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“Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project First Awareness Raising Seminar

The first awareness raising seminar in the framework of “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project will be held on 26 February, 2014 at 14:00 in Ararat city (24a, Shahumyan str., Meeting Hall).

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and the media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. Anti-corruption training will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organizations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities of carrying out anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be given for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. A sustainable dialogue between CSOs and the Government will be developed with the participation of CSOs, to strengthen the anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

The Project Manager will introduce the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project, its objectives and directions at this event.

Regional Coordinator/Expert Tigran Matevosyan will deliver an opening speech. Welcome speeches of the Head of Political, Economic, Press and Information Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia Dr Dirk Lorenz, and the Project Manager and President of the Armenian Young Lawyers Association NGO Karen Zadoyan will follow.

Representatives of CSOs and media from Ararat and Armavir marzes of the RA will participate in the event.

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Armenian Young Lawyers Association (AYLA) was established in 1995 with a Mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and their rights are protected.

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