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Fifteen educators at Children and Youth Centers in the Transnistria region completed training on how to teach Child Rights through games

In the period of March through April 2011, the nongovernmental organization INTECO conducted a training course at the Children and Youth Center in Cosnita village, Dubasari district, for 15 educators from Transnistrian Children and Youth Centers on how to teach Child Rights using games. The course was part of a broader training component "Learning the Convention by Playing" of the project called **"Optimizing Promotion of Child Rights at Children and Youth Centers in Transnistria"**.

At this training the educators from Transnistria had the occasion to feel how it is to become children again, enjoying all the phases of the games which they would subsequently organize for the beneficiaries of the Centers. The idea is that the children will be able to learn, while playing, what their rights are, and the educators will teach them all the articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by using interactive and engaging techniques. The project's goal is to promote Child Rights in the Transnistrian region through child-friendly methods for vulnerable children at five centers.

The project's objectives include: to consolidate the capacities of 5 centers for vulnerable children in the Transnistrian region by training 15 educators on Child Rights and equipping the centers with a set of necessary materials; to provide thorough

knowledge of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to 120 children that are the beneficiaries of said centers; and to alert people in Transnistria to how important it is for all community stakeholders to know Child Rights, by organizing exhibitions of drawings and photographs made by Transnistrian children.



The project is implemented in partnership with the Catholic Mission Caritas Moldova in Tiraspol, Bender, Ribnita, Rascov and Sloboda Raşcov.

This activity was held with the assistance of the Support to Confidence Building Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP.

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**INTECO is a nongovernmental organization that aims to contribute to community development and strengthen civil society; encourage social participation and civic initiative; and improve living conditions for underprivileged groups.*

Diplomacy of Women: A new civic initiative to improve women's status in Moldova's northern districts

On 4 May 2011, on the initiative of the International Committee for Civic Diplomacy (ICCD) in Moldova, a roundtable on the theme of “Women's role in society: Challenges and Prospects” was held as part of the “Youths for Gender Policy” Project. The roundtable was hosted by the Town Hall of Rezina.

The event aimed to analyze the key problems concerning the role of women in the community and to identify cooperation opportunities between the nongovernmental organizations working to promote gender policies in the northern districts of Moldova as well as in the Transnistrian region.

The gender issues on the agenda generated lively debates among the participants. The event was attended by successful women from the nongovernmental sector and educational institutions as well as students from Ribnita, Camenca and Rezina.

At the roundtable meeting, the participants presented their own visions and successfully implemented models on how to achieve gender equality in the family, in public places and at work.

As it was found, “[g]ender problems in the community can be solved by implementing the preventive measures afforded by a partnership between formal and informal education.



Further, cooperation between educational institutions and NGOs in the area of gender policies could significantly contribute to their rapprochement on both sides of the Nistru, because gender problems are common and they can be solved by forging strong partnerships”.

It should be noted that the participants in the event advanced the proposal to extend civic cooperation and organize common activities in the spirit of Women's Diplomacy with the involvement of civil society leaders from across the country.

Although creating Women's Diplomacy partnerships is expected to be a new challenge for the local authorities, educational institutions, NGOs and initiative groups, in the end these partnerships will significantly help to improve the status of women in their communities.



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Youths in rural Transnistria advocate for informal education

Revealing the names of the authors would compromise their safety

The name of the initiative group created by the high school students from the village of Parcani was not chosen randomly. Like the pioneers of Orthodox Christianity, the scholars and apostles of the Slavs, who are remembered by our teachers every year in May when we celebrate the Days of Slavic Script and Culture, we also seek to support and contribute to the development of informal education.

Not the teachers, but **us** the students!

Far from the deeds of those who founded the Slavic Script and Culture, the bureaucrats have closed the doors on those who we have come to sincerely love and consider dear friends: young trainers from the towns of Tiraspol, Bender, Slobozia and from several Moldovan NGOs, who spoke to us in a simple and accessible, peer-to-peer way, about things which someone in a rural school will hardly ever hear about.

Acquiring **new knowledge** in a **peer-to-peer** way... What could be better? We should be thankful that the knowledge imparted to us by our peers exceed by far the material taught in schools... But no... it is FORBIDDEN!

Learning what human rights are, gaining knowledge about the development of democratic relations between people and states based on such principles as tolerance and leadership. This is what can really catch the attention of young people! However, for some reason, the rural youth have been deprived of this.

Of course, some information can be found

on the Internet, and those who attended a seminar at least once and understood how restricted the youths attending rural schools are, will most certainly seek out such materials.

However, for one thing, not everyone is able to do this unassisted and, secondly, things in the nongovernmental sector are constantly developing and changing, which makes it difficult for the rural youth to keep step. Rodoliubets, for example, has been running an online platform for some time now, yet we didn't know anything about it.

So we the members of the group "Lider" came to wonder what course of action to adopt further. Had we been wrong when we chose this path in our lives?

However, thank God, reason is a gift no one take from us...

We feel unwanted here... Yet we are so thirsty for knowledge...

