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Local Democracy Agency Georgia

Summary of the activities realised by the Local Democracy Agency Georgia – November-December

1. Grant Proposals

During reporting period several projects were presented to donor agencies:

- a) **Project IMERY – Joint Initiative of Municipalities of Imerety Regions** – Project proposal was submitted to the Eurasia Foundation open doors program.
- b) **The way forward for reforms in the housing sector: empowering grass-root homeowners associations in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine** – Full application was submitted to the European Commission. Applicant of the project is **Initiative Wohnungswirtschaft Osteuropa (IWO) e.V.**

Eurasia foundation accepted to fund the `project Imeri`. Project activities will start from February, 2015 till March, 2016.

2. Trans border cooperation with LDA Armenia – visit to Kutaisi

On the 19, 20, 21 November, 2014 delegation from Armenia attended the training organized in the frame of the project “Mobilized Civil Society for Local Democracy”.

The participants were:

- Mrs. Lusine Aleksandryan- "Local Democracy Agency" foundation Armenia
- Mr. Vahe Sargsyan- Communities Finance Officers Association of Armenia

It was very interesting cooperation, training was international. Participation of Armenian delegation made training even more interesting, it appeared that in most cases they are dealing with the same problems and challenges during their work. They really became the part of the team, despite the fact of the language barrier.

For LDAs – Georgia and Armenia, this visit was very important, during the brake there was a possibility to have a meeting and to share the information, discussion was held about the planned activities, some joint ideas were discussed. LDA Georgia found potential partner in Gardabani, Georgia for LDA Armenia, for trans-border cooperation project, which is announced by the EU. Some other funding possibilities were also discussed for joint projects of LDA Armenia and Georgia.

3. Visits to Strasbourg November, December



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On the 3-5th November, 2014 LDA Georgia Delegate took part in the Strasbourg club meeting. She was invited by Nawel Rafik Elmrini- vice mayor of city of Strasbourg. Kutaisi delegation was presented by: Beka Kancheli – deputy head of Kutaisi Sakrebulo, Ioseb Khakhaleishvili –deputy Governor of Imerety Region. This visit was very important and fruitful for LDA Georgia, on the 4th of November Nino Tvaltvadze made a speech and presented organization during club de Strasburg meeting. After presentation Mrs Milena Perpelea - director of international relations of Ploiesti Municipality, Romania expressed the will to become the new partner of LDA. **The communication in this regard with Ployesti Municipality continues.**

On 11-13 of December, 2014 with the invitation of Council of Europe, LDA Georgia Delegate took part in the closing event of COE project in Georgia regarding women participation in Politics, which was implemented by the Georgian NGO EMC.

Two women from Georgia, elected in the local municipalities, project manager Lina Gvinianidze, Mikheil Kechakmadze- COE representative in Georgia and Nino Tvaltvadze were participants of the event. The visit was very interesting, movie about hard life of women in Georgia was presented in the Council of Europe, several meetings were held with:

- Sedef Cankoçak
Secretary a.i. to the Current Affairs Committee
Congress of the Council of Europe;
- Carolina Lasen Diaz – Head of Gender Equality Unit – Drectorate General of Democracy,
Council of Europe;
- Women representatives of parliamentarian Assembly of COE; and e.tc.

It is planned to have wider cooperation of LDA Georgia and COE in 2015. During the visit some concrete aspects of collaboration were discussed.

4. Other activities:

- On 3rd of November, LDA Georgia Delegate took part as a facilitator in the National conference organized by the NALAG in the frame of the project “Mobilized civil society for Local democracy”.
- From 19-21 November, 4 day training was organized for the 36 representatives of Local Non-governmental organizations. Trainers were from ALDA – Irene Zanetti, Aldo Xhani, Ivana Dimitrovska, and Paula Rauzan – LDA Sisak Delegate.
- In the frame of the project “protected voice guarantee of effective self-governance” questionnaire was prepared for the focus groups.
- From November, 2014 LDA Georgia was moved to the office.



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