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### **EU support for the Anti-Corruption efforts extended**

**The European Union extended for five months its programme of support to the Anti-Corruption Department of the Prosecutor General, acknowledging progress made since the programme inception in 2009.**

*"Corruption is a disease that the government is currently attempting to cure. The EU welcomes the Government's efforts and stands ready to support them notably through capacity-building and exchange of expertise and best practices",* said Ambassador Roland Kobia, Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The EU-funded Twinning Project *"Support for the Anti-Corruption Department with the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan"* initiated in September 2009 is implemented by the Lithuanian Special Investigation Service. It contributes to the ongoing capacity building of the Anti-Corruption Department and assists the Prosecutor General to delivery on the 2007 National Strategy on Increasing Transparency and Combating Corruption and the associated National Anti-Corruption Action Plan

Through a recent Presidential Decree, staff number of the Anti-Corruption Department was increased and additional funding was allocated for operational and intelligence activities. Matching those efforts, the EU has extended for 5 months the programme to support the General Prosecutor.



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