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აღიარებულია ევროკავშირის სანაბნებო სტანდარტად

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

## WHAT IS 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 stakeholder

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## Public discussion in Tskaltubo municipality



On July 22, 2022, with the support of the European Union and the organization of the Imereti Regional Hub - Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia), a public meeting was held on the topic "Causes of Migration and Employment Opportunities in the Imereti Region". The meeting was held in the City Hall of Tskaltubo Municipality. The meeting was opened by the executive

director of the organization, Nino Khuhua. Speakers invited to the public meeting spoke on the following topics:

International Organization for Migration (IOM) regional representative in the Imereti region, Natia Akhalaia - causes of internal and external migration in the regions; Education Development and Employment Center (EDEC), chairwoman of the board, Lika Kiladze - employment opportunities in the Imereti region and existing challenges; Representative of the State Employment Promotion Agency in the Imereti region, Eka Lezhava- state policy in the direction of development of youth employment opportunities.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the civil society organizations of the Imereti region, the youth department of the municipality and young people. Imereti Regional Hub plans to organize similar meetings in the coming months, where various topics / issues for the public will be discussed.

The goal of the Imereti Regional Hub is to strengthen civil society as an independent, sustainable, transparent, and accountable development actor across Georgia.

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

## Job shadowing in Batumi and Ambrolauri municipalities

On July 5 and 8, 2022, within the framework of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative" project, job shadowing were organized in Adjara and Racha-Lechkhumi Lower Svaneti regions. Representatives of local civil society organizations visited the "Independent Journalists' House " in Batumi municipality, and the offices of fund "Abkhazintercont" and "Adult





Education Centre" in Ambrolauri municipality. During the visits, the participating organizations were given the opportunity to receive information about the establishment and implementation of civil society organizations operating in the border regions. Also, get acquainted with 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 circle of contact persons in the form of organizations working in the bordering regions has also increased.

We would like to thank "Independent Journalists' House", fund "Abkhazintercont" and "Adult Education Centre" for hosting. 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.



## Training for CSO's/CBO's and active citizens



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 the members of CSOs/CBO's and active citizens in the target municipalities. 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;



## Meeting with public servants in Chiatura municipality

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", held meeting with the public servants who are responsible for relations with civil society organizations in Chiatura municipality. The aim of the meetings is to promote the role of civil society in public policy. The similar meetings are planned in all municipalities of the Imereti region.



The meetings are being organized 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.

## Meeting with CSO's and CBO's in Tkibuli municipality



Local Democracy Agency Georgia, within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", provided consultations to the representatives of civil society and community organizations in Tkibuli municipality.

At the meeting was presented the results of the research conducted by CSI, which related to the tax environment of the civil society organizations; was provided consultations on management issues of the organization in order to strengthen them; was given the information about the grant competitions announced in Imereti region. Similar meetings will be held in the municipalities of the Imereti region.

The meetings are being organized 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.

# Meeting with the members of the Baghdati Youth Council

Local Democracy Agency Georgia held a working meeting with the members of the Baghdati Youth Council.

The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss the municipal program developed based on the needs of local youth. The municipal youth program prepared based on the initiatives of the council members will be submitted to the municipality for further consideration.



The Baghdati Youth Council is being strengthened within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

## Trainings for members of youth council

From July 27 to August 4, the representative of the Imereti Regional Hub - Local Democracy Agency Georgia, together with the members of the Youth Council of Baghdati Municipality, participated in trainings aimed at increasing the competence of the members of the Council. The trainings were held in three stages. At the first stage, the participants had the opportunity to study the essence and characteristics of the project, project application forms, budgeting, the importance of community



mapping, mapping methodology, identifying problems and highlighting needs, cooperation with local self-government.

The second stage of the training was devoted to the development and management of relationships, the role of volunteerism in promoting global citizenship.

At the third stage, the participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the principles of active citizenship, human rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the specifics of advocacy and work on an action plan. Six (6) members of the youth council of Baghdati municipality attended the trainings. Certificates were given to the participants for successfully completing the training.

