing the capacity of specific target groups (legal professions: judges, prosecutors, lawyers) and institutions of Ukraine (including the Government Agent) in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work**

*Duration:* December 2006 - December 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through EC/CoE Joint Programme (JP) "Fostering a culture of Human Rights in Ukraine and South Caucasus" (50% EC; 50% CoE) and Ordinary budget Programmes I.1.2 'Improving procedures, mechanisms and remedies' (2008/DGHL/1402) and I.3.2 'Human Rights awareness and training' (2008/DGHL/1407)

*Partner:* Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, Academy of Judges, Office of Government Agent, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ukrainian Bar Association, Ukrainian Advocates' Association

#### *Objectives:*

Enhance a European culture of Human Rights in the countries of the South Caucasus and Ukraine, in line with their aspirations to membership or closer ties with the European Union by enhancing education, training, monitoring and awareness of European Human Rights standards and by reinforcing the work of international human rights mechanisms inter alia through the promotion of the observance and implementation of the European Social Charter (revised);

Support Ukraine and South Caucasus states in preparing education policy guidelines inter alia to consolidate democratic citizenship, pluralist democracy and human rights through the development of inter-cultural and inter-faith dialogue in education institutions;

Improve the protection and observance of human rights by strengthening the legislative framework and enhancing the capacity of specific target groups and institutions of Ukraine in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work;

These objectives will be achieved through expert support to national structures, NGOs and civil society within three broad areas of CoE competence: Human Rights training; Human Rights education and awareness-raising in European human rights standards.

#### **Project 2. Setting up an active network of independent non-judicial Human Rights structures (multilateral Programme).**

Ukraine is one of the beneficiaries of the EC/CoE JP "Setting up an active network of independent non-judicial Human Rights structures" (the Programmes involve 13 countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe).

*Duration:* January 2008-December 2009.

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP “Setting up an active network of independent non-judicial Human Rights structures” (50% EC; 50 % CoE)

*Objectives:*

This programme aims at building the capacity of national non-judicial human rights structures, promoting their independence and networking between them (this JP was initiated by the CoE Human Rights Commissioner).

**Project 3. Consolidating the capacity of specific target groups (legal professions: judges, prosecutors, lawyers) and institutions of Ukraine in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work**

*Duration:* 01/01/09 - 31/12/10

*Status:* DG-HL (preliminary outline proposal)

*Funding status:* funding required (VC)

*Partners:* Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, Academy of Judges, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ukrainian Bar Association, Ukrainian Advocates’ Association, High Administrative Court and NGOs

*Objective:*

Follow up the JP “Fostering a Culture of Human Rights” and consolidate a European culture of human rights in Ukraine by developing education, training, monitoring and awareness of European human rights standards, based on the results and lessons learnt from the above-mentioned on-going project and targeting those areas most in need;

Develop further the protection and observance of human rights by consolidating the legislative framework and enhancing the capacity of specific target groups and institutions in Ukraine in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work;

The objective will be achieved through expert support to national structures, NGOs and civil society within three broad areas of CoE competence: human rights training; human rights education and awareness-raising in European human rights standards.

**1.2. Freedom of expression and information and freedom of the media**

The following project is proposed in this area:

**Project 1. Promotion of European Standards in the Ukrainian Media Environment**

*Duration:* August 2008- April 2010

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP ‘Promotion of European Standards in the Ukrainian Media Environment ‘(90% EC; 10% CoE)

*Partners:* National Commission on Freedom of Speech and Development of the Media, Ministry of Justice, Parliament

*Objectives:*

The overall objective of the project is to raise standards of journalism with a view to ensuring that the Ukrainian public is better informed about political and social processes in Ukraine. In order to achieve this, the project will work in three distinct, but related, areas.

Continue providing support to the process of enhancing the legislative framework for media;

Raise ethical standards in the journalism profession;

Supporting the ongoing dialogue between the media, civil society and the state administration.

### **1.3. Fight against ill-treatment**

The following project is proposed:

#### **Project 1. Improving the response of national authorities to the allegations of ill-treatment by law enforcement agencies and investigative structures**

This project is part of the proposed EC/CoE JP ‘Combating ill-treatment’, which involves the countries of the South Caucasus, Ukraine and Moldova.

*Duration:* 24 months; start: January 2009 (tentative)

*Implementation status:* proposed project; under negotiation with the EC.

*Funding status:* funding to be secured through the proposed EC/CoE JP ‘Combating ill-treatment’ (EC 50% CoE 50%),

*Partners:* Offices of the Prosecutors General, Ministries of Interior, supervisory, investigative and complaints handling structures, executive, judicial and legislative institutions, Ombudsman institutions, Bar Associations, OPCAT bodies, Penitentiary Administration and NGOs

*Objectives:*

Strengthen the effectiveness of investigations into allegations of torture at the domestic level and highlight the importance of imposing appropriate sanctions if guilt is proven, and to counter any notion of impunity. The project will be based on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and the recommendations of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT).

### **1.4. Protection of national minorities’ rights**

The following activity is proposed:

#### **Project 1. Strengthening the state capacity on minority issues**

<i>Duration</i>	January 2008 – December 2008
<i>Implementation status:</i>	on-going project
<i>Funding status:</i>	funding secured by the Ordinary budget Programme “Protecting and promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities” (2008/DGHL/1407)
<i>Partners:</i>	State Committee on Minorities, other State authorities
<i>Objectives:</i>	

To bring the legislation on the protection of national minorities in line with European standards.

