



Strengthening capacities of the National Platforms (NP) of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)



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“Strengthening the Capacities of Non-State Actors - Actions in partner countries (Multi-country)”



Timeframe

Starting date – 01/12/12

30 months



Partners

- Office for Democratic Belarus, Belgium
- Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Azerbaijan
- Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF), Georgia
- Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Ukraine
- Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs of Belarus, organization registered in Lithuania
- Yerevan Press Club



Objectives

Overall objective is to strengthen and promote civil society organisations' role in reforms and democratic changes taking place in the EaP partner countries, through increased participation and monitoring in the fulfillment of EaP objectives

Specific objectives of the action are:

- Capacity building of National Platforms of the EaP CSF
- To foster active social dialogue between social partners as well as civil dialogue between private, public and civil society stakeholders
- To monitor developments in implementation of EaP goals
- To monitor developments in EU relations with the Partner countries



Estimated Results

- Stronger and more effective CSF National Platforms (NP), increased policy capacity and ability to provide well-timed, constructive contributions to the EaP intergovernmental platforms and expert panels;
- Organised monitoring process of the EU engagements undertaken by EaP governments on issues related to human rights, justice, economic integration, environment and other;
- Promotion of the Eastern Partnership initiative in six participating countries through information campaigns, organisations of public debates and discussions with participation of broader groups of EaP societies



Main Activities

- Regional Activities involving all 6 National Platforms (or few of them)
- Country Specific activities



Regional Activities (1)

Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance & Stability

a) Monitoring of election environment and elaboration of recommendations and means to ensure the fair elections (reports on Presidential elections in 2013 in Georgia, Presidential elections in Ukraine in 2014, Presidential elections in Azerbaijan in 2013, Parliamentary elections in Moldova in 2014). Results of the monitoring reports will be presented to the EU Institutions, analytical community, partner countries' governments and other interested parties.

b) Monitoring problems and challenges of local authorities (especially the decentralisation strategies implemented in few partner countries)

c) Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategies in partner countries

Budget – 70 000

Regional Activities (2)

Economic Integration and convergence with the EU Policies

- a) Facilitate the social dialogue between partner countries' governments and Trade Unions
- b) Monitoring the DCFTA negotiations, challenges and opportunities related to it

Budget – 30 000

Regional Activities (3)

Environment, Climate Change and energy security

- a) Monitoring the implementation of ENP in the field of sustainable development and environment protection, providing the relevant recommendations, shadow reports
- b) Monitoring energy policies and challenges for formation of sustainable energy system, including development of renewables, Energy efficiency, Climate Change mitigation and adaptation issues, natural disasters management and Eco refugees
- c) Work to ensure public participation in decision making and implementation of Aarhus Convention

Budget – 50 000

Regional Activities (4)

People to people working group will focus on

- a) Support the non-formal education, creation legal environment and development of opportunities for volunteerism
- b) Involvement of youth in decision making at all levels

Budget – 30 000



Country Specific activities, Armenia

- Meetings of the working groups
- Annual conference of the National Platform
- Awareness campaign
- Development of the web page

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Country Specific activities, Azerbaijan

- Capacity Building and Awareness Campaigns to Acceleration of Azerbaijan Accession to the WTO
- Promoting policy convergence in priority areas in Azerbaijan to support European Integration within the EU Eastern Partnership Initiative
- Holding of Online portal to promote information sharing
- Open CSOs Trainings
- Support web site www.eap-csf.az

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Country Specific activities, Belarus

- National Conferences of the Belarus' CSF National Platform
- Raising Awareness activities
- Expert meetings on the EaP/ Dialogue on Modernization development for Belarus
- Working Groups activities
- Expert meetings
- Special web-page of the Belarus' CSF National Platform will be launched

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Country Specific activities, Georgia

- Capacity building of Civil society groups affiliated with National Platform
- ✓ *Capacity Building and Awareness Campaigns on EU Georgia DCFTA negotiations*
- ✓ *Trainings on Budget monitoring*
- ✓ *Training on local governance and local authorities monitoring*
- ✓ *Green Economy in Georgia*
- Informational Campaign for public awareness raising
- Cultural Heritage
- Web page

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Country Specific activities, Ukraine

- Capacity Building of Ukrainian National Platform of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
- ✓ *Performance of Secretariat*
- ✓ *National Platform Conference*
- Capacity building of NGOs – participants of National platform: conduct of “Eastern Partnership School of European Integration”
- Rising awareness of society on the public involvement into EaP
- Dialogue for the implementation of EaP roadmap
- Web page

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Country Specific activities, Moldova

- Capacity building of Civil society groups affiliated with National Platform
- Promotion of the EaP initiative and European Integration issues
- Tripartite meetings between Government, National Platform and EU
- Strengthening cooperation between CSOs and social partners
- Web page

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Project Management

- Project team meetings
- Steering Committee meetings
- Interim and Final Reports
- Seminars in Brussels for the purposes of training, exchange of experience and networking
- Monitoring of the actions
- EaP related meetings



Steering Committee

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