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Anti-Corruption Training for CSOs and the Media of Syunik and Vayotsdzor marzes

Three-day training for the representatives of civil society organisations(CSOs) and media of Syunik and VayotsDzor will take place from **03-05September 2014 at 10:30 in Kapan, Aram Manukyan1/72.**

The main aim of the training is to increase the role of CSOs and media in implementing and assisting anti-corruption reforms, to increase the capacities of supervision and monitoring to better comprehend the issues of corruption and freedom of information. These anti-corruption trainings are conducted all over Armenia. Around 100 Civil Society Organizations are beneficiaries of the Project. This is the tenth anti-corruption training. At the average representatives from 10 CSOs and Media organizations participated in each training.

The CSOs and media having successfully completed the training will have the opportunity to apply for the grants for the programmes aimed at raising the effectiveness of public and appropriate monitoring, watchdog activities and investigative journalism.

The three-day training will be held by local, international experts and by the staff of the project.

The project aims at increasing the role of the CSOs in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. 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.

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

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.

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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