

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Eastern Partnership			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office , Ministry of Defence (MoD)		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Caucasus, Moldova and Belarus		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2017 – March 2018			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £3,100,000	Non-ODA : £375,000
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
Improving effectiveness, transparency and accountability of government and security sectors	FCO / MoD	Ministry of Defence, Council of Europe, UNDP, Women's Association for Rational Development	£823,000
Countering and reducing the effect of destabilising disinformation	FCO	Chai Khana, Go Group Media	£249,000
Increasing the space for constructive dialogue on conflict resolution	FCO	European Union, Organisation for Security & Co-operation in Europe, Conciliation Resources, Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, Public Agenda-Analyticon,	£1,164,000
Reducing the isolation and vulnerability of conflict-affected societies	FCO	HALO Trust ANAMA Hrant Dink Action Against Hunger Caucasian Knot	£839,000
Programme Delivery Costs	FCO	-	£400,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>The CSSF programme in the Caucasus began in 2015 and is now expanding to include Moldova and Belarus. The programme aims to improve the effectiveness and accountability of government and security sectors to increase trust in official structures and improve their responsiveness to citizens needs. It works to counter and reduce the effect of destabilising disinformation through the development of government strategic communications capability and supporting independent media platforms to enable them to counter disinformation. It helps increase the space for constructive dialogue on conflict resolution through supporting creative dialogue mechanisms and confidence-building measures to ensure the participation of leading official and civil society actors. Also it focuses on reducing the isolation and vulnerability of conflict-affected societies.</p>			

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

A more stable, resilient and reformed Eastern Partnership region is in the UK's national interest. Specifically UK programme funding is needed to support improvements in the governance and security sectors of these countries to enable them to develop their own systems to resist destabilising internal and external influences. The UK is one of the few donors with the combination of expertise and flexible programmes, which ensure its interventions are effective and responsive to a dynamic policy environment. The programmes are closely linked to wider UK policy objectives, including on countering disinformation and the fight against violent extremism in the Middle East and across wider Europe.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

We expect to help increase the effectiveness and level of government and security institutions and, in doing so, increase the public trust in them. Our support will help strengthen civil society so that they are better able to hold their governments to account. It will provide greater awareness and access to better, factual information and increase opportunities for conflict stereotypes to be challenged and reassessed. The programme will also facilitate increased government interaction with conflict resolution dialogue processes and improved trust and information sharing between conflict parties.