

The Clearing House*

results up to date and ensuring their sustainability



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Objectives

Capacity building for CSOs

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



Information days and trainings

More than **310 CSOs** and grass root initiatives participated



Consultations

87 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

747 CSO representatives receive information about different European opportunities and funding mechanisms

Results

Information days and consultations organised for **the following programmes**: NSA&LA, EIDHR, Youth in Action programme and EaP Youth Window, 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, CSSB programme, European Commission call for proposals Special Measure: EU Language Courses for Young Belarusians, US Embassy Small Grant programme, TANDEM II, other

Nine consultants are trained and available to provide additional counseling support to CSOs

In total, **15 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 **five** 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, three projects in total.

Advisory Board of the Clearing House



education



youth



SME



culture



social issues



regional & local development



mass media



ecology



international relations



think-tanks



gender



human rights



energy

28 experts composing the Board **elaborate on sectorial priorities and develop recommendations for international donors/implementer groups** to fine-tune their policies and programme 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 are communicated to the EU institutions and the community of donors and international implementers of the EU assistance

cross-area synergy among sectors has been introduced

recommendations prepared for the **EBRD and EU Country strategy documents**

participation in drafting the ODB/OECC **Civic Education sectoral analysis** report

consultations at EU Delegation to Belarus on **priorities of NSA-LA and EIDHR**

2013 calls for proposals

contribution to **drafting agenda and delegating experts** from Belarusian CSOs for the meeting of regional and local Belarusian CSOs, international implementers and donors in Vilnius on 5 July 2013

Implementers Meetings

Results

Four Implementers meetings have been co-organised with DG DEVCO: July 2011, November 2011, March 2012 and March 2013.

EuropeAid (Neighbourhood Directorate) **reflected on how to best address concerns expressed by CSOs representatives**.

The Clearing House team considers this reflection and certain measures that were adopted as a considerable improvement in communication between the two parties that had tangible results for the benefit of the civil society in Belarus. The share of the Commissions support for the Belarusian applicants in 2012-2013 NSA&LA calls for proposals has been increased to 90 % (compared to 75 %). Calls are now open for the newly established organisations, the term of two year-long necessary operation has been removed.

Results Up To Date

Clearing House: Increasing Efforts and Ensuring Sustainability of Results

Future activities

New services for CSOs consultations for already approved projects on project implementation and reporting

Focus on regional CSOs and grass root initiatives via capacity building events in the regions with participation of Advisory Board members who will share their expertise and good practices

More Information days and specifically targeted trainings on NSA&LA, EIDHR calls for proposals and other European programmes

Individual consultations for Belarusian CSOs provided free of charge by an enhanced team of **nine** consultants

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