## **II. RULE OF LAW**

The EU Ukraine Summit held in Kyiv on 14 September 2007 reaffirmed the need for further progress in the rule of law, reform of the judiciary and fight against corruption in Ukraine, not least as a means to improve the business and investment climate in the country. The Parties stressed the importance of the implementation of the revised Action Plan on Justice, Freedom and Security endorsed by the EU-Ukraine co-operation Council on 18 June 2007.

The Revised Action Plan on Justice, Freedom and Security, discussed by the EU – Ukraine JLS Ministerial Troika on 4 October 2007, states that the main challenge and strategic aim for this co-operation is ‘to continue working with Ukraine to ensure the application of the principles of the rule of law, independence and efficiency of the judiciary, including access to justice and good governance’.

This revised Action Plan sets out a number of agreed areas and objectives for co-operation and implementation, which includes justice issues. It further develops Point IV Justice and the actions which should be undertaken in order to solve the problems of the judiciary in Ukraine.

The following projects are being implemented or are proposed in this area:

### **2.1 Signature and/or ratification of CoE legal instruments**

Promotion of ratification of:

- the European Convention on Transfrontier Television and its additional Protocol;
- European Code of Social Security (assistance projects are included in Appendix);
- Unratified articles of the European Social Charter (see under Section V.)
- Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings
- Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism
- Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse
- Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

(Cost covered by on-going activities)

### **2.2 Independence and functioning of the judicial system**



## **Project 1. Support to the reform of the judicial system**

*Duration:* June 2008 – December 2010

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding to be secured through the proposed EC/CoE JP “Transparency and efficiency of judicial system in Ukraine” (EC 90% CoE 10%)

*Partners:* High Council of Justice of Ukraine, Supreme Court of Ukraine, State Court Administration, Ministry of Justice and other institutions represented in the Steering Committee, Academy of General Prosecutor Office, High Administrative Court

### *Objectives:*

The overall objective of the Programme is to assist with the establishment of an independent, impartial, efficient and professional judiciary in Ukraine, and to ensure that the Ukrainian judiciary is transformed into a transparent and fair judicial system that is accessible to all citizens, working effectively and transparently vis-à-vis citizens and civil society.

Co-ordinated actions will take place in three main areas: access to justice, performance of the judiciary, and transparency and accountability of the judicial system.

The project aims to promote fair access to justice for all, based on the rule of law and respect of common European democratic values and standards. The quality of judgements shall be further perfected, independence of judges guaranteed and general confidence and satisfaction of the citizens substantially increased.

A possibility of cooperation with the Academy of General Prosecutor Office and the High Administrative Court will be explored.

## **2.3. Fights against corruption, organised crime and terrorism**

The following projects are being implemented or are proposed:

### **Project 1. Project against corruption in Ukraine**

*Duration:* June 2006 – July 2009

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP “UPAC- Project against corruption” (EC 86% CoE 14%),

*Partners:* Ministry of Justice as main counterpart, Ministry on Internal Affairs, Security Service, General Prosecutor Office

### *Objectives:*

Contribute to the prevention and control of corruption, so that it no longer undermines the confidence of the public in the political and judicial system, democracy, the rule of law and economic and social development in Ukraine.

Improve the strategic and institutional framework against corruption in Ukraine.

Enhance capacities for the prevention of corruption.

Strengthen the anti-corruption legal framework and effective and impartial enforcement of the criminal legislation on corruption.

## **Project 2. Ukraine - Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing**

*Duration:* May 2006 – April 2009

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP “Project against Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing -MOLI-UA 2” (EC 94,4% CoE 5,6%),

*Partners:* State Committee for Financial Monitoring as main counterpart, Ministry on Internal Affairs, Security Service, General Prosecutor Office, National Bank of Ukraine, regulators of financial markets

*Objectives:*

Contribute to the prevention and control of money laundering and terrorist financing in Ukraine in accordance with the European and other international standards and best practices through:

- making Ukraine’s legislation compliant with the Third EU Directive on the Prevention of the Use of the Financial System for the Purposes of Money Laundering or Terrorist Financing, and the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism

- enhancing the human capacities of key institutions of the anti-money laundering system of Ukraine (State Committee for Financial Monitoring, law enforcement agencies and judiciary and financial sector regulators/supervisors)

- developing the organisational and technical infrastructure of the anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing system.

## **Project 3. International co-operation in criminal matters**

*Duration:* December 2005- November 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP “UPIC - International Co-operation in Criminal Matters” (EC 89, 3% CoE 10, 7%),

*Partners:* Ministry of Justice, Office of the Prosecutor General

*Objectives:*

Strengthen the capacities of Ukraine to fully implement European treaties on co-operation in criminal matters;

Strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and of the General Prosecutor Office (GPO) for international co-operation in criminal matters;

Promote networking and direct contacts between MoJ officials and prosecutors with those of neighbouring countries and other European countries.

#### **Project 4. European standards for crime control**

*Duration:* January 2008 - December 2009

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes “Target support for law enforcement officials “ (2008/DGHL/1387) and “Targeted support for national prison systems (2008/DGHL/1418). Project VC (2007/DG3/VC/1296 “Law enforcement reform”)

*Partner:* Ministry of Internal Affairs

##### *Objectives:*

Develop effective measures to combat crime, in particular economic and organised crime;  
Ensure their proper implementation and effective international co-operation;

Develop standards for the laws, procedures and actors in criminal justice;

Ensure the protection of human dignity in detention situations and respect for European standards by law enforcement agencies, to develop restorative justice and to address prevention of crime.

