

Newsletter



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

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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Civil Society Regional Forum

Organized by Imereti Regional HUB – Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) and Education Development and Employment Center (EDEC), Akaki Tsereteli State University hosted a Civil Society Regional Forum in Kutaisi. The main purpose of the forum was to promote a culture of



volunteerism, to attract potential donors and to strengthen civil society in the Imereti region. The first panel was dedicated to the needs and challenges facing civil society, as well as to the presentation of the concept of CSOs' transition to public funding.

The second panel interlinked the potential donors and civil society organisations. On the one hand, invited donor organisations: German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Embassy of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Europe Foundation, presented their grant programs, and on the other hand, civil society organisations were given the opportunity to participate in the Q&A session, to get familiarised with the works of the CSOs, and to plan the future collaborations.

During the third panel of the forum, the volunteering challenges and opportunities in Georgia were discussed.

Moreover, within the framework of the forum, an exhibition of Imereti-based CSOs was organised where they presented their current works and activities. The forum was attended by more than 300 people.

The forum was attended by local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), students, donors, representatives of region as well as self-governments and media outlets.

The forum was organised within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative: CSO's as Sustainable, Transparent, and Accountable and Resilient Development Actors in Georgia", supported by the European Union (EU) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).

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 identify the needs of local youth.

Based on the initiatives of the council members, two municipal youth programs will

be prepared, which 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.

Meeting with the public servants in Sachkhere 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 Sachkhere 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.

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 the members of CSOs and 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.

Erasmus+ project "YOU.TH"

Local Democracy Agency Georgia is a partner of the Erasmus + project funded "YOU.TH", where it can send Georgian participants.

For this youth exchange program LDA Georgia selected four participants to be involved. "YOU.TH" is 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 youth workers from eight different countries (Italy, Spain, Georgia, Portugal, Ukraine, Armenia, Jordan, the Republic of North Macedonia) will learn together in 7 days of training course in Morfasso (Italy).

LDA Georgia hosted the intern from Zugdidi municipality

The Imereti Regional Hub-Local Democracy Agency Georgia hosted an intern from the organization operating in Zugdidi municipality - "International Business School". During four days (June 27-30), she had the opportunity to familiarize herself with the organization's activities, mission and vision. Despite the short term of the internship, LDA Georgia created all conditions for the intern to gain practical experience in organizational development issues such as organization administration, planning/organizing activities, financial sustainability, implemented/current projects and others.

