### NEWSLETTER

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Monthly activities





The purpose of this Newsletter is to inform the interested parties about the activities carried out by the organization during February.

#### THE MISSION OF LDA GEORGIA

The mission of LDA Georgia is to strengthen local democracy and civil society, support democratic reforms in Georgia and to develop new and innovative approaches to local and national challenges, by co-operating with the local and international stakeholders.

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# Training for the youth council of Baghdati municipality

With the support of the European Union and organized by Imereti Regional Hub - Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) and Education Development and Employment Center (EDEC), a training was held of the youth council of Baghdati municipality on the topic "youth participation and development".

The training covered the following topics:

- Youth participatory policy;
- Forms of participation and involvement of young people in local self-government;
- Practical examples of youth participation in the implementation of local self-government;

At the end of the training, group work was held - about participation levels.

The meeting was held within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", which is supported by the European Union (EU) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).



# Seminars for the youth club of Terjola municipality



Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", hold seminars of the youth club in Terjola municipality.

Seminars included issues such as:

- The democratic functions of civil society;
- Theories of social capital;
- Opportunities for citizen involvement in the decision-making process;
- The importance and role of civil society;

The aim of this activity is to change the attitudes of young people / students towards civil society and community organizations, to promote volunteering among young people and to increase their interests in the activities of civil society organizations.

The club was established by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

#### Training on advocacy campaign

Within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", LDA Georgia conducted training on the importance, role, stages, methods and specifics of advocacy for sunday school students of the Georgian Young Lawyers Association of the Kutaisi branch.

The following issues were discussed at the training:

- What is advocacy?
- Types of Advocacy
- · Basic elements of advocacy
- Identifying the problem of advocacy, the specifics and stages of advocacy;

The trainings are being conducted by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



## Youth Initiatives Support Program in Baghdati



Local Democracy Agency Georgia actively works with the Youth Council of Baghdati municipality. Within the framework of this mutual cooperation, with the support of LDA Georgia, the Youth Council developed the "Youth Initiatives Support Program".

The program, which was presented and discussed with the representatives of the City Hall and the City Council, was successfully reflected in the 2023 budget of Baghdati municipality.

The goal of the program is to promote the development and well-being of young people in Baghdati municipality, so that they can fully realize their potential and be actively involved in public life.

The development of the mentioned program was made possible within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

# Award ceremony of the competition "This country is yours"

On the 14th of February final event of the competiotion "This Country Is Yours" was held.

7 winners of the competiotion were rewarded with various presents.

LDA Georgia actively participated in arrangement of meetings and information campaign to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the competition.

The competiotion was held by Civil Society Institute, within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



#### Russian Law is not the Will of Georgia

Russian Law is not the will of Georgia Since 2007, LDA Georgia has served to self-government strengthen the country and increase citizens' involvement in the decision-making process, development of public officials' capabilities and inclusive policies. increase in the quality and availability of

social services, gives young people the opportunity to participate in various exchange programs. It also supports the activities of the Imereti Regional Hub, which aims to strengthen civil society as an independent, sustainable, resilient and accountable actor throughout the country.

LDA Georgia expresses its protest against the submission to the parliament of the draft law "On transparency of foreign influence" prepared by several deputies in the majority.