#### **Project 5. Strengthening and protecting women’s and children’s rights**

*Duration:* September 2008 – August 2010

*Implementation status:* proposed project; under negotiation with the EC.

*Partner:* Presidential Secretariat, Ministry of Justice, Parliament, Judiciary, Prosecution Services, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport, Social Services

##### *Objectives:*

Examine and improve the compatibility of existing laws and practice in Ukraine in the fields of gender equality and children’s rights, and to contribute to the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of children in line with the Revised Social Charter, the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, and other relevant instruments. Promote in particular ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

### **III. ELECTIONS**

In light of the next presidential elections in Ukraine, the Council of Europe proposes to provide as in 2007 pre-electoral assistance to support free and fair elections, which might take the form of a specific Action Plan. In 2007, Council of Europe assistance had two major components: legislative and technical assistance provided by the Venice Commission as well as public discussions on democratic

standards for elections organised in co-operation with civil society partners. However, the early calling of elections in 2007 caused a certain number of activities to be postponed.

Further to the request of the Ukrainian authorities (the Parliament of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice), the Council of Europe could provide assistance in 2008-2009 in the preparation of a Unified Electoral Code for Ukraine. A working group on the Code was set up by Parliament in March 2008 and the Venice Commission has been approached by the representatives of the authorities with a request for its assistance to the working group.

For the next presidential elections, assistance could be provided to the Central Electoral Commission and the High Administrative Court in capacity-building and in training the electoral administrations and judges from courts dealing with complaints and appeals in the electoral field.

In addition to this work on the electoral legislation, the Council of Europe could also provide its support to public discussions on democratic elections with the involvement of civil society representatives, notably in view of the Forum for Future of Democracy which will take place in Kyiv in 2009.

The following projects are being implemented or are proposed:

### **3.1. Support to improve electoral legislation and practice**

#### **Project 1. Improving electoral legislation and practice**

*Duration:* June 2008 - December 2010

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through budget of the Venice Commission

*Partner:* Central Election Commission, National Parliament, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

*Objectives:*

Improve electoral legislation and practice;

Assist in drafting the Election Code of Ukraine and legislation of referendums with the aim of rendering national legislation in line with European standards.

#### **Project 2. Assistance in capacity-building to the Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine and training of electoral officials and judges.**

*Duration:* June 2008 – December 2010

*Implementation status:* proposed project for VC funding

*Funding status:* funding required

*Partners:* Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine, High Administrative Court of Ukraine.

*Objectives:*

Training of electoral administration and judges: the electoral legislation in Ukraine is constantly changing. Under these circumstances there is a need to provide technical assistance to the bodies responsible for elections in order to ensure a proper training of members of subsidiary electoral commissions and judges of different jurisdictions.

Provide information on best practices and existing legal standards: in order to disseminate information on European standards in the electoral field and make the legal opinions and studies of the Venice Commission available to members of electoral administration and judges in Ukraine, standard-setting documents and legal opinions should be translated into Ukrainian.

### **3.2. Support public discussions on international standards for democratic elections**

#### **Project 1. Round-tables on international standards of democratic elections**

<i>Duration</i>	January 2009- June 2009
<i>Funding status</i>	Funding secured through the Programme III.1.4 – Pre-electoral assistance
<i>Partner</i>	Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Committee of Voters

#### *Objective:*

Support discussions of representatives of civil society on European democratic standards for conducting elections paying attention to the most crucial issues stemming from previous elections.

#### **IV. PROMOTING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE AT LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS**

Promoting the democratic process is linked to at least two priority areas of work of the Council of Europe: local democracy and civil society.

The Conference of European Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government at its 14<sup>th</sup> session in Budapest (February 2005) adopted the objective of “delivering good local and regional governance”. The objective is to be pursued by Member States, also through their cooperation within the Council of Europe through the implementation of the Budapest Agenda between 2005-2010. The Budapest Agenda was endorsed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe in May 2005 and its implementation was reviewed, mid-term, at the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Ministerial Conference in Valencia in October 2007.

Civil society development remains one of the priorities of the Council of Europe for promoting democratic development and good governance in Ukraine. Civil society organisations play a key role in involving citizens in decision-making processes and controls, including through active dialogue with the legislative and executive powers.

The INGO Conference of the Council of Europe pays special attention to the improvement and functioning of the regulatory framework for civil society as an important element for promoting citizens’ rights and public participation in the political, economic and social spheres. Improvement of relations between NGOs and the national parliament could lead to stronger participation of citizens in public life and in control of institutional bodies.

The main co-operation programme in this sector is the CoE/EC Joint Programme “Setting-up and Developing a Civil Society Leadership Network in Ukraine, Moldova and the Southern Caucasus” 2008-2009 aims at strengthening civil society in Ukraine and its involvement in the solution of political, social, cultural and other problems in the country. It aims at fostering a generation of civil

society leaders who can advocate for democratic policy changes, and promote European standards in democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine.

