



## ***Brief summary of LDA foundation Armenia activities (January–July 2022)***

Gyumri

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### ***1. Proposals***

- ❖ In February “Local Democracy Agency” foundation submitted a proposal “Agents for Local Development” to the German Embassy in Armenia. The proposal aimed to promote community members capacities and skills in creation of businesses and start-ups as well as to foster community development and unemployment rates decrease via via education and innovative approach. */refused/*.
- ❖ In March “Local Democracy Agency” foundation submitted a proposal “Forum theatre – interactive and innovative way for public participation” to National Endowment for Democracy. The goal of the proposed action was to promote public participation in naming and framing of the problems via interactive tools and innovative approach empowering women role in decision-making processes. */refused/*.
- ❖ “Local Democracy Agency” applied to a call announced by The Black Sea Trust for regional cooperation. The proposal entitled “AdvocoVID- Advocacy for Vaccination against Covid” to promote people awareness and information sharing in the communities of Shirak region referring to the vaccination via innovative approaches and advocacy with the local authorities. In the frames of the project different advocacy and raising awareness campaigns were foreseen with the involvement of local authorities, community members, youth */refused/*.
- ❖ In May a call for proposals was announced by a consortium of international and national partners for emergency response projects. LDA Armenia sent a concept note “WINGS” for the first round to promote integration and labour opportunities for IDPs and families suffered from Artsakh war upscaling the improvement of lifestyle and adaptation to the new reality */refused/*.
- ❖ In July LDA foundation sent a proposal “SMart youth – Axis for Advanced Community” to the Embassy of Bulgaria in Armenia. The project overall objective was to empower youth with knowledge and capacities on future career entry via non-formal education and cultural approach */no response/*.
- ❖ ALDA in cooperation with the partners from Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia sent a concept note to European Commission “FUTURE - Fostering

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yoUth entrepreneURship in Eastern Europe” covering Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. /Still no response/.

### **❖ Meetings**

6th of May was an important and outstanding day for ALDA network as after 2 year's break there was a chance to implement General Assembly and related events in person. LDA Armenia delegate Lusine Aleksandryan was also invited to participate in General Assembly entitled “Supporting Local Democracy, Supporting Peace and Resilience” in sunny Strasbourg with ALDA partners, members, local authorities and CSO's representatives.



The Assembly appointed delegate from LDA Mariupol Tetiana Lomakina to become the chair of the event that was warmly welcomed by the audience. Support and Peace and Solidarity for Ukraine was the red line for all presentations and speeches. General Assembly approved agenda, protocols, financial reports.

General Assembly was the great occasion for LDA Armenia to meet international partners, colleagues for practice, experience and ideas sharing.

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- ❖ LDA Armenia delegate Lusine Aleksandryan and assistant Lilit Grigoryan were invited to the reception celebrating 30th anniversary of EU-Armenia diplomatic relations in Gyumri on 13th of May by European Union Delegation to Armenia.



- ❖ LDA Armenia delegate Lusine Aleksandryan and coordinator Lilit Grigoryan took part in the final conference of the project "Democratic development, Decentralization and Good Governance" implemented by Council of Europe office in Armenia on 20th of May. The conference was welcomed by Head of Office of Austrian Development Cooperation Mr. Klaus Kapper, Deputy minister of Territorial Development and Infrastructures Mr. Vache Terteryan. Two sessions were followed and moderated by Mr. Vahan Movsisyan and Mrs. Armine Tukhikyan referring to the project outcomes on the proposals for LA reforms,

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legal framework, successful projects. Niall Sheerin, Programme Coordinator of Centre of Expertise for Good Governance of Council of Europe, (Strasbourg) also mentioned the importance of the project, values and sustainability.



Being a member of the project Steering Committee Lusine Aleksandryan participated in the final meeting whereas the agenda, protocols were approved, the reports were presented and the members expressed opinions on the existing problems in local-self government for the future possible cooperation with Council of Europe.

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### ***❖ Projects***

#### **“Advocacy at the local level –Shirak” –LDA Armenia**

Two months of interesting and challenging work (December 2021-January 2022) were devoted to the implementation of the project “Advocacy at the local level-Shirak” in the frames of “Local Democracy School”. In cooperation with Communities’ Finance Officers Association /CFOA/ in the form of sub-granting “Local Democracy Agency” foundation implemented a series of meetings in consolidated communities of Shirak region with the participation of administrative leaders, council members, municipalities’ staff and active citizens.

Four meetings were held in Artik, Ani, Ashotsk enlarged communities to upscale the community issues according to the advanced proposed topics, get for further consideration via advocacy.



The meetings were of great importance as simple discussions and conversations with the locals give the image of reality from grass root perspective and reflects the needs and problems.

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The action is a part of large project that implements similar actions throughout Armenia in all regions at the local and regional level. The package of suggestions received from each region will be elaborated by the CFOA experts and sent to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure.



“School of Local Democracy” is established by Communities’ Finance Officers Association /CFOA/, Eurasia foundation and Information systems Development and

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Training centre in the frames of The Civic Engagement in Local Governance (*CELoG*) Program financed USAID.



### ***“Cooperation with Gyumri Youth Palace”***

In cooperation with Gyumri Youth Palace in the frames of "Youth Camp -Summer 2022" Local Democracy Agency" foundation conducted training and contest referring to nature protection, climate change and citizens' participation. More than 25 pupils of 12-16 ages were actively involved in the process. All pupils received small gifts for participation and first three places were awarded with books on nature protection and earth.





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Many, many thanks to Gyumri Youth Palace and director Lilit Makaryan for constant cooperation.

