



PRESS RELEASE

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“Possibilities and Challenges of Establishing an Independent Institutional System for Fight against Corruption in the Republic of Armenia”

On December 15th of 2015 the non-governmental organization “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” and the CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition, in cooperation with the RA Ministry of Justice, the U.S. Alumni Association of Armenia, and the Freedom of Information Center, are organizing in Yerevan (venue – Armenia Marriott Hotel, Queen Erato, Yerevan, 1 Amiryan Str.) a working meeting that is titled “Possibilities and Challenges of Establishing an Independent Institutional System for Fight against Corruption in the Republic of Armenia” with financial funding from the European Union and co-funding from the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

Representatives from international and state institutions, the civil society in Yerevan and the RA regions, as well as from the media, are invited to attend the event.

Mr. Suren Krmoyan, Deputy Minister of Justice, Dr. Piotr Antoni Świtalski, Ambassador, the Head of Delegation of European Union to Armenia, Mr. Andrey Sorokin, Ambassador, the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, Mr. Karen Zadoyan, AYLAs President, Coordinator of the Secretariat of CSOs’ Anti-Corruption Coalition, Founding Member of the US Alumni Association of Armenia, Mr. Aleksander Shagafyan, Executive director of the US Alumni Association of Armenia, Mrs. Liana Doydoyan, President of the Freedom of Information Center will give welcoming speeches.

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.

The project is co-funded by the European Union and the OSCE Office in Yerevan, and is 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, of which 585.000 EUR contributed by the EU and 15.600 EUR contributed by the OSCE Yerevan Office.

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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The OSCE Office in Yerevan has been operating since 1999, and its mission is to support Armenia in developing its democratic institutions and strengthening civil society, acting in the areas of legislative reform; combating corruption and trafficking; environmental activities; raising awareness for human rights; media freedom; gender equality, etc.