The following projects and activities are being implemented or are proposed:

#### **4.1. Local democracy**

##### **Project 1. Local and regional democracy**

*Duration:* January 2008 - December 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes “Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform” (2008/DGDPA/1396) and “Promoting sound decentralisation at local and regional level” (2008/DGDPA/1398).  
Voluntary Contribution Projects (2007/DG1/VC/1030 “Support to developing Good Governance and Citizen Participation in Ukraine”; 2007/DG1/VC/1252 “Building effective democratic local and regional government in Ukraine”; 2007/DG1/VC/1319 “Capacity building for local government in Ukraine”)

*Objectives:*

Provide initial support to ongoing legislative reforms in the field of local government and regional development policy in Ukraine, also with a view to prepare further activities targeted to the development of the legal basis for stronger and more viable local and regional self-government (see projects 2 and 3 below).

##### **Project 2. Developing local government legislation and balanced distribution of powers**

*Duration:* 36 months

*Implementation status:* proposed project

*Funding status:* request for external funds and/or voluntary contribution.

*Partner:* Ministry of regional development and housing, Parliament, (Parliamentary Committee on Construction, Urban Development, Housing, Communal Services and Regional Policy) Foundation for Local Self-Government of Ukraine, Associations of local authorities

*Objectives:*

Elaborate (and then implement) a coherent decentralisation strategy and to adopt an action plan for local government reform, including the preparation of a major administrative and territorial reform (in particular, through the creation of a platform for institutional dialogue on this issue) and (if appropriate) the drafting of legislation on the city of Sevastopol and on the capital city.

Modernise the system of local finance and inter-budgetary relations, including expertise and assistance in reviewing legislation on local taxes and duties, local property, taxation of land, and the Land and Budget Codes.

Draft legislation and regulations required to strengthen the legal status and protection of elected councillors and mayors.

Develop inter-municipal co-operation.

Elaborate a sound regional development policy.

Assist in the implementation of the National Reform on Housing and Municipal Economy.

### **Project 3. Strengthening the capacity of local authorities**

*Duration:* 36 months

*Implementation status:* proposed project

*Funding status:* request for external funds and/or voluntary contribution.

*Partner:* Ministry of regional development and housing, Foundation for Local Self-Government of Ukraine, Associations of local authorities

#### *Objectives:*

Develop a National Training Strategy for local government, based on a Training Needs Analysis, through a co-operative process and based on the specific tool included in Toolkit I of the Centre of Expertise.

Implement a Best Practice Programme aiming at identifying, celebrating and disseminating the best practices of Ukrainian local authorities in the field of transfrontier co-operation (and, possibly, a few more fields identified by local stakeholders).

Implement a performance management programme aimed at enabling local authorities to define performance indicators and to set up a system which helps them to make use of the results thereof and to take inspiration from their colleagues in order to drive up performance in the exercise of public authority and the services delivered to their citizens.

### **“Project 4. “Sustainable spatial development and regional planning”**

*Duration:* 2009-2010

*Implementation status:* proposed project

*Funding status:* request for external funds and/or voluntary contribution.

*Partner:* Ministry of regional development and housing

#### *Objectives:*

Promotion of new CEMAT “Region of Innovation” in Ukraine, promoting the sustainable spatial development in line with the Recommendation Rec. (2002) 1 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent (GPSSDEC).

Implementation of the Initiative on the sustainable spatial development of the Tisza/Tisa river Basin signed in Ljubljana on 16 September 2007 and the Declaration on co-operation concerning the Tisza/Tisa River Basin as a cross border (Hungary, Slovak Republic, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Ukraine) CEMAT “Region of Innovation”.

## **4.2. Civil Society**

**Project 1. Setting-up and developing the Civil Society Leadership Network in the countries of the South Caucasus, in Ukraine and Moldova (regional programme).**

<i>Duration:</i>	January 2008 – December 2009
<i>Implementation status:</i>	on-going project
<i>Funding status:</i>	funding secured through the regional EC/CoE JP “Setting-up and developing the Civil Society Leadership Network in the countries of the South Caucasus, in Ukraine and Moldova” (50% EC; 50% CoE)
<i>Partner:</i>	Centre of Complex Research, International Renaissance Foundation, Agency for Legislative Initiatives

*Overall objective:*

Foster a generation of civil society leaders able to advocate for democratic policy changes at national level and wider in the region.

*Specific objectives:*

Deepen knowledge of the European democratic processes, standards and values by civil society leaders to enhance their organizational and communication skills;

Promote networking, cross-sector and cross-border partnership through Civil Society Leadership Network.

**4.3 Human capacity building**

**Project 1. Network of Schools of Political studies**

<i>Duration:</i>	January 2008 – December 2009
<i>Implementation status:</i>	on-going project
<i>Funding status:</i>	funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes “Network of School of Political Studies”- multilateral programme (2004/DGDPA/124) Projects VC (2007/DGDOPA/VC/1153) “Network of Schools of Political Studies”

*Objectives:*

Promote active participation in public life and democratic processes in all sectors of society through:

- the acquisition of skills and the exchange of good practices ;
- co-operation between the Conference of INGOs and other components of the Council of Europe;
- training of young leaders and consolidating the network of schools of political studies and their alumni.

**V. PROMOTING SOCIAL COHESION (“ Social Cohesion Programme for Ukraine”)**

In line with one of the principal recommendations of the High Level Task Force on Social Cohesion and with the political support of the Ukrainian Prime Minister, Ukraine has volunteered to launch a



pilot project in the social cohesion field “Social Cohesion Programme for Ukraine”. The programme covers a number of social cohesion-related issues relevant for the country and is an integral part of the Action Plan (included in it as a separate chapter).

