

Promo-LEX Association – A Retrospective of 2013

January 14, 2013 – Promo-LEX organized a press conference on the topic “Having become president, Evgheni Sevciuc takes revenge. Alexander Coliban – a new prisoner in Tiraspol for the next 2.6 years” with the participation of the young man’s relatives and Promo-LEX representative, Pavel Postica.

January 17, 2013 – Promo-LEX Association published a new edition of the Report “Freedom of assembly in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova”.

January 23, 2013 – The ECtHR communicated the case of Filin v. the Russian Federation and Moldova to the respondent governments. Promo-LEX lawyers represent the applicant at the Court.

February 6, 2013 – As announced by Promo-LEX and RCTV Memoria, the ECtHR communicated to the government of Moldova the case Tretiacov and others v. Moldova. Lawyer Alexandru Postica, director of the Human Rights Program at Promo-LEX, represents the applicants at the European Court.

February 6, 2013 – ECtHR communicated the case Sandu and others v. Moldova and the Russian Federation, dubbed “the farmers’ case”, to the respondent governments. The applicants are represented by Promo-LEX lawyers and legal counsels.

February 7, 2013 – The ECtHR communicated two cases, Berzan v. Moldova and Panteleiciuc v. Moldova and Russia, to the governments of the Russian Federation and Moldova. Applicants are represented at the European Court of Human Rights by Promo-LEX lawyers.

February 7, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed the Appeal of The Civic Coalition For Free and Fair Elections on the Global Elections

Day, which draws attention to the need to strengthen ongoing efforts to ensure the principles of free and fair elections.

February 8, 2013 – The Promo-LEX Association, in partnership with the Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance (AGER), held a roundtable to launch the project “Increasing Government Accountability by Monitoring the Justice Sector Reform”.

February 9-10, 2013 – The first training session was organized for monitors from the Civic Monitoring Mission for the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova.

February 11, 2013 – Members of Vitalie Eriomenco’s family and Promo-LEX called a press conference on the topic “693 days of illegal detention”.

February 12, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the General Police Inspectorate of Moldova launched the monitoring campaign “Eyes on the police”.

February 18, 2013 – The ECtHR communicated to the respondent governments the case of Stomatii v. Moldova and the Russian Federation. Promo-LEX lawyers and legal counsels represent the applicant at the Court.

February 19, 2013 – The ECtHR communicated the case of Rezanov v. Moldova and the Russian Federation to the respondent governments. The applicant is represented by Promo-LEX lawyers and legal counsels.

February 27, 2013 – Promo-LEX published an advisory note on the draft Government decision amending the Government Decision on the structure and limit of personnel of the General Police Inspectorate, and on amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and the Law on the criminal investigation officer.

March 4, 2013 – Promo-LEX monitored and informed about serious violations of the right to assembly in Corjova village of

Dubasari district.

March 4, 2013 – At a press conference, Promo-LEX presented the results of the monitoring campaign “Eyes on the Police”.

March 8, 2013 – On International Women’s Day, Promo-LEX launched an Appeal in support of victims of gender-based violence.

March 11, 2013 – Promo-LEX published its opinion on the illegal persecution by the authorities in Tiraspol of lawyer Stepan Popovschi, one of the most active human rights defenders in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.

March 16-17, 2013 – A second training was conducted for monitors from the Civic Monitoring Mission for the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova.

March 21, 2013 – Promo-LEX issued a public statement reminding the Prosecutor General’s Office of its obligation to intervene in all cases of domestic violence.

March 29, 2013 – Promo-LEX informed young people from the Transnistrian region about the start of the drafting campaign of young men aged 18-27 years in the illegal paramilitary structures.

April 1, 2013 – Promo-LEX published an informative note on the draft amendments to the Methodical Instructions on the intervention of bodies of interior in preventing and fighting cases of domestic violence, passed by Order of the Minister of Interior no.275 of 14 August 2012.

April 3, 2013 – Promo-LEX published an informative note on draft Government Decision on the approval of the Program of activities for the reintegration of Moldova for 2013.

April 4, 2013 – Promo-LEX published an advisory note on the draft of the Child and Family Protection Strategy for the years 2013-2020.

April 6–27, 2013 – Promo-LEX trained its national network of election observers on monitoring candidates' finances.

April 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with the National Institute of Justice, organized a seminar dedicated to cases of human rights violations in the Transnistrian region.

April 10, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with the National Institute of Justice and the Ministry of Interior, organized a seminar on the topic of ensuring the respect of human rights during public meetings.

April 12–14, 2013 – A Training of Trainers course was organized on the topic: "Learning to teach Human Rights through Intellectual Games."

