



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Extended Legal Advising on framework environmental legislation for Armenia



Justitia, symbol for justice, also for the environment in Armenia

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#### Background

The project assisted Armenia with its environmental law reform, initiated a few years ago. It performed consultations on a general environmental law expected to harmonize and strengthen the existing environmental legislation of the country. In this second phase of the German-Armenian consultations the task was to transform the regulatory options for all chapters of the draft law discussed in the first phase of the project into concrete legal provisions. The draft law is guided by the European environmental legislation but at the same time takes account of the local economic, administrative and political conditions in Armenia.

#### Project details

The project supported the formulation of the provisions of the new Armenian law “on Environmental Policy”. The methodology between the German and Armenian experts comprised mutual commenting of proposed texts, missions to Armenia and joint discussions and workshops. Not only experts from Germany and the Armenian Environment Ministry, but also representatives from other institutions enhanced the expertise within the project and led to a higher degree of acceptability of the proposed texts. The result of the project is a draft of a general environmental law, ready to serve as a fundamental basis for a harmonized environmental legislation in Armenia. The next steps planned include the adoption of implementing legal acts and analyzing the extent of possible implications for particular environmental laws of Armenia from the newly proposed general environmental legislation. Along with the draft law, the Armenian Environment Ministry intends to give the drafts for the implementing acts and the amendments to the specific environmental laws into the departmental co-ordination and to start the legislative process.

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**Target country:** Armenia

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**Beneficiary:** Armenian Environment Ministry, Armenian legal and technical experts, representatives of other environmentally relevant Armenian Ministries

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