In order to identify the priority areas to be included in the Programme, a preliminary list of elements was addressed to the Ukrainian authorities for the consideration, and agreed upon with them.

Ukraine ratified the Revised European Social Charter on 21 December 2006 and will soon face the task of implementing the recommendations of the first report of the European Social Rights Committee; As a complement to the Social Charter, the signature/ratification of the European Code of Social Security has been announced as a priority for the Ukrainian authorities.

Developing the concept and practice of citizens’ and patients’ participation in the decision-making process affecting health care is a new challenge for Ukraine. Based on the relevant CM recommendation, the Council of Europe is able to assist Ukraine in facing it. Furthermore, in this area, the Ukrainian authorities have expressed the need of having a National Patient Safety Action Plan which could be drafted with the CoE assistance.

Managing migration is also an important challenge for Ukraine and in this respect, the development of reintegration policies and capacity-building of national migration services are areas where the CoE can give practical guidance and support.

The implementation of the CoE Disability Action Plan will further increase the protection of disabled persons in Ukraine.

As far as the Roma are concerned, having already developed some domestic capacity through a CoE/EC Joint Programme, a priority would be now to ensure sustainability of the Ukrainian policies towards Roma, particularly through developing and implementing a National Plan for Roma.

The following projects and activities are being implemented or are proposed:

## **5.1. European Social Charter**

### **Project 1. Improving the protection and observance of human rights by enhancing the capacity of specific target groups (legal professions: judges, prosecutors, lawyers) and institutions of Ukraine in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work**

*Duration:* December 2006 - December 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the EC/CoE JP “Fostering a culture of Human Rights in Ukraine and South Caucasus”(50%EC; 50%CoE)

*(JP budget earmarked for Social cohesion component: €200 000)*

*Partner:* Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Justice and other State authorities

*Objective:*

Enhance a European culture of Human Rights in the countries of the South Caucasus and Ukraine, in line with their aspirations to membership or closer ties with the European Union by enhancing education, training, monitoring and awareness of European Human Rights standards and by reinforcing the work of international human rights mechanisms, inter alia through the promotion of the observance and implementation of the European Social Charter (revised) .

Improve the protection and observance of human rights by strengthening the legislative framework and enhancing the capacity of specific target groups and institutions of Ukraine in using European human rights standards and norms in their everyday work.

### **“Project 2. Implementation of the Revised European Social Charter”**

*Duration:* 24 months

*Implementation status:* proposed project

*Funding status:* request for external funds and/or voluntary contribution.

*Partner:* the main partner will be the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; but other institutions and organisations will also be involved

*Objectives:*

Ensure the appropriate and timely follow-up to the first Conclusions for Ukraine of the European Committee of Social Rights (due by the end of 2009) and to assist in the preparation of further yearly reports;

Assistance in the drafting of the first national report has been provided under the Joint Programme ‘Fostering a culture of human rights in Ukraine and South Caucasus’. The First Conclusions of the European Committee of Social Rights concerning the implementation of the Revised Social Charter in Ukraine will be published in 2009. As a follow up, assistance ought to be provided with a view to implementing these conclusions (amendments to legislation, changes to administrative practices, etc.). Assistance in the drafting of future national reports could also be provided: the second report by Ukraine is due on 31 October 2009.

To prepare acceptance by Ukraine of additional provisions and instruments of the Revised Charter in accordance with the economic and social reforms in Ukraine  
Ukraine has accepted 74 of the Revised Charter’s 98 paragraphs. In view of on-going reforms assistance could be provided to support further acceptance of the Charter instruments.

Assistance could be provided to prepare the signature and ratification of the collective complaints procedure by Ukraine so as to allow the social partners, NGOs and INGOs to play a direct role in ensuring observance of Charter standards.”

## **5.2. European Code of social security**

### **Project 1. Establishing modern social services in accordance with European standards and norms (including developing relevant legislative recommendations and policy guidelines as well as training of social workers); preparation for the signature/ratification of the European Code of Social Security**

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programme “Promoting the European Code of Social security” (2008/DG3/1380)

*Partner:* Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, other State authorities of Ukraine, ILO

*Objective:*

Strengthen social protection in member states in accordance with the CoE social security instruments (European Code of Social Security, European Convention on social security and other coordination instruments);

Improve social security rights as important factors of social cohesion;

Training of social workers.

### **5.3. Social cohesion awareness-raising**

#### **Project 1. Social cohesion awareness-raising**

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* 2009 funding secured through DG III Ordinary budget (different budgetary lines)

*Partner:* Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, other State authorities, NGOs

*Objective:*

Translation, publication and presentation in Ukraine of CoE major documents: Strategy of Social Cohesion, Report of the HLTF on Social Cohesion, Disability Action Plan, Guide on Indicators of Social Cohesion, relevant CM Recommendations, major reports.

### **5.4. Developing the concept and practice of citizens' and patients' participation in the decision-making process affecting health care and drafting a National Patient Safety Action Plan**

#### **Project 1. Developing the concept and practice of citizen and patient participation in the decision making process affecting health care (including the review of the work of "civil society councils" existing within the Ministry of Health and local health care administration) as well as drafting a National Patient Safety Action Plan**

*Duration:* January 2009 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* proposal

*Funding status:* funding secured for 2009 through Ordinary budget (Programme "Health")

*Partner:* Ministry of Health, other State authorities, civil society

*Objective:*

Translate the CM Recommendation on patient participation into Ukrainian;

Assist in reviewing the existing work of "civil society councils";

Draft a National Patient Safety Action Plan.

