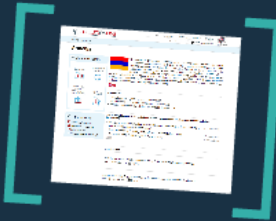




What comes next, challenges?

- update of the database
- monitoring of legislative changes in OSCE region (use of monitoring tools)
- translations (machine translations)
- solve needs and expectations
- cooperation, exchange of information and good practices
- technical aspects (e.g. using open source technologies)



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What's the idea behind the database?

- for legal experts - assistance in bringing legislation in line with international human rights standards
- for civil society activists
- for everybody seeking information

Legislationline.org
 ODIHR's online legislative database

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- Database's content includes international human rights treaties and:
- Amnesties, pardons and truth commissions
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Legislationline.org - basic information:

- online, free legislative database
- part of ODIHR activities in the area of legislative assistance
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ODIHR will facilitate cooperation:

- 1) Legal reviews
 - will take as input OSCE participating States' international human rights obligations and provide advice on legislative changes
 - will monitor legislative developments and provide advice on legislative changes
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- toolkit for lawmakers when drafting legislation on respective rights and freedoms,
- advocacy tool for civil society,
- reflect international human rights standards and good practices .

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02 August : Armenia amends its election legislation

On 31 July, Armenian President signed the law "On incorporating changes and addenda to the Election Code of the Republic of Armenia". On the same day he signed the law "On annulling the 22 December 2000 law on amendments to the Election Code of the Republic of Armenia".

01 August : The Russian President signed bill on prevention of extremist activities into law

On 28 July the Russian President signed the bill on prevention of extremist activities into law, which was passed by the Federation Council on 10 July and by the State Duma on 27 June. The law outlines a legal groundwork that allows organizations to be closed by a court ruling due to their extremist activities. A court may close or ban public, religious and other organizations under an application issued by the prosecutor general or the Ministry of Justice.

01 August : The President of Kazakhstan signed the law on political parties

On 15 July the Kazakh President signed the law on political parties four days after the Constitutional Court ruled that its provisions do not violate the country's basic law. Under the law a political party will be registered if it has at least 50,000 members (compared to the current 3,000.), each party must have at least 700 members in each of the 14 regions and in Astana and Almaty, and a political party will lose its status if it does not register for elections twice. All of the 19 political parties operating in Kazakhstan will undergo re-registration on new terms.

01 August : ECHR: violation of the right to a fair trial in the case of Papon v. France

On 26 July the European Court of Human Rights held in the case of Papon v. France, that the fact that the applicant forfeited his right to appeal on points of law to the Court of cassation, following his failure to surrender to custody, amounted to a violation of his right of access to a Court. [Press release](#)
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31 July : New citizenship legislation in Denmark

Danish Citizenship legislation has been changed on July 1st, 2002. [Legislationline](#)

30 July : UK Police Reform Act received royal assent on 25 July

The new Act sets out, among others, the formation of an Independent Police Complaints Commission to be established by April 2004 to investigate and oversee serious complaints against the police. The Commission is intended to encourage greater openness and transparency in complaints procedures, and will lead to increased confidence in the robustness of the complaints system. [More...](#)

30 July : UNHCHR human trafficking guidelines issued

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking has been issued on 20 May as an official document of the UN Economic and Social Council. [More...](#)

30 July : Denmark ratifies the European Convention on Nationality

On 24 July, Denmark has ratified the European Convention on Nationality. So far eight Member States of the Council of Europe (Austria, Hungary, Moldova, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden and now Denmark) have ratified the European Convention on Nationality, which entered into force in March 2000. Its entry into force in Denmark is to take place on 1 November 2002. [More...](#)

