

PRESS-ANNOUNCEMENT

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EU Announces Winners of the Armenia – Georgia Call for Proposals

The winners of the Call for Proposals under Armenia – Georgia Territorial Cooperation Programme have been identified. The official announcement of awarded projects will take place during a grant contracts signing ceremony in Dilijan, Armenia, on September 25, 2015.

The regional and local state authorities, communities and civil society organisations from Lori, Shirak and Tavush marzes of Armenia and Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions of Georgia established the partnerships for developing joint solutions to common social and economic development challenges in their border regions. Totally, 40 project proposals were submitted in response to the EU Call for Proposals in the framework of Armenia-Georgia Territorial Cooperation Programme applying for grants to implement joint cross border projects. The EU allocates 1.35 million EUR to the Armenia-Georgia territorial cooperation.

The event will be attended by key representatives of Armenian and Georgian central state authorities and EU Delegations, Beneficiaries/Lead Partners of the winning projects as well as media representatives from both countries. Press conference and interview session for Armenian and Georgian journalists will follow.

Prior to the media event, on September 23-24, 2015, an introductory training will be delivered to the successful applicants in Dilijan. The trainees will get practical tips on grant contracts and methods for projects implementation, financial and procurement rules, visibility and communication issues, reporting and monitoring requirements as well as specific national requirements of the two countries. The training will also provide grantees with individual consultations on grant management issues.

The Territorial Cooperation Programme Armenia-Georgia has been the first of four programmes in the Eastern Partnership that launched the competition and identified the winning projects.

Journalists are invited to take part in the media event that will be held on September 25, 2015 at 11:00 in Best Western Hotel, 156 Kamo st., Dilijan. The representatives of regional and local media will get a reimbursement of travel expenses related to the participation in the media event. The accreditation is required by 15:00, September 23 at: maia.edilashvili@eaptc.eu

Background: the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme's (EaPTC Support Programme) goal is to create a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders of Moldova – Ukraine, Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia and Belarus – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area. It is as well aimed at strengthening the capacity of local and regional state and non-state actors to jointly develop and implement cross-border projects. The overall EU contribution to EaPTC is 12.5 million EUR.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a European Union initiative directed at six countries of Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The initiative aims at closer relations between the EU and the Eastern partners, deepening their political co-operation and economic integration.

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