

UNDP RBEC Democratic Governance Practice Capacity Statement

The goal of Democratic Governance Practice is to strengthen the democratic process in Eastern Europe & CIS countries and help public institutions become efficient and accountable. It tracks governance policy, promotes knowledge sharing, innovation and leadership, and contributes to influencing the regional discourse on governance. The Practice serves as hub that link UNDP Country Offices and provides a wide range of services from advisory to programme management.

UNDP's Governance Practice in Europe and the CIS offers the latest approaches to [Local Governance and Decentralization](#) (LGD), [Public Administration Reform and Anti-corruption](#) (PAR-AC), and [Human Rights, Justice and Legal Empowerment](#) (HRJ-LE).

UNDP's capacity in the region to promote good governance is demonstrated through our portfolio of nearly **300 initiatives** in **31 countries** with an annual turnover of over **US\$ 91 million**.

We utilize the expertise of more than 100 governance professionals in UNDP Country Offices. In addition, we rely on 66 highly qualified external experts (vetted roster) and 160 practitioners from NGOs, academia and think tanks who partner with us.

We are also facilitating the following professional networks

- [Public Administration Reform](#)
- [CIS Ombudsman institutions](#)
- [Anti-corruption Practitioners](#)
- [Human Resource Management in Civil Service](#) in the Western Balkans
- [Ex-ante Policy Impact Assessment](#)

Made up of both internal and external experts, these networks are supported by **interactive online workspaces** and fully accessible **knowledge base**.

In addition to its own capacities, the regional practice can link to **UNDP experience and expertise present in 147 countries** with a portfolio of \$1.5 billion.

Our capacity to foster good governance

Project Portfolio

- Nearly 300 active projects in RBEC
- Total budget in 2010: over US\$ 91 million
- Total expenditure in 2009: US\$ 85 million

Professional Practitioners

- 4 regional Expert Advisers
- More than 100 Governance professionals in Country Offices
- 66 vetted governance experts
- Around 160 governance practitioners

Partners

- Hellenic Government
- Council of Europe
- National Human Rights Institutions
- Open Society Institute
- Association of Prevention of Torture

The specific *capacity areas* cover:

- [Human Rights, Justice, and Legal Empowerment](#): including support to National Human Rights Institutions and Ombudsmen, the application of the human rights-based approach to programming and social inclusion agenda, policy and programmatic support to access to justice, rule of law, and legal empowerment initiatives, engagements with the UN human rights machinery and expansion and consolidation of regional networks, and thematic knowledge hubs.
- [Local Governance and Decentralization](#): with focus on integrated local, community and area based development approaches, sustainable and resilient local development practices, mainstreaming of climate change into sub-national governance, eco friendly policies, planning and budgeting, innovative mechanisms of service delivery.
- [Public Administration Reform and Anti-Corruption](#): including policy formulation reform, strengthening capacity for public accountability and corruption prevention in the framework of the UN Convention against Corruption, civil service reform, public dialogue on impact of financial crisis from governance perspective, expansion and consolidation of regional networks, and the transfer of transition know-how to countries to the east.