

NEWSLETTER

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



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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Job shadowing in Ambrolauri municipality

On September 16, 2022, within the framework of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative" project, job shadowing was organized in Ambrolauri municipality. Representatives of local civil society organizations visited the office of fund "Abkhazintercont" in Ambrolauri municipality.



During the visit, the participating organizations were given the opportunity to receive information about the experience of the organization, implemented and ongoing programs. 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. 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.

Seminars of the youth club in Khoni municipality

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", hold seminars of the youth club in Khoni municipality. The speaker - Ketevan Kukhianidze conducted four seminars on the following issues: the democratic functions of civil society; theories of social capital;



the relationship between social capital and civil society; the e-participation and democracy; opportunities for citizen involvement in the decision-making process; the importance and role of civil society; civil movements in Eastern Europe ("Czech Story", "Romanian Story").

Seminars included hands-on exercises and small presentations.

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 about 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 young representatives of civil society organizations 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 Baghdati youth council

Local Democracy Agency Georgia held a meeting with the members of the Baghdati Youth Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the support program for youth initiatives developed for Baghdati municipality and reflect it in the next year's budget. Representatives of the Education, Culture and Sports Department of the City Hall attended the



meeting together with the council members. 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.

Provided consultations to representatives of civil society and community organizations in Terjola municipality



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

Provided consultations to representatives of civil society and community organizations in Vani municipality

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", provided consultations to youth, representatives of civil society and community organizations in Vani 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; was given the information about creating citizen feedback platform. Similar meetings will be held in the municipalities of 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.

Informational meetings about the online citizen feedback platform



Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Georgia actively continues to increase the quality of citizens' involvement in local self-government through the online citizens' feedback platform. Based on this, informational

meetings were organized in the three administrative units of the target municipalities - Baghdati, Khoni, Vani, Samtredia, Tskaltubo, Kharagauli.

An informational booklet was distributed at the meetings and a practical presentation was made on how to fill in the questionnaire and how the received answers are converted into a quantitative indicator.

The purpose of the online citizens' feedback platform is to evaluate the social, youth, infrastructural programs/services implemented by the municipality from the citizens' side. In addition, the mentioned platform gives the population the opportunity to identify the existing need in the municipality and indicate their opinion/recommendation regarding the ways to solve the problem. In total eighteen (18) meetings were organized.

Erasmus+ project "YOU.TH"

LDA Georgia - Local Democracy Agency Georgia is a partner of the Erasmus + project funded "YOU.TH". Within the framework of the project, the organization selected four young people who were attending training courses in Morfasso, Italy. During this visit participants had the opportunity to express themselves as the actors and destroy stereotypes on the stage, getting some theater

experience as well, to discover that theater can help people to explore their identity and understand better the topic of discrimination and social inclusion.

"YOU.TH" was meant to equip young workers with methodologies and practices used mostly in the field of theatre which can be applied in NFE to implement inclusive activities.

In this youth exchange program 34 (thirty four) youth workers from eight different countries (Italy, Spain, Georgia, Portugal, Ukraine, Armenia, Jordan, the Republic of North Macedonia) learned together in 7 (seven) days of training course in Morfasso (Italy). The training courses started on September 5 (five) and continued until September 11 (eleven).