30 July : Bosnia & Herzegovina ratifies on 12 July key Council of Europe conventions, including the ECHR

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified on 12 July the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (entry into force : immediate), the Protocol No. 1 (entry into force : immediate), the Protocol No. 4, securing certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the first Protocol thereto (entry into force : immediate), the Protocol No. 6, concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty (entry into force : 01.08.2002), the Protocol No. 7 (entry into force : 01.10.2002) as well as the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as amended by its Protocols No. 1 and No. 2 (entry into force: 01.11.2002) and the European Charter of Local Self-Government (entry into force : 01.11.2002). [More...](#)

30 July : ECHR: violation of the right to free elections in the case of Sadak and Others v. Turkey

On 11 June the Court has notified in writing the Chamber judgment in the case of Sadak and Others v. Turkey. Facts and decision: members of a political party, the DEP (the Democracy Party), all elected to the Turkish Grand National Assembly, were arrested after their party was ordered dissolution by the Constitutional Court on the ground that it had infringed constitutional rules and the Law on Political Parties. Thereafter, some of the applicants were convicted by the Ankara National Security Court under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The Court of Cassation quashed the convictions of two applicants, but upheld the other applicants' convictions. In their application to the ECHR, the applicants raised a number of grounds (freedom of expression, freedom of association, non-discrimination, etc), but not the right to free elections under article 3 of Protocol n. 1; it is the Court, which ruled that the application should also be determined under this provision. In its ruling, the ECHR noted that the penalty imposed on the applicants was not proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued by the Turkish authorities (considering that since a constitutional amendment in 1995, only members of parliament whose words or deeds had caused the dissolution of a party lost their parliamentary mandates: dissolution of the party followed by automatic deprivation of their members' parliamentary immunity was a particularly harsh penalty). The Court further considered that the measure was incompatible with the very essence of the right to stand for election and to hold parliamentary office and that it had infringed the unfettered discretion of the electorate which had elected the applicants. It therefore held that there had been a violation of Article 3 of Protocol No. 1. [Press release](#)

30 July : ECHR: freedom of association can not be abused to obtain privileges afforded to minorities under the election law

On 18 July, the case Gorzelik and Others v. Poland (application no. 44158/98) has been referred to the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. The case concerns an attempt by the applicants and 190 others to form an association called the "Union of People of Silesian Nationality". The Polish authorities refused to register the association on the ground that both the intended name and certain provisions of the union's memorandum of association, which characterised Silesians as a "national minority", implied that their real intention was to circumvent the provisions of the electoral law. In its Chamber judgment of 20 December 2001 the Court held, unanimously, that there had been no violation of Article 11 (right to association). [Press release](#)
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26 July : Bulgarian Law on Combating Human Trafficking to come into force on 1st January 2003

The Law on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings brings the UN Protocol's definition of trafficking within the Bulgarian domestic legal order. The Act is focused on prevention measures and the protection of victims, with little emphasis on the prosecution of traffickers. The supervision of its effective implementation is entrusted to a national interministerial commission chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and topping a network of local commissions. The mandate of these commissions is broad: it includes the supervision of the penal anti-trafficking policy, the launching of raising-awareness campaigns and more importantly, the setting up of shelter houses or centres - but on the request of local authorities only - for victims of trafficking who will be allowed to stay for 30 days maximum (10 days + 20 more days upon approval by the local commission). In the event of a criminal procedure, this period may be extended until completion of the proceedings on the Prosecutor's order. [More](#)

26 July : Council of Europe adopts guidelines on human rights and the fight against terrorism

On 15 July, Deputies Ministers have adopted guidelines on human rights and the fight against terrorism. This document was developed as a recollection of the ECHR basic rules - and their interpretation by the Court - that have to be respected in a democratic society in its fight against terrorism. They have been finalised last April by the Group of Specialists on Human Rights and the Fight against Terrorism established in November 2001 under the authority of the Steering Committee on Human Rights. [Press release](#)
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Georgian Parliament Okayed Draft Amendments to Law on Political Unions of Citizens

Tbilisi, 6 June'07, [Caucasus Press] - The Parliament yesterday gave general approval to the draft amendments to the Law on Political Unions of Citizens.

