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Between July 23rd and October 29th, 2012, the International Election Observation Mission ENEMO monitored the Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine.

Under Observation Mission, 86 international observers ENEMO, conducted 546 visits to polling stations, observed the tabulation process in 42 precincts and followed the transfer from polling stations in 40 electoral districts.

ENEMO found that, compared with the pre-election period in 2006 and in 2007, a large number of violations of electoral law were found. Violations mainly refer to use of administrative resources, harassment and intimidation of candidates and journalists.

ENEMO's top priorities are objectivity, impartiality and trustworthiness of the information collected by its observers, which is required by ENEMO responsibilities before the documents network endorsed. The focus at all stages of observation was on: Local Political developments, Work of the Election administration, Activities of Political parties / candidates, Work of the Local / regional administration, Specifics of the Election campaign, Media environment, Women and minority participation, Work of NGOs and Local non-partisan observers, Assessment of the voters education activities and Monitoring of official Complaints and appeals. ENEMO monitors worked closely with domestic and international observation missions whose observation methodology meets international standards.

During the pre-election period ENEMO released three summary reports which were presented at official press conferences. ENEMO prepared and presented a report on Election Day. The final Report on the Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine will be issued by ENEMO in the close future.

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Promo-LEX Association is a member of ENEMO Network starting with 2009. Thus, under the ENEMO monitoring mission, Promo-LEX delegated 2 long-term observers to monitor, during August 5th - November 2nd, 2012, the Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine. Additionally, during October 25th-30th, Promo-LEX also delegated 4 short-term observers to monitor the Election-Day under the ENEMO monitoring mission.

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The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) is an international network consisting of 22 leading domestic monitoring organizations from 17 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. ENEMO operates in full compliance with international standards for international elections observation. ENEMO member organizations have monitored more than 200 national elections and trained more than 200,000 observers. To date, ENEMO has monitored 15 election processes in seven countries.



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JURNAL de Chisinau has awarded this year's Liberty Prize to Alexandru Bejan, student of XIIth grade at "Lucian Blaga" High School from Tiraspol, for his courage to withstand hostile conditions and the dignity with which he defends his civil rights.

Alexandru Bejan, is accused of "terrorism" by the Tiraspol administration. Due to ill-treatment, pressures and threats of imprisoning, Alexandru has suffered a nervous breakdown. The young man was hospitalized in the psychiatric unit of the city hospital from Tiraspol.

We want to remind that Promo-LEX has appealed to the constitutional authorities from Chisinau to get involved in Alexandru Bejan's case in order to avoid his imprisonment based on alleged evidence which were obtained under pressure, using unacceptable methods.

It burns and is reborn from its own ashes by Veronica Pozneac teacher of history and civic education “Lucian Blaga” Lyceum, Tiraspol



I would like to dedicate this article to a group of clever and diligent students who are working very hard and successfully, too.

The Theoretical Lyceum “Lucian Blaga” is an educational establishment located on the eastern side of the Nistru River, a region where the Romanian language is very rarely heard in public. The environment in which we are living is heavily Russified. It is difficult for a student to develop his or her potential, as there are no Romanian-language clubs for the youth. Besides our Lyceum, our students hardly have an alternative where to spend their spare time.

Thanks to Promo-LEX Association and to the effort made by a group of activists at Lucian Blaga, our Lyceum has won a project titled “Civic Journalism Club”. This club offers our students opportunities to gain knowledge on journalism, learn more about human rights and practice reporting.

At the “Phoenix Club” we hold meetings to train our members on civic journalism and on ways to promote human rights. Within the project's framework, the club publishes a supplement centered on human rights to the newspaper “Luceafărul”. During the club's meetings, the students have the opportunity to watch documentaries, feature movies, historical movies, cartoons, and fragments from masterpieces etc. After the film watching sessions the children can enjoy a coffee break before engaging in discussions, where they can express their views and comments and generate ideas on the matter at hand, discuss about the films and materials proposed about the project coordinator and team. The participants also do teamwork, building team spirit. This approach also contributes to greater interactiveness of the workshop activities, motivating students to participate in future actions as well. The approaches used in conducting our activities contribute to a great extent to the adequate training of the students as future journalists and

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The work on the newspaper contributes to the development of the children's personality; they take pride in being able to issue their own school paper, where they can publish their creation, discuss issues and survey their colleagues' opinions on topics which they choose by themselves, creating as a result a product of close cooperation between students in different classes, of different ages, with different interests, yet a common motivation to promote the Lyceum. This is a strong incentive for the club's members and a good example of civic activism to be followed by their colleagues.

