

# GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY PROJECTS

**Projects implemented in 1999** 

## **ALBANIA**

**Human rights training for field officers.** Trained 35 field officers and human rights NGOs in human rights monitoring and methodology (2,447 euros).

Conference on challenges facing rural Albanian women. The goal was to enhance rural women's awareness and assertion of their human rights (4,780 euros).

### **ESTONIA**

Narva NGO Support Centre for Ida-Viru. The goal was to develop NGO institutional capacity through training programmes, with the overall objective of improving the integration of Estonian and non-Estonian communities in the population (4,780 euros).

**Dissemination of information about national minorities and integration of Ida-Viru**. Supported the development of textbooks and video information about the history and traditions of national minorities in Estonia (10,600 euros).

#### **GEORGIA**

**Promoting development of local democracy in Zugdidi**. Assisted in the development of links between NGOs and local-government officials to enhance democratic governance in the Samegrelo region (2,546 euros).

**National minorities - human rights**. Highlighted existing projects and sought constructive solutions to problems of nationality and national minorities, with an emphasis on human rights (4,586 euros).

## KAZAKHSTAN

Seminar on "The Role of the Print Media in an Election Campaign". The goal was to educate young, qualified journalists about the role and responsibilities of the print media in an election campaign (2,800 euros).

Educational seminars during the "Women's Fair of Ideas and Commodities". Encouraged women to become more active in promoting their interests in the run-up to elections (3,301 euros).

The role of electronic media in an election campaign. The goal was to educate young, qualified journalists about the role and responsibilities of the electronic media in an election campaign (6,776 euros).

# **MOLDOVA**

Seminar on schoolbook evaluation and the work of the Historical Commission. Established an intra-Moldovan Historical Commission to eliminate stereotypes between peoples of Moldova proper and Transdniestria (4,437 euros).

# **TAJIKISTAN**

**Eight seminars on "Women and Elections"**. The goal was to raise the level of knowledge among women with regard to elections (voter education, family voting, domestic observers, etc.) (6,900 euros).

**Eight seminars on "NGO and Capacity-Building for Active Women".** Assisted graduates of the Mission's civic education programmes to start their own NGOs; established countrywide focal points for gender issues and networking (8,700 euros).

**Development of mass media in Karategin Valley "Oyinai Rash"**. Revamped and enhanced the capacity of a local newspaper (2,904 euros).