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General Assembly of ALDA



In June , 2023, the General Assembly of ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy) was held in Brussels.

This was one of the most important events of the whole year, where colleagues, members and partners of ALDA will come together for fruitful exchanges on key EU priorities, sharing knowledge and best practices on themes such as migration, inclusion, gender equality, environmental protection, sustainable development and human rights.

The opening of the Assembly was conferred to the vice-president of the European Commission, Ms. Dubravka Suica, which was followed by a fruitful exchange of opinions and questions by members and partners in the hall. Extremely interesting and insightful speeches were also delivered by our guests the President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Mr. Leendert Verbeek; the Head of Unit of the programme Europe for Citizens, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), Mr. Gilles Pelayo; and the Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative, Mr. Ugo Poli.

Indeed conferences, round tables and workshops were organized. All Festival's events will be focusing on the role of local democracy, participatory mechanisms and citizens engagement.

At the event, the activities carried out by the local democracy agencies of the Association (ALDA) in 2022 were reviewed.

The Assembly concluded with the official presentation to the audience of the Advisory Board members, a selected group of persons which thanks to their expertise in different fields will closely follow the work of the organization.





The General Assembly of ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy) held in Brussels in June 2023 was attended by the Executive Director of the organization Local Democracy Agency Georgia, Nino Khukhua. Nino Khukhua was one of the speakers of the event panel, “Local Democracy in the context of a renewed geopolitical framework in the Eastern Partnership Countries” , where the executive

Geopolitical Framework in the EAP Countries

director of LDA Georgia gave a speech to the audience. After the valuable insights shared by the panelists, interesting discussions took place.

Meeting in Terjola Municipality



Within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", LDA Georgia held a meeting with the members of the gender equality council of Terjola municipality about public and private cooperation.

The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

- General overview of corporate social responsibility;



- The importance and positive results of corporate social responsibility;
- State and corporate responsibility;
- State agencies and civil society organizations;

The meeting 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.



On June 23, 2023, within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative" a study visit was held to the social enterprise "Free Space" and the civil society organization "Education, Development and Employment Center" of the Adjara region.

Organizations participating in the mentioned activity had the opportunity to receive information about