The project author, Rati Samkurashvili MP, held a news conference after the plenary session and called the consensus reached at the session a real achievement.

He said that the bill aims to create conditions for healthy competition and ensure equal opportunities of political parties and their access to legal funding.

The bill defines the rule of financing of political unions of citizens by the state budget and donation mechanisms. The bill will be put to vote within the next few days.

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Jun 5, 2007

Andorra signs six Council of Europe treaties

(www.coe.int) On May 31, Ambassador Ricard Fiter Vilajoana, Permanent Representative of Andorra to the Council of Europe, signed in the presence of Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the following treaties:

- the Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
- Protocol No. 4 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, securing certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the first Protocol thereto (Protocol No. 4 secures certain rights and fundamental freedoms not included in previous texts (ETS Nos. 005 and 009): no deprivation of liberty for non-fulfilment of contractual obligations, right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose one's residence, prohibition of a State's expulsion of a national, prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens.)
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Opinion on Certain Provisions of the Criminal Code of Bulgaria Pertaining to Bias-Motivated Crime, "Hate Speech" and Discrimination (17 April 2018)

The Opinion appreciates Bulgaria's efforts to tackle bias-motivated crime, expression labelled as "hate speech" and discrimination, inter alia, through means of criminal legislation. Many of the provisions contain the main elements prescribed for these types of legislation by international human rights standards. However, the protected characteristics should be expanded and made consistent in all provisions dealing with bias-motivated crime. Specific penalty enhancements for a number of crimes which currently do not have such a clause, coupled with a general penalty enhancement explicitly referring to bias motivation would be a way to more effectively combat bias-motivated crimes and consider bias in sentencing for a wide variety of crimes, while specifically emphasizing the importance of correct identification, registration, investigation and punishment of such crimes. It is crucial that all criminal provisions avoid overly vague terms and are accessible, specific and foreseeable.

Joint Opinion on the Draft Law Amending the Law of the Republic of Armenia on "Freedom of Conscience and Religious Organisations" (20 March 2018)

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Joint Opinion on Two Draft Laws (no. 6674 and no. 6675) of Ukraine on Public Transparency of Information on Finance Activity of Public Associations and on the Use of International Technical Assistance (16 March 2018)

First, the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission welcome Ukraine's plans to cancel the e-declaration requirements for "anti-corruption activists", which were introduced by Law No. 6172 of 3 March 2017 amending the Law on Prevention of Corruption and which raise serious human rights issues; they also urge the authorities to ensure that the cancellation enters into force before the deadline of 1 April 2018 for submission of the first e-declarations. At the