### **5.5. Labour migrants – improving their integration and migration management**

**Project 1. Labour migrants - developing reintegration policies/programmes for returning migrants and integration policies/programmes for newly arrived migrants as well as developing capacity of national migration services**

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* for 2008 funding secured through Ordinary budget Project “Labour Migrants- improving their integration and migration management” (2008/DG3/1137)

*Partner:* Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Justice, State Committee on Minorities, NGOs

*Objective:*

Develop and implement policies on migration and integration of migrants that are founded on the principles of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, thus ensuring orderly migration, social cohesion and the respect of the individual.  
Capacity-building.

<b>5.6. Implementing the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan</b>
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**Project 1. Implementing the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006 – 2015 (through reviewing the existing legislation, policies and practices as well as training)**

*Duration:* January 2009 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* proposal

*Funding status:* for 2009 funding secured through Ordinary budget ( Project “Improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in Europe” (2007/DG3/1218)

*Partner:* Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine, Parliament of Ukraine, NGOs

*Objective:*

Assist Ukraine in:

- reviewing existing legislation, policy and practice against the blueprint of the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan;
- identifying areas where progress needs to be made and specific actions need to be taken;
- developing national strategies or action plans in order to advance the national disability agenda in line with the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan;
- involving Ukrainian and other European disability NGOs in this process.

## **5.7. Drafting and implementing a comprehensive National Plan for Roma**

### **Project 1. Achieving effective Social Inclusion for Roma: adoption and implementation of comprehensive National Plans for Roma in Ukraine**

*Duration:* 2 years (January 2009 – December 2010) One year for the adoption of the AP and one year for examining the first monitoring report.

*Implementation status:* proposal

*Funding status:* to be negotiated with the EC: funding to be secured through a EC/CoE JP Project (EC 80% CoE 20%)

*Partner:* State Committee on Minorities, other State Ukrainian authorities, NGOs

#### *Objective:*

Provide public administrations with the tools for the adoption and effective implementation of a national plan for Roma in the field of housing, education, employment and health. The project will assist (state and local) public administrations in Ukraine in the development of a national plan for Roma and will promote the entitlement of Roma to international Human Rights standards while empowering their participation. Priority themes addressed:

- Protection and promotion of Human Rights and the rights of the Roma through the implementation of a national plan for Roma;
- Integration of European standards in the protection of human rights and national minorities;
- Promotion of inter-cultural dialogue and inter-ethnic understanding, particularly between public servants and Roma NGO leaders;
- Training of local public administrations about their role in the implementation of national strategies for Roma and enhance their capacity to monitor and evaluate the national plans;
- Development of national and/or regional networks of Roma experts in the various fields addressed by the national plans for Roma (health, education, etc.).

## **VI. INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE, CULTURE, EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORT**

Co-operation with Ukraine in the field of intercultural dialogue has been developed through intergovernmental, bilateral and regional activities in the fields of education, culture and heritage, youth and sport. This co-operation concentrates in particular on educational reforms and policy development in Ukrainian education and higher education systems/institutions; policy and technical support in the management of diversity in culture and heritage; development of sustainable urban planning mechanisms, as well as assistance for developing youth policy and enhancement of youth participation in Ukraine.

The following projects and activities are being implemented or are proposed:

### **6.1. Intercultural dialogue through education**

#### **Project 1. Management of inter-cultural and inter-religious diversity through education – regional project**

*Duration:* December 2006- December 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through the JP ‘Fostering a Culture of Human Rights in Ukraine and South Caucasus’ (50% EC; 50% CoE) and Ordinary budget programme V.4 “Intercultural dialogue and the Image of the Other in History teaching” (2006/DG4/898) and “Intercultural cities: governance and policies for diverse communities” (2008/DG4/1371).

*Objectives:*

Introduce new education policy guidelines and practices in matters related to the management of cultural and religious diversity at all levels of education.

Enable the education institutions to benefit and integrate experiences from each other and to implement European best practices in the field of inter-cultural and inter-faith dialogue .

Enable educators to develop comprehensive guidelines on “How to teach history for reconciliation and tolerance” using new interactive methods such as multi-perspectivity.

**Project 2. Education in citizenship**

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2008

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes “Linking policy and practice in citizenship and human rights education” (2002/DG3/94)

*Partner:* Ministry of Education, Teachers for Democracy and Partnership

*Objective:*

Assist member states in developing educational policies and practices based on Council of Europe values and standards in order to foster democratic culture, human rights, social cohesion and intercultural understanding;

Build a European education area and promote quality education for all.

Develop a Guidebook on Quality Assurance in Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) in Ukrainian schools based on the results of the pilot project implemented in 2007.

**Project 3. European identity and education (European Higher Education Area)**

*Duration:* January 2008 –December 2010

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* secured through Ordinary budget 2008 Programmes V.1.2, and V.1 “Reform of education legislation, contents and structures in priority countries” (1992/DG4/101)

*Objective:*

Carry out higher education reform in Ukraine based on European standards and good practices, in particular as concerns the legal framework, recognition of qualifications, qualifications frameworks, and quality assurance, in line with the Bologna principles, which envisage the setting up the European Higher Education Area by 2010.

