
PROJECT:

Enhancing the role of civil society, academia and SMEs from EaP in implementation of European standards

Implementing organizations:



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REFORMANDA



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PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES:

1. Raise the awareness of civil society actors from the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine regarding standardization and facilitate access to information about standards and related activities.
2. Strengthen the capacity of National Standards Bodies from EaP countries for a better dialogue on effective implementation of European standards in the framework of DCFTA and set a proactive approach for civil society actors for participation in standardization.

Implementation period: 1 May 2017 - 31 October 2017

PROJECT'S STAKEHOLDERS:

(1) National Standardization Bodies from EaP

- Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GeoSTM)
- State Standards of Ukraine (Derzhavni Standarty Ukrainy, DSTU)
- Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM)

(2) Civil Society Organizations from EaP

(3) Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

(4) Universities from EaP

THE MAIN PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTER:

Center for Innovation and Policies (CIPM) was founded by a group of experts with large expertise in public policies and structural reforms in the Republic of Moldova. The shared objective of the experts within CIPM is to foster the sustainable development of the Republic of Moldova through analysis, training, research, communication and advocacy projects, including awareness campaigns on various issues for country's democratization process.

Given the fact that the main domestic and foreign policy objective of the Government of the Republic of Moldova is the integration of the country in the European Union, **CIPM aims to continue the process of Europeanization process** and to bring EU's values and EU achievements closer to Moldovan citizens.



PROJECT'S PARTNERS:

(1) **Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS)** is a non-partisan, non-governmental policy watchdog and think tank, which conducts research and public policy analysis, and provides advice and project management in the fields of public policy and public administration reform.

(2) **Group for Strategic and Security Studies** is a think-tank based in Kiev and its primary mission is to contribute at European integration of the Ukraine and also to promote peace and security and to transform the way the world deals with conflicts.

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PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES:

- (1) Conduct the comparative analysis of the standardization process in the EaP Countries (Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia) in the context of EU integration process.
- (2) Organize information campaigns about the Standardization process in EaP countries (Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine) and the benefits of EU standards.
- (3) Develop the regional Guideline for EaP countries on the transition from old soviet standards (GOST) to European Standards.
- (4) Organize in the Republic of Moldova a regional conference on” Opportunities and challenges for Eastern Partnership Countries in the framework of the European standardization”.

PROJECT'S EXPECTED RESULTS:

- (1) A comparative analysis of the standardization process in the EaP Countries (Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia) in the context of EU integration process.
- (2) At least 600 people from EaP countries (Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine - civil society private sector, academia and public institutions) will be informed about the standardization process in the EaP countries;
- (3) A regional guideline for EaP countries on the transition from old soviet standards (GOST) to European Standards will be developed based on the case studies (Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine) and will include recommendations that can be used by all countries within similar situations (Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan).
- (4) A framework for National Standard Bodies of EaP countries will be build in order to share their experience and know how when dealing with the new institutional and legal challenges in the process of transposing the EU standards.

PROJECT'S EXPECTED IMPACT:

- (1) To enhance the cooperation among relevant standardization institutions in the participant countries and the stakeholders (including the Civil society and SMEs)
- (2) The experience exchange and know how transfer
- (3) Set up concrete recommendations for the transition from old GOST standards to European standards, thus, facilitating the European integration of the Eastern Partnership countries
- (4) Strengthen the regional commercial relationships among the participant countries and contribute to the integration of their economies into the European one
- (5) The successful implementation of the Project will serve as a good practice example and can offer possible solutions to the common problem regarding the transition to European standards in all EaP countries.



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The donors of the Re-granting Scheme are the European Union and National Endowment for Democracy.

The overall amount for the 2017 call for proposals is 290.000 EUR. Grants are available for CSOs from the Eastern Partnership and EU countries.

Key areas of support are democracy and human rights, economic integration, environment and energy, contacts between people, social and labour policies.”



THANK YOU!

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