There are two solutions: either we sneak out to participate in seminars at our neighbors, or we create adequate conditions so that we can acquire this knowledge here. As a result, we the youth group "Cyril and Methodius", decided to take the initiative and collect the necessary sources to continue the development of leadership skills among the rural youth here at home.

There is something that we would like to ask you, though: please SUPPORT US!

Training of Trainers

The Pro Comunitate Center **announces the extension of the application period** for the Training of Trainers seminar “Facilitator in Strategic Planning” within the framework of the project “Developing Capacities of Civil Society Organizations for a Successful Public – Private Partnership”. Following this application competition **5 local-level NGOs will be selected.**

The seminar consists of 2 sessions lasting 5 days each, which will take place in June-July 2011. Officially registered NGOs working at local level are invited to apply.

The ToR and the application form may be downloaded using the following link:

<http://www.procomunitate.md/Noutati.html>.

Application deadline: 20 May 2011.

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Training: Fundraising for NGOs

The event is part of the training component of the Civil Society Program which aims to contribute to the development and consolidation of the nongovernmental sector in Moldova's Transnistrian region.

The general objective of the training is to develop the competence of members of nongovernmental organizations located in the Transnistrian region in the field of fundraising.

Learning objectives of the training. As a result of the training the participants are expected to acquire:

- theoretical knowledge in the area of fundraising (key concepts);
- theoretical knowledge on fundraising instruments;
- practical skills in using web resources to promote the organization's image and raise funds;
- practical skills in creating and running a blog.

The training course will be held during 26-27 May 2011, in Chisinau. The location of the training will be communicated only to the persons selected to participate.

The training is destined for the members/representatives of NGOs and initiative groups from the Transnistrian region who are responsible for fundraising.

Those willing to participate in the training must have practical skills of using the computer. All the costs related to participation in the training (travel, meals, accommodation) will be covered by the organizers.

The application form is available for downloading on the website of the Promo-LEX Association, in the Announcements category. The completed forms should be emailed to the following address: crdt.buletin@gmail.com.

The deadline for applying is 22 May 2011, 18:00.

Only those selected will be contacted.

The training is organized within the framework of the "Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova's Transnistrian Region" Project, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kyiv through the Matra/KAP Program.

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The "Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova's Transnistrian Region" Project, Promo-LEX Association / 2011

"Promo-LEX" Association is launching a Small Grants Program to support civic initiatives in Moldova's Transnistria region.

The Program is part of the "Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova's Transnistrian Region", implemented thanks to the financial support offered by the Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kyiv through the Matra/KAP Program.

The Program aims to encourage and support civic activism at local level through activities for promoting partnerships and extending best practices to other organizations, as well as activities to increase capacities of NGOs/Initiative Groups in representing interests/positions of civil society.

Priority areas for funding*:

- Support to creation of networks of nongovernmental organizations working in the same area, of partnership platforms or of other forms of cooperation that may help to improve/strengthen and promote civil society;
- Promotion of volunteering activities that facilitate development of local youth initiatives through diverse youth government/participation structures. Public events involving volunteers from different categories and activity areas are welcome;
- Support to initiatives which facilitate exchange of experience and extension of best practices at local level from other regions/towns in diverse areas: youth, social issues and human rights;
- Support to initiatives that concern promotion of image and interests of civil society through activities of public interest (advocacy campaigns, conferences, forums, etc.);
- Activities aimed at enhancing legal literacy among the people living in the Transnistrian region.

* Projects may also include costs directed at the institutional development of organizations/initiative groups working in the Transnistrian region.

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Applicant profile:

- civil society organizations (CSO) and initiative groups from Transnistrian region;
- minimum one year of experience in civil society work.

Project duration: maximum 6 months (all activities must be completed until 30 November 2011).

Grant amount: the minimal amount requested under this Program is 3,000 euros; the requested amount must not exceed 5,000 euro.

Small-scale projects with an increased impact are encouraged. The proposed projects should lead to concrete results.

The deadline for submitting project proposals is 13 May 2011. The results of the application contest will be announced until 20 May 2011. The application form may be downloaded from our web site www.promolex.md.

The application form with the required supporting documentation should be sent to the e-mail address crdt.buletin@gmail.com.

Only complete applications which meet all application requirements will be considered.

The Program WILL NOT fund:

Charity or humanitarian aid activities; political activities; scientific research: conferences and/or individual trips abroad; commercial activities; health programs.

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RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR TRANSNISTRIA

Resource and Development Center for Transnistria (RDCT), whose purpose is to contribute to the development and strengthening of the nongovernmental sector in the Transnistrian region of Moldova, ***supports NGOs and Initiative Groups by providing following services:***

- *Training for NGOs* on diverse topics: Organizational Development, Strategic Planning, NGO Management, Project Management, Financial Management for NGOs, Writing project proposals, Fundraising, Advocacy and Lobbying, other;
- *Individualized assistance* to NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Financial support* within Small Grants program for Transnistrian region NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Advertising information* about activity of the third sector within electronic newsletter.

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