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### “Anti-Corruption Training” for CSOs and the Media of Ararat and Armavir Marzes

From 12-14 May 2014 at 10:00 in Ararat Ararat (Shahumyan 24 a (Meeting Hall)) a three-day training took place for CSOs and the media of Ararat and marz.

“Our project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation,” Nvard Loryan, Project Assistant of “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project said.

“Adequate political will should be expressed by the population, showing that there really is a desire to eliminate corruption in Armenia,” Marat Atovmian, Head of Yerevan Anti-Corruption Center, Independent Experts of the European Charter of Local Self-Government Group said.

What is the role of CSOs and the media in the fight against corruption, which are the mechanisms and sources for getting information, how to implementing journalistic investigation. These and other topics were in the agenda of the training. During the training the NGOs and the media of Ararat participated.

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 workshops will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organisations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities for 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.

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