

Capacity building for CSOs

Enhanced communication and coordination among Belarusian CSOs, EU donors and international implementers

Results Up To Date

Information days and trainings

More than **250 CSOs** participated

Consultations

62 CSOs and grass root initiatives received counseling support from the project consultants in preparation of application forms and funding opportunities

Disseminating information about different European opportunities

687 CSO representatives receive information about different European opportunities and other funding mechanisms

Results

- Information days and consultations organised for **the following programmes**: NSA&LA, Youth in Action programme, MATRA/CAP, Forum Syd-EuroBelarus call for proposals "Support for campaigns protecting the rights and interests of citizens and the freedom of associations in Belarus", programme of the International Visegrad Fund, European commission call of proposals "Special Measure": EU Language Courses for Young Belarusians, US Embassy Small Grant programme
- 9 consultants** are trained and available to provide additional counseling support to CSOs
- In total, **10 projects** have been supported for the total amount of over **1 mln Euro**

NSA&LA 2012 consultation results

- In the LOT 1 "Non-State Actors in Development" **ve** of the consulted by the project CSOs received funding (out of 11 projects supported under the NSA&LA in 2012 in the LOT 1)
- In 2012 for the first time LOT 2 "Local Authorities in Development" has been fully funded (3 projects in total). **One** of the organisations whose project has been approved for funding participated in the trainings and received individual counselling support from the project consultants.

Advisory Board of the Clearing House



28 experts composing the Board

Its role is **to elaborate on sectorial priorities and develop recommendations for international donors/implementer groups** to re-tune their policies and program priorities in relation to Belarusian CSOs

Results

- the Clearing House has become **a space to have structured and moderated discussion** for identifying the sectors' priorities that could be communicated to the EU institutions and the community of donors and international implementers.
- cross-area synergy among sectors** has been introduced
- recommendations prepared for the **EBRD Country strategy, EU CSP 2014-2017**
- participation in drafting the ODB/OEEC **Civic Education sectoral analysis** report
- contribution to **drafting agenda and delegating experts** from Belarusian CSOs for the Implementers' meeting in Brussels on 21 March 2013

Implementers' Meetings

Results

- Four Implementers' meetings** have been co-organized with DG DEVCO: in July 2011, in November 2011 and in March 2012, March 2013.
- After the meetings the **EuropeAid** (Neighbourhood Directorate) **reacted on how to best address concerns expressed by CSOs' representatives**. The Clearing House team considers this reaction and certain measures that were adopted as a considerable improvement in communication between the two parties that resulted in tangible results for the benefit of the civil society in Belarus.

Future activities

April-May 2013

A series of 1 day trainings/infodays for CSOs on project development for NSA&LA 2013 call for proposals

March-June 2013

On-going individual consultations provided for CSOs by a group of 9 project consultants

Preparation of sectorial recommendations (for different donor groups and for the BIIM in Bratislava on 17-18 April 2013)

End April - beginning May

Coordination meeting in Vilnius (combined with de-briefing for CSOs after the IM in Brussels and BIIM in Bratislava)

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