

Capacity Building of the Dniester/Nistru Euroregion

Objectives

The project aims to provide support for the coordination body of the newly established Dniester/Nistru Euroregion in form of capacity building and advocacy activities. The project will enable the Coordination Center of the Euroregion (EUR-CC) to meet the challenges of the initial period of its operation and serve the best interest of the region by supporting cross-border cooperation.

Background

In 2009-2010 ICDT completed a feasibility study aiming to facilitate the process of the creation of Dniester/Nistru Euroregion potentially comprising several Northern districts of Moldova, a Southwest district of Ukraine, and two districts of the Transnistrian region. During the process several public and advocacy event was held in the region. ICDT signed a strategic partnership with the Euroregion this spring. From 2007 to 2011 ICDT projects aimed at sharing experiences of the Visegrad Cooperation in the Western Balkans and in the Eastern Neighbourhood countries and strengthening the basis of democracy, partnership and regional cooperation. During this program 4 out of our 5 partners worked with us.

Project Description

The project is designed specifically for the operational and administrative staff of the EUR-CC and partly for the Board of the Euroregion. Furthermore, the representatives of those non-governmental organizations also belong to the primary target group as belong to direct beneficiaries of the Euroregion's activities and they needs fundamentally determine the strategy of the Euroregion. The secondary target group is composed of the entire population of the Dniester/Nistru Euroregion as the effective operation of the abovementioned organization may significantly contribute to the overall socio-economic development of the region.

The project will commence with on-site trainings. The thematic courses will aim at the transfer of knowledge, skills, and competencies to the staff of EUR-CC in topics such as: operational, strategic, and financial management, project development, and monitoring, communication, PR. The experts will be delegated by ICDT and its the project partners, based on their field of expertise. The second chapter will consist of a study tour and an off-site advocacy-fundraising training. The participants will visit the secretariats of other Euroregions in the V4 countries, and the CEMR and other organizations in Brussels. Meanwhile, the official website of the Euroregion will be launched to ensure proper online communication service and transparency.