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About Us

The “Commitment to Constructive Dialogue” project is funded by the European Union and implemented by a consortium of six civil society organisations (CSOs):

- Armenian Lawyers' Association (lead organisation),
- International Centre for Human Development,
- SME Cooperation Association,
- Union of Communities of Armenia,
- Armenian Centre for Democratic Education—CIVITAS,
- Agora Central Europe (NGO based in the Czech Republic).

The project budget is EUR 2,222,256 (EUR 222,256 is to be contributed by the Project Consortium). The project duration is 34 months (December 2016-October 2019).

Project Objective

The overall objective of this initiative is that people living in Armenia will experience tangible positive changes in the fields of education, justice, business, public finance management, human rights, agriculture, economy, energy and the social sector (social inclusion of children with disabilities). The priority issues in the target sectors will be solved by CSOs and CSO coalitions who will develop a dialogue with the government and influence public policies in Armenia.

Activities

- Strengthening the following capacities of CSOs and coalitions: coalition building, public policy development, monitoring of public budget allocations and policy implementation, development of CSO-Government and CSO-Local Government dialogue.
- Opening CSO incubators in Yerevan and Shirak, Lori, Gegharkunik and Syunik marzes to enhance the practical skills of CSOs and coalition representatives in the project's 9 target sectors.
- Providing free legal advice and assistance to NGOs as regards the new RA Law on NGOs.
- Allocating two types of sub-grants (33 to CSOs and 18 to 9 CSO coalitions) to solve pressing issues in the target sectors and develop coalitions.
- Building and maintaining a constructive and sustainable dialogue with the government; developing sectoral coalitions.
- Holding community discussions and workshops to build open and productive discussions on the most pressing issues and develop solution scenarios.
- Implementing public policies and carrying out monitoring in the 9 target sectors.



How Will the Public Benefit from the Project?

- Solutions will be identified to issues which are important to citizens of Armenia; they are expected to have a significant impact on people's lives.
- Citizens will participate both in the process of identification of issues and lead the process of public policy development and implementation to solve those issues.