Nicolae Romanov, editor-in-chief at "Lucafařarul", said: "The club's meetings are attended by enthusiastic and creative students.

Common subjects for debate include human rights, the state of democracy, forms of discrimination and its essence, or family life.

The participants say they enjoy these meetings, especially the film watching activity. They learn new things, which I hope will be useful for them in the future. The main goal of the club is to attract as many students as possible to the meetings and interest them. Many of them were keen to participate in such a project in our Lyceum. Now they propose new ideas for future sessions, suggesting which films they would like to watch and which issue they would like to debate. Thus, I really think that the project deserved to win and that it will be successful in the future as well".



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You and I are the same, we are both PEOPLE

by Dmitri Cuzuc

Director of the Equal Chances World Foundation

The school year has begun and the kids are back to classes. Besides traditional classes, pupils in Bender schools are also involved in other activities – lessons of kindness themed “A Comfortable City for Everybody”. The initiator of these courses was the National Charity Foundation “The World of Equal Chances”. The Foundation's director Dmitri Cuzuc says: “We are holding these courses as part of the efforts to promote inclusive education and within the framework of the school program for raising awareness of disability called “Lessons of Kindness”. The activity has been made possible due to the assistance offered by Promo-LEX as part of the project “Promoting Human Rights and Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova's Transnistrian Region”, financed by the National Endowment for Democracy. Our target public includes pupils in grades 1 through 11. So far, we have held a series of courses for pupils in grades 5 and 6. These courses are intended to help the young generation form a correct vision on disability issues and on how they should care for their own health. We are holding our courses in an interactive manner, encouraging the children to show concern for the problems of persons with disabilities by suggesting them to put themselves in those people's shoes and try to feel how difficult life can be for them. The children participate actively in analyzing the

The children also engaged enthusiastically in a drawing activity in an attempt to picture a school where they could go together with their disabled peers. In those drawings, they drew ramps, elevators automatic doors, a special entrance and a tree of wishes. The children are willing to help, they hope that the persons with special needs can enjoy the same opportunities as everybody else”, added Dmitri.

“We use visual materials in our courses, such as videos, pictures, slide shows, and so on, which help children better memorize and assimilate new concepts”, says Natalia Bordan, the Foundation's vice director. “Such courses are, without any doubt, necessary and they should be held systematically. Today, regretfully, one can see very few people with disabilities on the street, in movie theaters or at concerts. They are confined to a limited space, without enjoying full communication opportunities. Such courses could prove useful not only for the children, but also for the adults, as compassion, charity and tolerance are values seldom found in our society”, says Natalia. “One of our objectives is to educate the sentiment of compassion and sympathy in children. Our goal is to help the young generation become aware that the persons with disabilities are just like everyone else”.

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“The Lessons of Kindness are our first attempt to educate a proper attitude towards persons with disabilities in the young generation, to sow the seeds of tolerance in them and teach them to seek similarities in people rather than differences”, added Dmitri.

“People's opportunities should not be limited by social conditions. A civilized human society should care for all its members and take steps to enable them to fulfill their potential. The people with disabilities are just like us. They don't want to be confined to four walls, they want to lead an

contribute to the society's well-being. It is in our power to build a barrier-free world for them”, stated Natalia.

“We hope our courses will be remembered by the children and will influence their attitudes, and maybe when they grow older and get to make important decisions in a governmental post or in a business executive capacity, they will think about the persons with special needs and will build a city that is inclusive and friendly to everyone”, stated the members of the Equal Chances World Foundation.



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