

Promo-LEX has become a founding member of the “Civic Solidarity” Platform

On 4 December 2011 Promo-LEX Association became a founding member of the International Cooperation Platform “Civic Solidarity”. The founding Declaration of the Platform was signed at a Conference in Vilnius. The event was held in parallel with the OSCE Conference, and the Platform’s founding Declaration was handed to the Lithuanian chairmanship of the OSCE represented by Audronius Ažubalis, Lithuania’s Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Platform is based on such values as human rights and human dignity; non-violence and the culture of peace; and supremacy of human rights and freedoms over state interests.

The main goals of the “Civic Solidarity” Platform include:

- strengthening the rule of law to uphold and advance fundamental human rights and freedoms;
- strengthening mutual support and solidarity between civic activists;
- enhancing the role and capacity of civil society in decision making processes at national and international levels;
- improving public oversight of state institutions and international organizations to ensure democratic governance;
- lowering the levels of xenophobia and intolerance in the region.

These goals will be accomplished by undertaking diverse joint activities that will include: mobilization of civil society organizations in the region to create and advance common positions on human dimension issues; creation and promotion of new international norms and standards in the field of human rights and the rule of law, while strengthening the existing

principles and approaches; advocating for institutional reforms of intergovernmental organizations, including the UN, the OSCE, the Council of Europe and the European Union, based on joint civil society recommendations; building of broad alliances among civil society activists in the region to address common problems.

The Platform will build upon the achievements and traditions of the international Helsinki movement which for several decades played a key role in advancing the goals and principles of the Helsinki process.

The founding Declaration was signed by a number of independent civil society organizations from the OSCE region.

In the documents below you can find the list of the founding organizations and the principles of organizing the Platform in English and Russian.

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