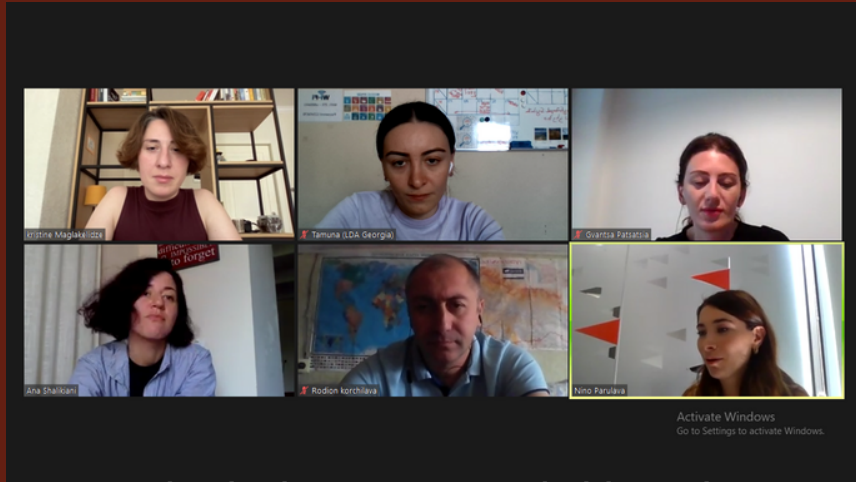
The training was organized by the Education Development and Employment Center (EDEC), within the framework of the European Union (EU) and Konrad-Adenauer-



Stiftung (KAS) funded project "Civil Society STAR Initiative: Sustainable, Transparent and Accountable Civil society Organizations (CSOs) for the Development of Georgia".

## Support for newly created organizations

Within the scope of development support of organizations, the real needs of organizations in the field of human resources management were identified. Accordingly, the Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia (CSRDG) investigated the company "Crystal", which expressed its desire to help in



pro bono consulting. On July 25, 2022, an individual meeting was held on the Zoom platform between the representatives of the company Crystal and the organization "Georgian Laboratory" with relevant needs. At the meeting, emphasis was mainly placed on the following: proper management of human resources; staff list; recruitment of employees; development of employees' abilities and management of activities; increasing the motivation of existing employees; Stress factors in the organization.

In addition to the mentioned meeting, communication took place between the representatives of the Consultation and Training Center (CTC) and the organization "Georgian Laboratory" in July. The topic of communication was discussion of the working version of the organization's strategic development document.

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

## Online citizen feedback platform

Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Georgia is actively working on strengthening the online citizen feedback platform in the six (6) municipalities of the Imereti region. This is the platform for governments to demonstrate a commitment to greater citizen engagement. Citizen

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თუ გინდა შეხვედრა პროგრამის განვითარების საფორუმოზე, მოგვუხმე და ამასთანავე დაგეგმილი თვეში მოახერხებ შეხვედრებს არსებული საჭიროებების შესახებ. მანის შეხვედრების რეგულარული ვა - ვაშინში მოგვები მოქალაქეთა უკუკავშირის ბანკში.

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feedback is an important means by which government engages with citizens. Local authorities will use this form of communication, which requires relatively less human

resources, to measure the effectiveness of municipal services. The purpose of creating the online platform is to evaluate the service/program implemented by the municipality from the citizens side. The platform will be a good opportunity for a citizen living in the municipality, who has already benefited from specific programs/services of the municipality, to record electronically his/her opinion on the usefulness of the provided service or program. In addition to social programs, youth and infrastructural programs were introduced on the platform.



The design and content of an informational booklet was created detailing the purpose of online citizen feedback platform and the stages of using the platform.

The purpose of the creation of the informational booklet is to provide information to the population about the above mentioned platform and to determine the steps that must be taken by

the citizen in order to evaluate the program that he/she has used. In terms of visualization, through the booklet, citizens will have the opportunity to easily access the platform and evaluate the desired program. The informational booklet will be distributed at the information meetings that will be organized in the administrative units of the municipalities.

The universal questionnaire will be developed for the evaluation of the new youth and infrastructural programs, which is made up of selectable/marked questions, and citizens will also have the opportunity to leave a comment.