

# A Unified Procedure for Prosecuting Cases of Human Rights Violations in the Transnistrian Region



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

The seminar was organized within the project “Strengthening the Civil Society in the Transnistrian Region of Moldova”, implemented with the financial support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

The training seminar was attended by prosecutors and judges. The trainers from the Promo-LEX Association – Ion Manole, Pavel Postica and Alexandru Postica – presented general aspects of jurisdiction in the Transnistrian region, and the concepts of positive and negative obligations of the State in prosecuting cases of human rights violations. The trainers also discussed the judicial practice in the cases of stating the nullity of decisions produced by the so-called courts from the Transnistrian region.

The Government Agent of the Republic of Moldova at the European Court of Human Rights, Lilian Apostol, mentioned the obligations of the national authorities with regard to human rights violations in conflict regions.

Gheorghe Malic, the head of the Criminal Investigation

Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, discussed criminal investigation and prosecution measures that have been taken by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Prosecutor's office to ensure a single approach procedure in prosecuting cases of human rights violations in the Transnistrian region. Invited experts – Viorel Berliba, PhD of Law, Science Academy of Moldova, and Valeriu Cuşnir, Doctor of Law from the Academy, made presentations on the action of criminal law in this area, the particularities of qualifying the actions of representatives of law enforcement bodies of the secessionist regime as well as the legal instruments for ensuring human rights and freedoms in the Eastern region of the country.