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

An awareness raising seminar in the framework of the EU funded “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project was held on 11 March, 2014 in Gyumri.

“In recent years the political leadership in Armenia has regularly expressed readiness to fight corruption, including in public statements,” Mr. Alessandro Zanotta, International Aid/Cooperation Officer of the Delegation of European Union in Armenia said.

“As you know we had a national program of struggle against corruption, which has been completed. The new program is in the development process yet and we believe that the civil society organizations will have a more significant input in it,” Mr. Karen Zadoyan, President of the Armenian Young Lawyers Association, “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manger said.

project aims to increase the role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project, CSOs and the media will build their capacity to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities. 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.

In the framework of the event the Project Manager, Karen Zadoyan introduced the project. Representatives of CSOs and media from Shirak and Aragatsotn marzes of the RA participated in the event.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO – Applicant and “Freedom of Information Center” NGO – Partner. The project duration is 3 years (January 2014 – December 2016) and the budget is 650.000 EUR.

**Armenian Young Lawyers Association** (AYLA) was established in1995 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.

**Freedom of Information Center** (FOI) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOI is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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