April 19, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections called the Moldovan Parliament to suspend the examination of the bill on amending the electoral system in the second (final) reading, and to organize public debates on this issue.

April 22, 2013 – Promo-LEX signs the joint position of nongovernmental organizations on the tense situation in the Security Zone.

April 23, 2013 – Promo-LEX won a court case against the Ministry of Interior, the Center for Protection of Personal Data and police colonel Gheorghe Tretiacov on stated violations of the Law on Personal Data.

April 23–26, 2013 – Various activities to promote human rights were organized at the "Mihai Eminescu" Lyceum in the village of Corjova, raion Dubasari.

April 29, 2013 – Promo-LEX presented its opinion on Law no.94 "on amendments and supplements to certain legislative acts" of April 19, 2013, which amended electoral system in Moldova and introduced a mixed electoral system, within debates organized

by the special parliamentary Commission.

April 30, 2013 – Promo-LEX marks the International Day of Solidarity with civil society in Russia.

April 30 – May 24, 2013 – A series of activities were organized in Romanian language schools from Grigoriopol, Ribnita, Tighina and Tiraspol to familiarize youth from the Transnistrian region with human rights via intellectual games.

May 2, 2013 – As part of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2009”, Promo-LEX released its first monitoring report for new local elections held on 19 May 2013.

May 3, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed an Appeal of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2009” urging MPs not to use the changes to the electoral system as a trade-off in political negotiations.

May 7, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed an Appeal regarding the revision of certain acts adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on 3 May 2013, which compromise the efforts to reform the justice sector.

May 15 – June 25, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with General Inspectorate of Police, conducted the National Campaign “The ordinance.”

May 18, 2013 – Within the framework of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2009”, Promo-LEX released its second report on the monitoring of new local elections on May 19, 2013.

May 19, 2013 – Promo-LEX monitored the new local elections taking place on that day.

May 20, 2013 – Promo-LEX launched the Final Report on monitoring the Election Day during the new local elections on May 19, 2013.

May 23, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance launched the First Quarterly Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy.

May 25, 2013 – The Promo-LEX Association obtained associate membership in the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). This makes Promo-LEX the only representative of the Republic of Moldova in this prestigious international organization.

May 28, 2013 – The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) condemned Moldova in the case Eremia and others v. Moldova. The applicants were represented before the ECtHR by lawyer Doina Ioana Straisteanu, delegated by the Promo-LEX.

May 29, 2013 – The ECtHR informed the Moldovan Government about the case Nedelcu v. Moldova. The applicant is represented before the high Court by Promo-LEX attorneys and lawyers.

May 31, 2013 – As part of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, Promo-LEX launched the third monitoring Report on the new local elections on May 19, 2013 (second round).

June 3, 2013 – Promo-LEX monitored the second round of the new local elections on 19 May 2013.

June 5, 2013 – The Promo-LEX Association organized a roundtable to present a methodology of civic monitoring of election campaign and candidate finances.

June 7–8, 2013 – Promo-LEX organized a training on the topic: “Promoting Human Rights in Hostile Environments”, attended by 14 representatives of the civil society from the Transnistrian region.

June 17 2013 – The ECtHR communicated to the government of Moldova about the case Apcov and others v. Moldova. The

applicants are represented at the European Court for Human Rights by lawyer Alexandru Postica, director of the Human Rights Program at Promo-LEX.

June 22–23, 2013 – A third monitoring training was conducted for members of the Civic Monitoring Mission for the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova.

June 25, 2013 – A wide national citizen awareness campaign on to promote the protection order for victims of domestic violence, implemented by Promo-LEX, was finalized in Moldova.

June 26, 2013 – Promo-LEX and Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims “Memoria” launched an Appeal for support victims of torture within the framework of the 26 June 2013 international campaign: “Torture Victims Have the Right to Rehabilitation – Let’s Make This Right a Reality.”

June 27, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with the Moldovan Intellectual Games Club, organized the first competition of intellectual games in the field of human rights.

June 28, 2013 –Moldovan bloggers met in a session to discuss domestic violence; one of the guests was Lilia Poting, lawyer at Promo-LEX.

July 1, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed the appeal of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2009” for reforming the system of financing political parties and election campaigns.

July 2, 2013 –The European Court of Human Rights informed the Governments of Moldova and Russia on the case Cebotar v. Moldova and the Russian Federation. The applicant is represented at the Court by lawyers from Promo-LEX.

July 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed an appeal of the civil society representatives from the Republic of Moldova to the High

Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, on the situation in Transnistria.

