



## **GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY PROJECTS**

**Projects implemented in 2000**

## **ARMENIA**

**Human rights education.** The goal was to include human rights in the national school curriculum by the creation and provision of a textbook on human rights (5,000 euros).

## **AZERBAIJAN**

**Media coverage of the election.** Assisted in developing an objective media approach to election campaigns by providing training to journalists on impartial reporting on elections (3,500 euros).

## **BELARUS**

**Newsletter for the Association of Journalists.** The goal was to promote democracy by increasing public access to unbiased information and participation in civil society (3,500 euros).

## **CHECHNYA**

**Legal assistance to IDPs from Chechnya.** Trained "protection officers" from the North Caucasus and provided legal assistance to internally displaced persons (3,810 euros).

## **CROATIA**

**Public diplomacy and the media.** The goal was to increase awareness among journalists of the role of the media in democracies and, in particular, the importance of objective analysis and the dissemination of unbiased material (5,000 euros).

## **ESTONIA**

**Assistance to the Estonian Law Centre in establishing a Centre for the Study of Constitutional Law.** The goal was to educate Estonian lawyers on the practical use of the European Convention on Human Rights and procedures before the European Court of Human Rights (4,900 euros).

## **FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

**National plan for the political empowerment of women in Macedonia; Support to the Stability Pact Gender Task Force conference.** The goal was to increase the political participation of women by implementing the Gender Task Force Plan and initiating a training programme for women (5,000 euros).

## **KAZAKHSTAN**

**Broad coalition against corruption.** The goal was to combat corruption in Kazakhstan by improving legislation, ratifying international conventions against corruption, enhancing the role of civil society, and making corruption an issue in mass media (3,050 euros).

**Free legal aid/consultations for women victims of domestic violence.** The goal was to prevent domestic violence against women and to strengthen the social and legal status of women in the family through the provision of free legal aid (5,000 euros).

**Local self-government assistance project.** Elaborated practical recommendations for the development of local self-government, such as possible changes to existing legislation and mechanisms for generating income for local budgets (5,000 euros).

**Development of a strategy for the implementation of the Convention on Access to Information and Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (three regions of Kazakhstan).** The goal was to broaden discussion at the local level on the development of procedures for obtaining information and participation of the public in decision-making (5,000 euros).

**Women, law, and migration.** Collected and shared information on trafficking in Kazakhstan and the CIS in order to develop a national anti-trafficking strategy, including legislative recommendations (1,770 euros).

## **KYRGYZSTAN**

**NGO national conference.** Promoted the development of civil society through national co-ordination among NGOs (3,000 euros).

**Summer school for law students.** Promoted among students respect for, and knowledge of, international law and commitments through a special summer programme (5,000 euros).

## **LATVIA**

**Publication of a brochure called "10 Questions about Social Integration in Latvia" in Latvian, Russian, and English to be distributed in Latvian secondary schools.** Promoted national integration by providing basic information and educational material on integration of society; (5,000 euros).

## **LITHUANIA**

**Workshop on observation of the parliamentary election.** Provided theoretical and practical knowledge on democratic-election matters for media and political-party representatives from Belarus (4,000 euros).

## **MOLDOVA**

**Conference on free circulation of information.** The goal was to engage journalists in confidence-building and free circulation of information on both sides of the Dniestr River (2,190 euros).

**Debating for peace and democracy.** The goal was to increase awareness of, and to provide training in, non-violent conflict resolution in Moldova and Transdnistria and set up debate clubs to further discussion on, and dissemination of, constructive solutions (5,000 euros).

**Assistance to Commission on the Reform of Criminal Procedural Code.** Provided a Russian translation to speed up the adoption of a new Criminal Procedural Code (950 euros).

**Confidence-building measures in the Transdnestrian conflict.** The goal was to build confidence and abolish enemy images in the teaching of history (3,270 euros).

## **TAJIKISTAN**

**Trafficking in migrants.** The goal was to determine the incidence and potential for trafficking in migrants, to assess the policy and legislation affecting trafficking, and to provide recommendations for national policy and regional co-operation (2,370 euros).

## **UZBEKISTAN**

**NGO-government meeting in Samarkand.** Promoted co-operation between NGOs and the government by building networks of local NGOs and examining suggestions to improve their relationship with the government (410 euros).