Job Shadowing in Adjara Region

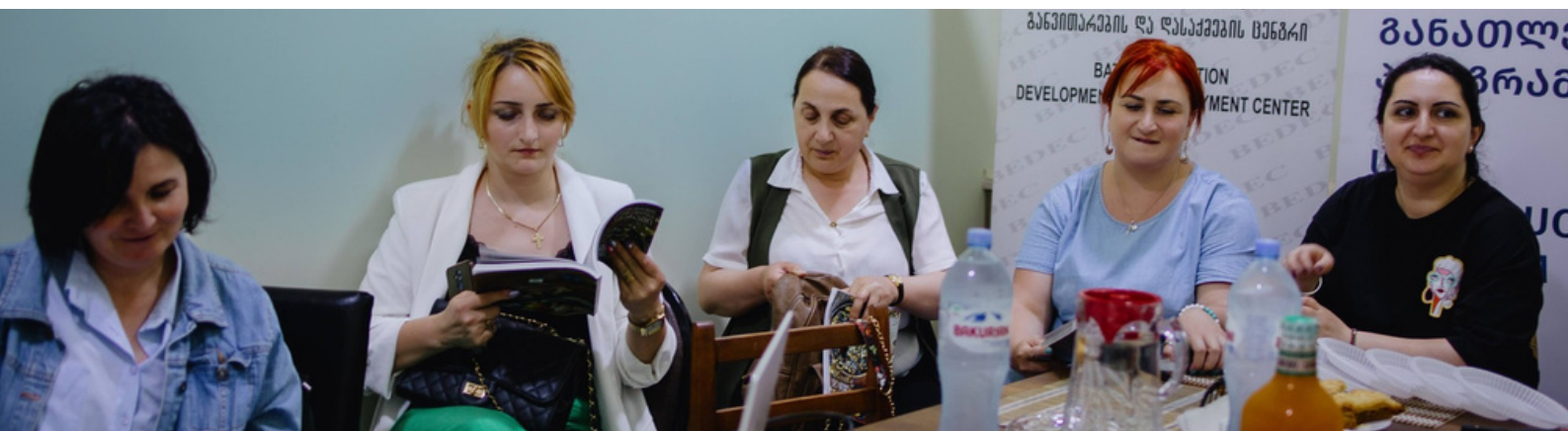


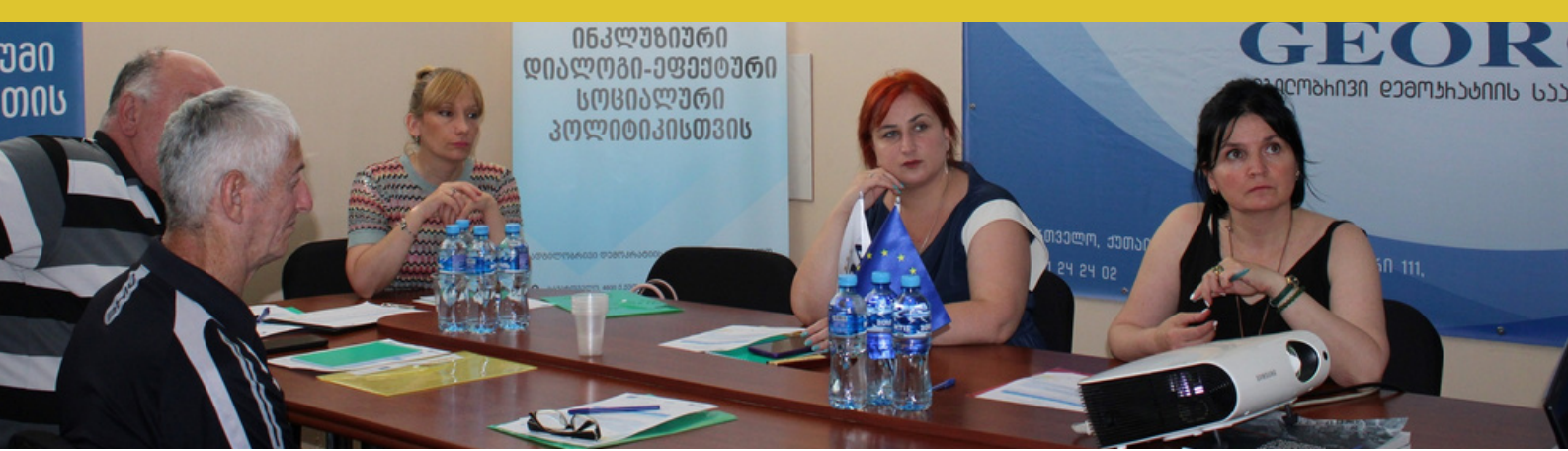
the creation and efficiency of social enterprises operating in the bordering regions. Also, they were introduced to successful examples.

As a result of the activity, the experience of CSO's / CBO's representatives of the Imereti region increased in the direction of management and development of the organization.

The study visits are being organized within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

Imereti Regional Hub thanks Free Space and BEDEC for hosting the study visit.





Financial Management of Projects

Within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", LDA Georgia conducted training on the financial management of projects with representatives of CSO's/CBO's and interested people of the Imereti region. The following issues were discussed at the training:

- The essence/definition of non-commercial non-entrepreneurial legal entities;

- Types of income of non-commercial non-entrepreneurial legal entities;
- Compulsory taxes of non-commercial non-entrepreneurial legal entities;
- Form and terms of submission of income declaration to the Revenue Service;
- List of primary financial documentation (invoice, contract, acceptance-handover act)

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The young people sent to Italy by LDA Georgia within the framework of the Erasmus + project "S.H.O.W. RESPECT" held a meeting with the young people in order to share their knowledge and experience gained as a result of the training course.

Meeting with Youth

The project "S.H.O.W RESPECT" aimed to raise awareness on the issue of gender-based violence, using theatrical techniques. Participants from six countries (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Armenia, Jordan and Georgia) were involved in the exchange program.





"This country is yours"

Civil Society Institute in Imereti held the presentation of the youth competition "This country is yours". The theme of this year's competition is - Georgia is Europe!

The meeting was attended by guests who spoke to the young people about the importance of Georgia joining the European Union and the benefits that the country will receive. Also about the proximity of European identity and values and that Georgia is Europe. LDA Georgia actively participated in arrangement of meetings and information campaign. The competition is held within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative" financed by the European Union and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

