



**Eastern Partnership countries**

## Using Regional Synergies of the Eastern Partnership Countries in the Field of Quality Infrastructure

<b>Objective</b>	The aim of the project is to increase regional exchange between the national accreditation bodies and the market surveillance agencies of the Eastern Partnership countries in order to further adapt their activities and processes to international and European best practices.	
<b>Approach</b>	<p>The state of development in quality infrastructure, particularly in accreditation and market surveillance, differs from country to country in the Eastern Partnership region. Therefore, this project combines country-specific capacity development with exchanges to strengthen regional cooperation. The project partners are the national accreditation bodies and the market surveillance authorities of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.</p> <p>By building up networks for technical exchange between the partners as well as by actively applying technical know-how from the more highly developed countries, the six partner countries will become more harmonised and increasingly orient their accreditation and market surveillance systems toward international and European best practices. Bringing the partner institutions together with European accreditation bodies and market surveillance institutions improves their knowledge of the European system of quality control and consumer protection.</p> <p>The instruments which are being applied in order to achieve the project objective include consulting on technical and strategy development, training and coaching, networking activities, study trips to member states of the European Union, awareness-raising measures and organisational and process management.</p>	
<b>Impact</b>	<p>The existence and availability of consumer-oriented QI services that comply with international or European best practices improves the competitiveness of the economy as well as consumer safety. Thus, the project achieves a positive impact within the countries in two ways: it strengthens the integration of national companies into global value chains through a more effective accreditation system and it improves the quality of life through more efficient market surveillance procedures.</p> <p>At the same time, adapting the Eastern Partnership countries to the existing best practices supports the approximation of these countries to the EU and to regional and international quality infrastructure organisations.</p> <p>The project's contribution is in accordance with Agenda 2030, especially with regard to Sustainable Development Goal 8 "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all" and Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels".</p>	
<b>Cooperation</b>	Within the project, PTB will cooperate with relevant programmes of other development organisations such as the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), the European Union, the World Bank and UNIDO.	
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