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### **147 Non-Governmental Organisations registered changes to their Statutes, and 26 received State Registration with the Support of the "Commitment Constructive Dialogue" Project**

Providing free legal support to the civil society organisations in the issue of harmonizing their statutes with the requirements of law, as well as to elaborate and register the statutes of newly established NGOs is going on in the framework of the "Commitment Constructive Dialogue" Project

Ms Anoush Aslanyan, President of the "Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities" Human Rights NGO from Lori Region, says that the process of amendment of the statute is rather complicated, but due to support provided by the project lawyer Artur Sukiasyan she did not encounter problems. "Going out was a problem for me. We usually agreed to meet on certain days during the week and he came to our office, to discuss together and to develop our statute."

As a result, the statute of the organisation dealing with the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the province has been re-registered in the State Register of Legal Entities.

Ms Lusine Musoyan, President of the newly created "Gyumri Club" Youth and Cultural NGO, has learned about the "Commitment to Constructive Dialogue" project from social networks. "We are very excited about our social activities. We applied to the lawyer Victoria Yeghoyan and she supported us in the development of our statute. Further we registered in the State Register of Legal Entities," Ms Musoyan said.

As of February 15 of this year, 147 non-governmental organisations have amended and re-registered their statutes within the framework of "Commitment to Constructive Dialogue" project. 26 new non-governmental organisations have elaborated and registered the statutes as well. 544 free legal consultations on these issues have been provided.

If you also are a civic activist and want to receive legal support, please contact us at [info@armla.am](mailto:info@armla.am), register for the upcoming training to receive legal advice.

The "*Commitment to Constructive Dialogue*" project is implemented with the financial support of the European Union by a Consortium of civil society organisations, which are the Armenian Lawyers' Association (lead organisation), Agora Central Europe (NGO based in the Czech Republic), the Armenian Centre for Democratic Education-CIVITAS, the International Centre for Human Development, the SME Cooperation Association and the Union of Communities of Armenia.

The project aims to enhance the influence of civil society organisations (CSOs) and CSO coalitions/networks on public policies in Armenia. This will allow organisations that are already working in sectoral coalitions to access additional resources, new groups of civil society



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experts to come together and encourage place their causes on the local and national policy agenda, to identify common concerns and priorities and approach government bodies with constructive and strategic policy engagement initiatives.

The project will provide sub-grants to CSOs and CSO coalitions for developing public policies and bringing significant changes in the 9 target sectors selected within the project, including those of justice, education and business.

The **Armenian Lawyers' Association** (ALA) was established in 1995 with a mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and where their rights are protected. Before February 2016, ALA used to be called Armenian Young Lawyers Association.

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