In line with the Council of Europe's role in advancing structural higher education reform in general and in supporting the sharing of experiences in the development of national qualifications frameworks, in particular:

- provide expert assistance in order to step up the development of the national qualifications framework in Ukraine as essential instrument of higher education reform and as an important part of the establishment of the European Higher Education Area by 2010;
- provide expert assistance in establishing the national legal framework, fully reflecting the principle of university autonomy;
- provide expert assistance in ensuring fair recognition of qualifications, which would facilitate student mobility.
- establish a fair and transparent national examination procedure for entry into higher education institutions .

#### **Project 4. History teaching**

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes V.4.1.5. "Intercultural Dialogue and the Image of the Other in History Teaching" (2002/DG3/94) and V.1.1.6 "Reform of education legislation, contents and structures in priority countries" (1992/DG4/101)

*Partner:* Ministry of Education, Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research

*Objective:*

The overall objective is to provide assistance to the reform of history teaching in Ukraine aligning the national educational system to the European standards and helping the young generation to acquire the skills necessary to live and build partnership in present-day multicultural society.

The activities will cover the following areas: the development of new teaching materials and resources; the preparation of guidelines for the creation of a new framework of initial and in-service teacher training; the development of new approaches in teaching history based on multi-perspectivity and respect for others; integration of innovative skills-oriented methods in teaching history in present-day schools.

#### **Project 5. Language Education Policy Profiles**

*Duration:* June 2008 – December 2011

*Implementation status:* planned

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget Programmes V.1.3.3. “Language education, social inclusion and linguistic diversity” (2006/DG4/891) and V.1.1.6 “Reform of education legislation, contents and structures in priority countries” (1992/DG4/101)

*Objective:*

Assist member states in reflecting upon their language education policy by providing them with an opportunity to undertake a self-evaluation of their policy in a spirit of dialogue with Council of Europe experts, and with a view to focusing on possible future policy developments within the country. The process concerns all languages in education: languages of instruction in school, modern languages and languages of minorities.

The process involves several related steps:

- the preparation of a Country Report by the authorities describing and evaluating current policy and outlining new or planned initiatives;
- study visit by a Council of Europe Expert Group and elaboration of an Experts' Report in consultation with the authorities;
- a Round Table, or other forum, to take reflection further;
- the joint production of a forward-looking Language Education Policy Profile by the Council of Europe Expert Group

The Profile may be used as a basis for planning policy reforms.

**Project 6**      **“Intercultural education in South-Caucasus and Ukraine : from awareness raising to practical implementation in schools”**

**Duration:**                      January 2009 – December 2010

Implementation status      extension of Project 1. Management of inter-cultural and inter-religious diversity through education –regional project; to be presented for joint action to the European Commission

Funding status                      not secured

*Objective:*

Ensure through a series of new or complementary activities, to the sustainability of the results achieved in the initial project:

- by further raising awareness of various dimensions of intercultural education in each beneficiary country,

- by fine-tuning and experimenting in pilot schools the learning materials produced in the initial project,

- by preparing and disseminating an analytical publication on the results and the experiences gained during the project.

A special focus could be given to non-formal education as well as on involving civil society and NGOs



**Project 7. Enhancing the domestic capacity to devise, implement, monitor and communicate on the national Roma related policies and fighting negative stereotyping faced by Roma people.**

<i>Duration:</i>	January 2008- March 2009
<i>Implementation status:</i>	on-going project
<i>Funding status:</i>	funding secured through JP “Enhancing the domestic capacity to devise, implement, monitor and communicate on the national Roma related policies and fighting negative stereotyping faced by Roma people”. (50% EC; 50% CoE)
<i>Partners:</i>	Parliament, Government, NGOs
<i>Objectives:</i>	

Provide training and policy advice on Roma-related policies, to promote the empowerment of Roma community and organize an awareness-raising campaign to improve the inter-ethnic understanding.

<b>6.2. Protection and promotion of cultural and natural diversity</b>
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**Project 1. Intercultural Cities: Governance and policies for diverse communities**

<i>Duration:</i>	January 2008-December 2010
<i>Implementation status</i>	on-going project
<i>Funding status</i>	Partially funded for 2008 and 2009 through the JP Intercultural Cities (2008/DG4/JP/1916). (Additional funding required: 50.000 €)
<i>Partners:</i>	City of Melitopol, Development Centre “Democracy through Culture”, Kyiv
<i>Objective:</i>	

Development by Melitopol of a city strategy for the management of diversity as a model of urban renovation through qualitative transformation of the relations between cultural communities and the development of city policies from an intercultural perspective. Increase in the city’s developmental, investment and tourism potential through innovative intercultural projects.

**Regional co-operation and assistance**

The Council of Europe’s regional programmes foster cross-border co-operation and the sharing of expertise. They provide direct assistance to member states in developing governance and management capacity in the sectors of culture and cultural and natural heritage. Targeted pilot projects support regional efforts for sustainable community development, in particular in areas where cultural and heritage issues are of fundamental importance to conflict resolution, confidence-building and development.

## **Project 2. Kyiv Initiative - Regional Programme**

The Kyiv initiative is a regional and transversal programme of cultural co-operation between five countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It reflects the Council of Europe’s vision of sustainable development, which takes into account culture, heritage, environment protection and urban planning as interconnected elements. It fosters a trans-sectoral approach to the management of culture and cultural heritage through multilateral regional co-operation.

*Duration:* January 2008 – December 2009

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* funding secured through Ordinary budget 2008 Programme V.3.1 ‘Implementing CoE standards for culture and cultural heritage and co-operation in priority regions’, (2007/DG4/1142) and multi-donor voluntary contribution project (2006/DG4/VC/1127) ‘Kyiv Initiative: a new phase in democracy through culture’.

