

Cross-River Development

Objectives

The goal of the project is to improve the development of the conflict-shattered Transnistria region by providing training for both governmental and non-governmental organizations and to present a relevant European model of regional development through good examples.

Background

The project has a unique feature as well, as based on the experience of both the main aspirant, the International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT) and its project partner, the Moldovan Foreign Policy Association (APE), the training aims not only to demonstrate regional cooperation and development models, but also to transmit practical experiences, and stimulate the creation of own projects based on the knowledge gained on workshops.

Project Description

The development is fulfilled by workshops, trainings, and a field trip to Hungary that will result in at least 3 regional development plans created by the participants themselves. It is also planned, that when the project is over, participants will continue mutual work in the frame of a new civilian, local governmental and business network, and to find new partners to realize their future projects.

From the Moldovan point of view, the project will increase the economic development of the most stranded region, and local knowledge. Implementing EU mechanisms will enhance integration processes. Enhancing trust could boost integration, but it surely develops social, cultural and economic relations, and also decreases security risks.

The project increases local knowledge, and as a result, the building capacities of the participants will utilize in planning their own, local projects. Regional cooperation could foster economic and cultural relations. Founded projects can create job opportunities, and raise the attention of possible international donors, even in the case of unsuccessful tenders. The initiative furthermore contributes to the development of fundraising ability of the target groups, and the efficiency of actually utilizing resources.

Local civil organizations become members of new networks, increase their local and international reputation, and capacities. As a result, they obtain a complex program that makes them ready to run for tenders. New project manager techniques decrease costs and the dependence from outsiders. This also contributes to sustainability, as the success of programs aided by external help will inspire interested parties to create their own initiatives based on successful formulas.