July 11, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed a Public Appeal addressed to ombudsman Aurelia Grigoriu, asking her to resign.

July 8–15, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with the Romanian Association Prohistoria XXI, organized a summer school as part of the project: “Steps through History”.

July 16, 2013 – The ECtHR condemned Moldova in the case Mudric and others v. Moldova; the applicant was represented at the Court by Promo-LEX lawyers.

July 31, 2013 – A report: “Juvenile Justice: the Situation in the Transnistrian region of Moldova in Relation to International Standards” was presented during a round table.

August 2–4, 2013 – Promo-LEX marked the International Day of Solidarity with the Civil Society from Belarus.

August 8, 2013 – The Promo-LEX Association and Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance (AGER) launched the website monitor.md.

August 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX organized an assessment workshop on the project: “Human Rights begin with education.” The event was held in Chisinau.

August 21, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed the appeal of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2009” expressing concern with the legislative initiative (draft law amending Art. 39 of Law no.436-XVI of 28 December 2006 on the Local Public Administration) of a group of lawmakers that aims to transfer to the secretaries of local councils the responsibility for compiling, managing and updating voter lists.

September 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX observers monitored

parliamentary elections in Norway.

September 11, 2013 – The Promo-LEX Association in partnership with Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova launched the project “Fighting conscripts’ rights violations in Moldova by increasing their legal awareness.”

September 11, 2013 – Promo-LEX launched the Conscripts Guide: Prevention of torture and ill-treatment in military units.

September 11, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance launched the Second Quarterly Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy.

September 13, 2013 – The Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) communicated to the Government of Republic of Moldova the case of R.L. v. Moldova.

September 17, 2013 – Promo-LEX published a Statement regarding the effects of signing the protocol record of 16 September 2013.

September 20, 2013 – A session of intellectual games under the theme: “Learning about Human Rights via Intellectual Games” was organized at the “Alexandru cel Bun” Theoretical Lyceum in Tighina. The event took place with the support of Promo-LEX Association.

September 22, 2013 – Promo-LEX observers participated in monitoring presidential elections in Germany.

October 7, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the International Federation for Human Rights launched the Report: “Torture and ill-treatment in Moldova, including Transnistria: Shared problems, evaded responsibility.”

October 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX published an informative note on the Law on the way of ensuring and restoring public order

during public events.

October 27, 2013 – Promo-LEX observers monitored the presidential elections in Georgia.

November 6, 2013 – Promo-LEX experts participated as trainers at a seminar on “Uniform procedures for prosecuting cases of human rights violations in Transnistrian region – reception and transmission of personal data”, organized by the National Institute of Justice.

November 14, 2013 – according to a Promo-LEX press release, the European Court of Human Rights would examine the case of 18 year-old Vadim Pisari, killed on 1 January 2013 by a Russian soldier from the peacekeeping mission, in an urgent manner.

November 15, 2013 – Promo-LEX and the Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance launched the Third Quarterly Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy.

November 25 – December 10, 2013 – Promo-LEX conducted the campaign: “16 Days of Activism Against Violence against Women.”

November 28, 2013 – Promo-LEX in partnership with the General Police Inspectorate launched a short film competition as part of the campaign: “16 Days of Activism Against Violence against Women.”

December 2 – 3, 2013 – Promo-LEX attended the Parallel OSCE Civil Society Conference in Kiev.

December 3, 2013 – A film viewing session as part of the campaign: “16 Days of Activism Against Violence against Women” was organized in Cahul, in the premises of the “B.P Hasdeu” University.

December 4, 2013 – A film viewing session as part of the

campaign: “16 Days of Activism Against Violence against Women” was organized in Balti, in the premises of the “Alecu Russo” University.

December 7–8, 2013 – Promo-LEX conducted a 4th training session for monitors from the Civic Monitoring Mission on the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova.

December 9, 2013 – Promo-LEX, in partnership with the GPI and the Multimedia chair of the Music, Theater and Arts Academy, organizes an award Gala for the winners of the short film competition as part of the campaign: “16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women”.

December 11, 2013 – Promo-LEX published a Statement regarding the situation of Latin-script schools in the Transnistrian region.

December 15, 2013 – Promo-LEX observers participated in monitoring of new partial parliamentary elections in Ukraine

December 17, 2013 – Promo-LEX signed the EPDE appeal expressing concern that the arrest of Anar Mammadli and the further investigation of activities of the EMDS organization, unfolded by the Prosecution of Azerbaijan on 31 October, were politically motivated and stemmed from the critical remarks made by EMDS after the recent presidential election in Azerbaijan.