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Purpose of this newsletter is to inform the interested parties about activities carried out by the organization during the December.

A 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.

"Strengthening Participatory Democracy and Human Rights at the Local Level in Georgia"

Nino Khukhua, Executive Director of LDA Georgia, participated in a Council of Europe event entitled "Strengthening Participatory Democracy and Human Rights at the Local Level in Georgia", where she spoke about current practices and trends in citizen involvement and participatory mechanisms at the local government level.



Regional conference on citizen engagement mechanisms

Local Democracy Agency Georgia within the framework of the grant "Increasing the Quality of Citizen Involvement in Local Self-Government" held a regional conference on citizen engagement mechanisms, which was attended by grant donor organizations, invited speakers, members of the local self-government of Imereti region and the initiative group created within the framework of the grant.

The regional conference aimed to share best practices and existing challenges on each engagement mechanism with the participation of different municipalities in the Imereti region, as well as a part of the conference dedicated to presenting the results and achievements of the implemented grant.



The second part was dedicated to the importance of ensuring citizen engagement mechanisms and sharing of best practices by the representatives of Imereti municipalities, also an online citizen's feedback platform was presented.

This regional conference was implemented within the framework of the grant "Increasing the Quality of Citizen Involvement in Local Self-Government" by Local Democracy Agency Georgia with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Georgia.

Training on the specifics of advocacy

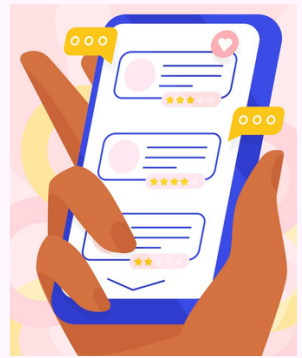
Within the framework of the project "Civil Society Initiative". The Local Democracy Agency Georgia, as a regional hub of Imereti, held a training on advocacy for civil society representatives in December this year for active citizens and young people.

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



An online citizen's feedback platform

Within the framework of the grant "Increasing the Quality of Citizen Involvement in Local Self-Government" an online citizen's feedback platform was created as a pilot for Vani, Khoni, Kharagauli, Samtredia, Baghdati and Tskaltubo municipalities. The purpose of creating an online platform is to evaluate the services / programs implemented for the citizens by the municipality. The platform will be a good opportunity for a citizen living in the municipality, who has already used the specific services of the municipality, to express their opinion electronically on the usefulness of the service or program.



The platform is developed in Georgian, built into the municipality official web site and is in line with the design of the existing website of the municipality, adapted for smartphones and tablets.

A universal questionnaire has been developed for the evaluation of the municipal program or service, which consists of selective questions and the citizen also has the opportunity to leave additional comments. After receiving the answers, in order to receive statistical information, the platform will automatically summarize the percentage of answers to the "mark" questions.



Consultations to representatives of civil society and community organizations in Chiatura municipality

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

At the meeting was presented the results of the research conducted by the organization, which related to the challenges and needs faced by civil and

community organizations as a result of COVID 19, 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.

Meetings with public servants in Tskhaltubo

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in the framework of the project "Civil Society Initiative", held meeting with the public servants who are responsible for relations with civil society organizations in Tskaltubo 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 Imereti region.



The meeting is being organized by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.