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“Corruption Risks in the Field of Licences and Permissions” Anti-Corruption Event

On 19 October, 2016 the Armenian Lawyers’ Association and the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia, in partnership with the Freedom of Information Centre, are organising in the city of Ararat an anti-corruption event entitled “Corruption Risks in the Field of Licences and Permissions”. The event is aimed at revealing the corruption risks in this field and outlining respective solutions.

The event is organised in the scope of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project funded by the EU and co-funded by the OSCE Office in Yerevan. Representatives from civil society organisations, mass media, the Armenian Lawyers’ Association, including the experts of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project, and businessmen will attend the event.

Mr. Artak Saribekyan, the Executive Director of the Armenian Lawyers’ Association will give opening remarks at the event.

Further, there will be presentations on the corruption risks in the field of licences and permissions and the possible ways of reducing them, the ongoing reforms in this field, as well as the international anti-corruption experience in this field.

The recommendations, after being summarised in the event report, will be sent for consideration to the RA Government and other relevant bodies, which will lead to the implementation of reforms in the field of licences and permissions.

The main goal of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project is to increase the role of the Civil Society Organisations (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 has been enhanced. Thus, 100 CSOs and media organisations have strengthened their understanding of corruption issues and freedom of information as well as their ability to monitor and engage in watchdog activities. Small sub-grants have been allocated to 20 CSOs and media organisations for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and the implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. In 2014 the CSO Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia was established in the scope of the project. The Coalition now comprises more than 80 CSOs and media organisations and plays a key role in the sustainable CSO-Government dialogue developed in the scope of the project. The joint work of the Government and the Coalition on the issues of the criminalisation of illicit enrichment and the establishment of an independent anti-corruption agency in Armenia has been a particularly remarkable achievement in the scope of the project.

The project is funded by the European Union and co-funded by the OSCE Office in Yerevan. It is implemented by the “Armenian 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, of which 585,000 EUR was contributed by the EU and 31,117 EUR was contributed by the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Armenian Lawyers’ Association (ALA) 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 where their rights are protected. Before February 2016, ALA was called Armenian Young Lawyers Association.

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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