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Advancing Azerbaijan – Georgia Territorial Cooperation

On November 6, 2015 an Information session under Azerbaijan – Georgia Territorial Cooperation Programme Call for Proposals will take place in Baku to inform Azerbaijani state authorities about the specifics, sequence of actions, eligibility criteria and evaluation process.

On September 18, 2015 the EU officially launched the Call for Proposals to strengthen the territorial cooperation between border regions of Azerbaijan and Georgia. The cooperation priority is given to joint cross-border projects aimed at promoting synergies in agriculture and related economic sectors; finding joint solutions for common environmental problems and enhancing emergency preparedness; building up tourism potential; enhancing social inclusion in the areas of culture, education and sports and developing links between youth.

The Azerbaijan – Georgia Territorial Cooperation Programme covers two economic zones of Ganja-Qazakh and Sheki-Zagatala in Azerbaijan as well as Kakheti and Kvemo-Kartli in Georgia. Projects can be implemented by communities, state institutions and civil society organisations from these regions.

The overall indicative amount under this Call for Proposals is €1.35 million. The deadline for submission of project proposals is December 17, 2015.

The Information session is organized by the EaPTC Support Programme.

Journalists are invited to take part in the press conferences that will be held on November 6, 2015 at 14:30 until 15:30 in Baku, Azerbaijan at the following address: “Central Park” Hotel (165, Suleyman Rahimov St.)

Background: the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) is aimed 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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