*Overall objective:*

Provide technical assistance to member states in developing and implementing integrated policies and governance strategies in accordance with the Council of Europe standards in the sectors of culture and cultural and natural heritage.

*Specific objectives:*

Assist Ukrainian authorities in finalising and adopting general political Terms of Reference (ToR) and ToRs of pilot projects;  
Launch four transversal pilot projects on the following issues: Heritage Management, Wine Culture Tourism Exchange, Cross-Border Cinema Culture and Cultural Policy and Exchanges.

Provide training on each pilot project.

### **6.3. Youth policies**

#### **Project 1. Human rights education with children and young people**

*Project justification:* While a Ukrainian version of the human rights manual “Compass” is to be published in 2008, work should be started on the translation into Ukrainian of “Compassito”, the children’s version of the manual. It is also proposed that a national training course on human rights be held in Ukraine in 2009.

*Duration:* 1 year

*Partners:* Ukrainian Ministry for Family Youth and Sport + Ukrainian Youth Forum (youth NGOs)

*Objective:*

Translate the manual on human rights education “COMPASITO in Ukrainian and disseminate it among youth actors in the country.

Train Ukrainian youth NGOs leaders and other actors in the youth field to develop human rights education with young people, using the manuals “COMPASS” and “COMPASITO”

#### **Project 2. 50/50 training course for representatives of Ukrainian youth NGOs and civil servants in charge of youth matter**

*Project justification:* In 2008, a 50/50 training course for Ukrainian youth NGOs and civil servants involved in youth work and youth policy at local and regional level should be organised in Strasbourg with a view to making them acquainted with the work of the Council of Europe in the youth field, in particular as regards human rights education, youth participation and non-formal learning. 50/50 meaning that half of the participants are youth NGOs and half are civil servants (25-30 participants in total).

*Duration:* December 2008

*Objective:*

Train youth NGO leaders and civil servants in charge of youth matters (at national and local level) to become acquainted with youth policies and the work of the Council of Europe in the field of human rights education with young people.

Develop partnership and co-operation in this respect between the authorities and civil society.

### **Project title 3. International review of the Ukrainian youth policy**

*Project justification:* Follow-up to a youth policy advisory mission to Ukraine in 2007, which identified priority areas for future youth policy development in the country. In view also of the forthcoming Conference of Youth Ministers (Oct. 2008) in Kyiv, it might be appropriate to further develop co-operation with Ukraine (Kyiv process), starting with an international review of the national youth policy (2009 or 2010).

*Duration:* one and half year

*Objective:*

Review the Ukrainian youth policy, with a view to making recommendations and developing proper follow up/support actions.

## **6.4. Sport**

### **Project 1. Enhance and consolidate the national policies related to sport in order to provide the Uefa Euro 2012 Tournament with the best possible legal and political framework, in compliance with the international standards.**

*Project justification:* Ukraine is organising the Uefa Euro 2012 together with Poland.

*Duration:* 2008-2012

*Implementation status:* on-going project

*Funding status:* Partially funded through Ordinary budget Spectator violence convention', (2004/DG4/186) and anti-doping convention (2004/DG4/187), as well as the Enlarged partial agreement on sport, (2007/SO(DG4)/221) – assuming Ukraine will join the EPAS.

*Partners:* Council of Europe departments: Spectator violence convention / Anti-doping Convention / Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (provided Ukraine will join the EPAS) / Youth sector / possible co-operation with ECRI  
Other possible partners: Uefa, EU

*Objectives:*

Carefully monitor the implementation of the Spectator violence convention, by undertaking an evaluation visit, which will make specific recommendations.

Support the preparation and the organisation of a major sport event in compliance with the principles of good governance in sport and in line with an enlightened understanding of the concept of “autonomy of sport”.

Promote the development of fan coaching programmes in Ukraine and the networking of NGOs with international projects.

Plan and implement an overall plan on international co-operation related to the preparation of the UEFA Euro 2012, together with Polish authorities, the Council of Europe, UEFA and the EU.

Organise preparation and co-ordination meetings before the tournament, as well as an evaluation meeting on international co-operation following the event.

Advise the Ukrainian authorities in the development of its anti-doping policy.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Summary of financial information**

**Table 1 – Assistance projects/activities (2008-2011)**

Total number of projects: 43

<b>Type of project</b>	<b>OB (2008)</b>	<b>EC/CoE JPs (2008-2010)</b>	<b>VCs received</b>	<b>Total Funds secured</b>	<b>Additional funds required</b>
National	457 000	17 159 000	20 000	17 636 000	
Regional/ Multilateral	169 320	1 005 000	45 000	1 219 320	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>626 320</b>	<b>18 500 000</b>	<b>65 000</b>	<b>18 855 320</b>	<b>6 442 208</b>

TOTAL ACTION PLAN BUDGET: **25 297 320**

**Table 2**

<b>Type of project</b>	<b>Total Funds secured</b>	<b>Additional funds required</b>
1. Protection and Promotion of Human rights	1 495 500	2 500 000
2.Rule of law	15 998 000	516 000
3.Elections	70 000	80 000
4. Promoting the Democratic Process	318 000	1 900 000
5. Promoting Social Cohesion	290 000	701 000
6. Intercultural Dialogue, Culture, Education, Youth and Sport	683 820	736 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 855 320</b>	<b>6 442 208</b>