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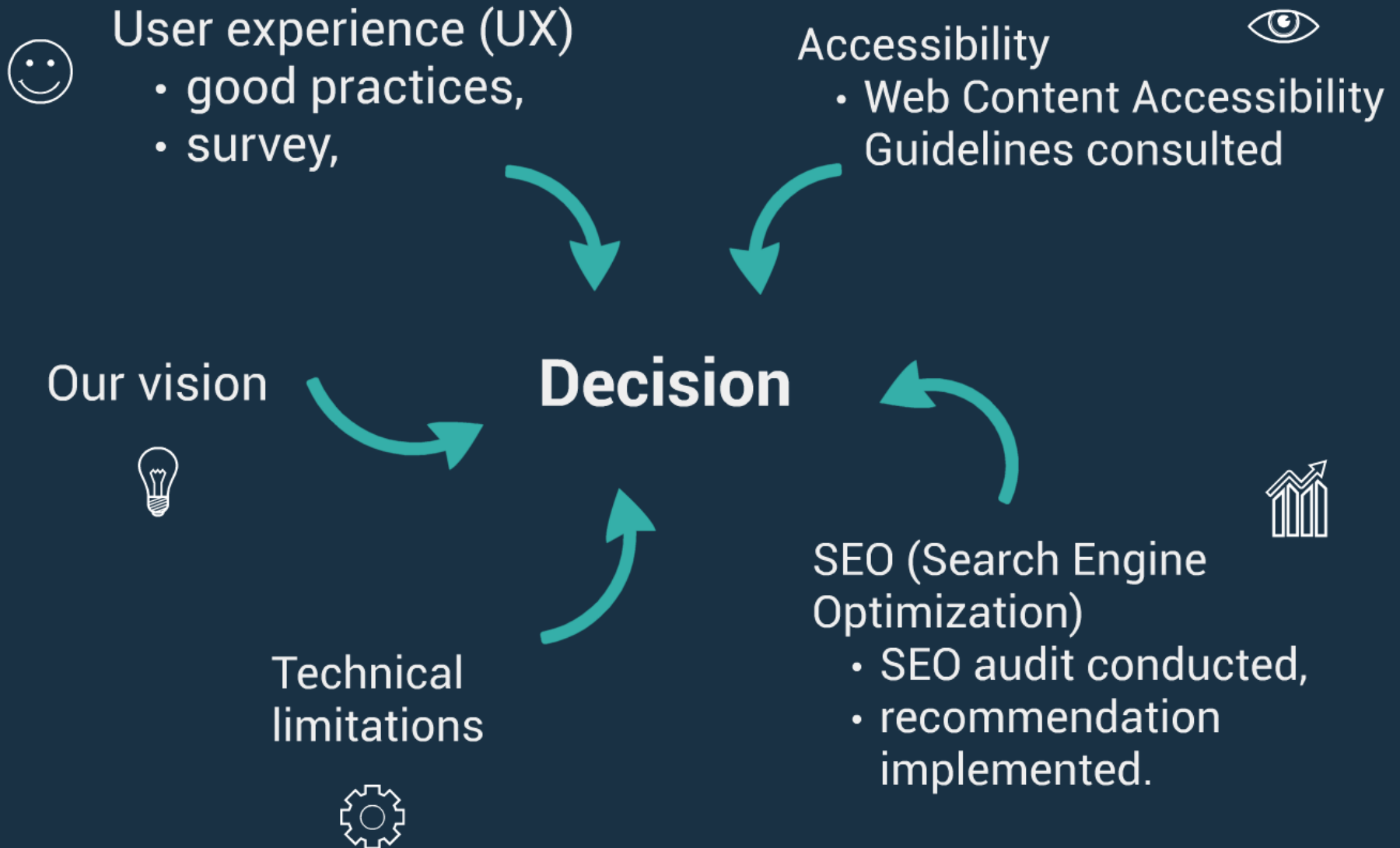
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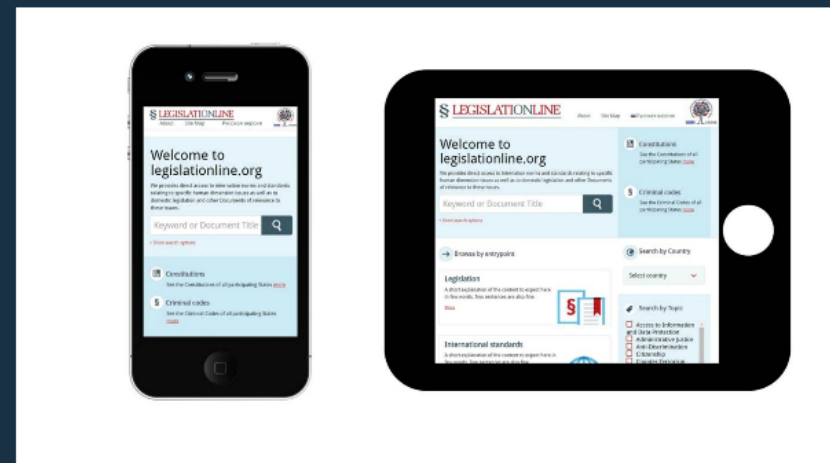
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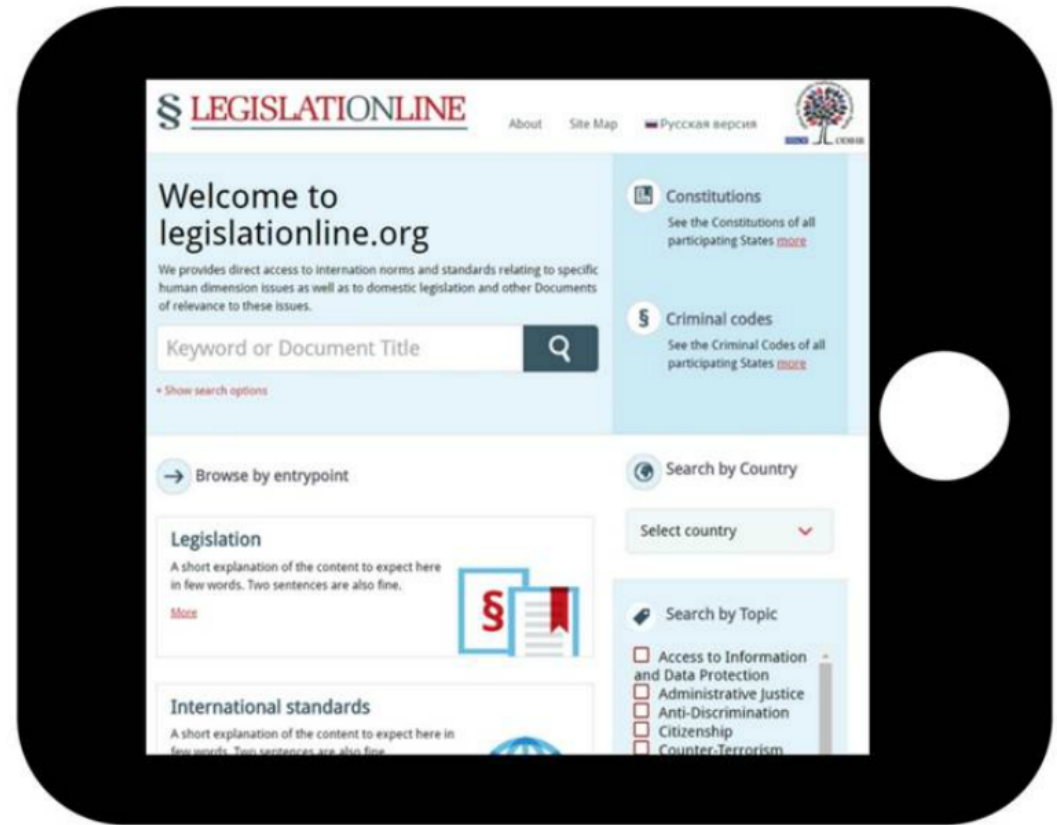
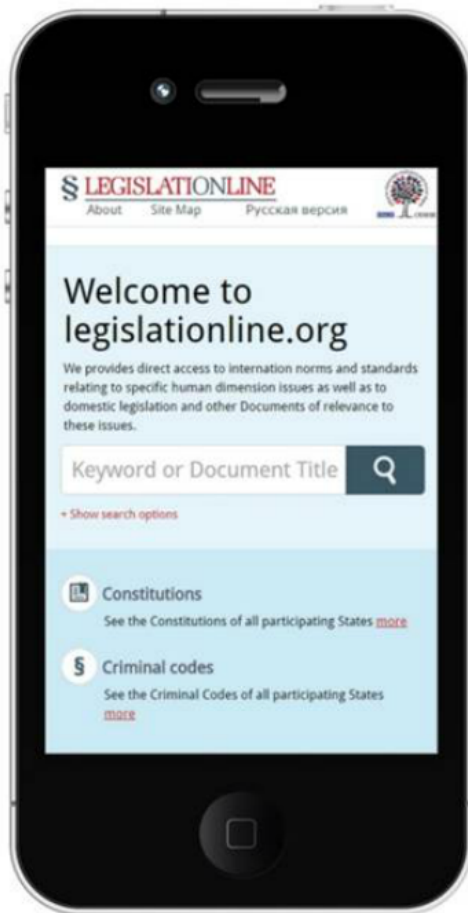
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The **system of government** in Armenia is that of a Parliamentary Republic. The current Constitution was adopted on July 5, 1995, by way of popular referendum and proclaims Armenia as being a sovereign, democratic State, founded on the principles of social justice and the rule of law. Article 3 of the Constitution establishes the office of the President, the National Assembly (Armenian Parliament) and local self-governing bodies as well as, the right of the people to vote at elections or referenda based on universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot. The Constitution also embodies the principle of separation of powers. State power is divided between the executive, legislature and judiciary.

