

Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership

Overview of Activities

ECEAP

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ESTONIAN CENTER OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

ECEAP: making Estonians post-transition/reform experiences, practices that have worked and lessons learned available for EaP countries

- Founded in 2011 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia and the Estonian School of Diplomacy, from November 2015, an independent foundation
- Expert hub, training center and think tank
- 5 permanent employees, ca 30 contractual experts in Estonia
- Experts also in EaP and European countries

- Designs and implements training and advising programs in partner countries based on best practices from Estonia's own experience with reforms
- Target audience: national and local level official and civil servants, civil society, media representatives
- Goal is to strengthen partner countries' democratic practices, administrative capacity, resilience and their capabilities for cooperation with the European countries

As of 2017 ECEAP has:

- Trained around 1400 experts from partner countries
- Organized around 170 trainings/study programs
- Published more than 20 research papers
- Organized 4 annual EaP-related conferences

ECEAP main organizer for 2017 EaP Summit side events

- E-partnership conference
 - 4.10.2017 together with E-Governance Academy
- Business Forum
 - 26-28.10.2017 together with Enterprise Estonia
- Civil Society Conference
 - 25-27.10.2017 together with Estonian Union of Non-Profit Organizations
- special event: An Uncomfortable truth - role of Russian media in shaping image of Europe in EU and EaP countries; Case of Ukraine: Challenges and benefits of European Integration
 - 23.11.2017 Brussels (in cooperation with Norway)

ECEAP three main principles of structuring the work:

1. specialist-to-specialist
2. local-governments-civil society cooperation
3. strategic communication/strengthening local media

ECEAP approach:

- Committed experts with transition experiences and understanding of local realities
- Motivated local partners
- Hands-on program development and implementation
- Proper assessment of situation and context before starting any activities
- Real needs-based program development
- Ensuring continuity – never one-of events

ECEAP Activities: Examples of issues/
topics of ongoing and planned programs



ARMENIA

- Public Administration reform – focus on performance appraisal system
- Local-government - assistance in decentralization process: developing e-services and cooperation with civil society (Dilijan region)



GEORGIA

- Public Administration Reform – focus on developing EU-standard financial accounting system (in cooperation with GIZ) and internal auditing in educational system on national and local levels
- Local government- assistance in decentralization process: forest-, water-, and waste management, cooperation with civil society (Telavi and Adjara regions)
- Capacity building for media representatives from local regions

MOLDOVA

- Local government- civil society cooperation (Strazin region)
- Increasing women's participation in police service (requested by MD)
- Assistance in border police reform (requested by MD)
- Capacity building for media representatives from local regions (considered for 2018)
- Capacity building for government communication specialists (on national and local level) considered for 2018

AZERBAIJAN

- Development of e-services for local governments (requested by AZ)
- Developing cooperation between women's organizations and police in preventing and combating domestic violence



UKRAINE

- Strengthening national anti-corruption institutions (National Anti-Corruption Bureau NABU)
 - - In cooperation with EU/DANIDA program-capacity building for NABU detectives, operative officers and internal control
 - - strategic communication, development of internal communication platform, cooperation mechanisms with state prosecutor's office
- Strategic communication trainings for National Police Service
- Capacity building for local journalists from regions of Eastern Ukraine
- Local government-civil society cooperation building in the form of engaging civil society organizations in providing services for the community in Zaporize, Lutsk and Mykolaiv

BELARUS

- Trainings in development of on population counting (Census)
- Development of e-services for Tax department
- Growing demand from EaP countries for ECEAP involvement– why it works:
- Trust from EaP (shared history, language skills)
- Honest communication from EaP side on real situation and their needs
- Building confidence for European integration on real examples
- Tailor-made needs based approach to every country, no pre -set agendas
- Long term commitment and continuity strategies
- Measuring and evaluating results, flexibility to adjust focus according to outcomes
- Big impact with small funds



Thank you for your attention!

We're always happy to answer any further questions or discuss concrete proposals for future cooperation—please contact us at:

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