

Transnistrian civil society to discuss problems and propose solutions

Representatives of the civil society of Transnistria will be participating in a Forum of Transnistrian NGOs in Vadul lui Voda town on December 12 and 13. They will try to identify possibilities for strengthening Transnistrian nongovernmental organizations' capacities and for facilitating and developing cooperation between the NGOs working on the two banks of the Nistru and with the donor community, Info-Prim Neo reports.

According to Natalia Gligor, coordinator of the Resource and Development Center for Transnistria Project implemented by "Promo-LEX" Association, the aim of the second edition of the forum is to create a platform for discussion for the representatives of the Transnistrian NGOs and better conditions for their economic stability.

"We want to establish a direct connection between the representatives of the civil society and the donors. The communication will help them better understand the real situation in the region and the necessities of the NGOs. Sometimes, the Transnistrian NGOs cannot fulfill the conditions for participating in the contests organized by backers as they meet difficulties even in translating the documents into English," said Gligor. At the end of the forum, the participants will formulate 10 recommendations for the donor community.

The open-space forum will center on the following subjects: image of the NGOs in the society, the prospects of developing the nongovernmental sector in Transnistria in 2010, the financial durability of the NGOs and the possibility of developing partnership relations with foreign nongovernmental

organizations. The NGOs will present progress reports, while the organizations that achieved good results in promoting the human rights in the Transnistrian region will be awarded.

The event is organized by Promo-LEX Association in partnership with the organization "Rodoliubets", with financial support from the Czech organization "People in Need", the Czech Foreign Ministry's program "Transition" and the OSCE Mission in Moldova.

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