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Armenia is:

- OSCE Participating State since 30 January 1992
- Member State of the United Nations since 2 March 1992
- Member state of the Council of Europe since 25 January 2001

Status of Ratification of the Main International Human Rights Treaties, Conventions and other instruments

- CoE Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and Financing of Terrorism (2008) 01 October 2008
- CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (2008) 01 August 2008
- Convention on the Political Rights of Women (1954) 24 January 2008

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Joint Opinion on the Draft Constitutional Law on Political Parties of Armenia (in English)

Date : 12 December 2016 English

Opinion on the Draft Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly of Armenia (in English)

Date : 02 December 2016 English

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Guidelines

In this section you can find all legislative guidelines developed by ODIHR to assist participating States in formulating legal frameworks that comply with OSCE commitments and other international standards. Guidelines provide good practice examples in their respective areas of specialization. Some of the Guidelines were prepared jointly with Council of Europe's European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission).



Making Laws Work for Women and Men: A Practical Guide to Gender-Sensitive Legislation (2017)

ODIHR's Making Laws Work for Women and Men: A Practical Guide to Gender-Sensitive Legislation looks at the legislative process as a vital entry point for gender mainstreaming, while taking into account the direct and tangible impact of legislation on people's lives. The Guide is primarily intended for members of parliament and parliamentary staff, and aims to offer practical guidance on what gender-sensitive legislation is, why it is important, what it consists of and how it can be integrated into routine parliamentary work.



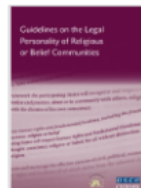
Joint Guidelines for Preventing and Responding to the Misuse of Administrative Resources During Electoral Processes (2016)

The Guidelines are aimed at assisting national lawmakers and other authorities in adopting laws and initiating concrete measures to prevent and act against the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes. Therefore, they are not intended as a set of hard rules. The guidelines among others build upon the OSCE/ODIHR's election observation findings and recommendations in respect of the misuse of administrative resources.



Guidelines on Freedom of Association (2014)

The joint OSCE/ODIHR and Venice Commission Guidelines on Freedom of Association aim to offer advice and expertise on how to legislate on freedom of association-related matters, in a manner that is compliant with international human rights standards and OSCE commitments. They also reflect evolving good state practices, and are intended to enhance awareness of the above right in general. They will offer a practical toolkit to legislators tasked with drafting laws which regulate or affect associations, but also to associations, members of associations and human rights defenders, to support advocacy in this field of human rights law.



Guidelines on the Legal Personality of Religious or Belief Communities (2014)

The purpose of these Guidelines is to ensure that those involved in drafting and applying legislation in the area of the freedom of religion or belief, including civil society representatives, have at their disposal a benchmark document containing minimum international standards in the area of recognition of religious or belief communities. The document does not seek to challenge established agreements between states and religious or belief communities but, rather, to delineate the legal framework that would ensure that communities wishing to do so have a fair opportunity to be granted legal personality, and that the criteria established are applied in a non-discriminatory manner.

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- update of the database:
 - monitoring of legislative changes in OSCE region (use of monitoring tools),
 - translations (machine translations?)
- user needs and expectations,
- co-operation, exchange of information and good practices,
- technical aspects (e.g. using open source technologies)

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