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CSOs will submit Proposals on solving the Issues of Social Entrepreneurship

On 28 February, 16 representatives of civil society organisations participated in a training on the Social Entrepreneurship Institute provided by the new law, which was organised in the framework of the EU-funded “Commitment to Constructive Dialogue” project.

Mr. Hakob Avagyan, the Executive Director of the Project Partner SME Partnership Association of Armenia, Business and Related Sectors' Coordinator of the project described the cases in where the entrepreneurship is considered social, how it is organized, the issues related to the accounting and other important issues.

"There has been a change related to NGOs in the legislative field. The idea of social entrepreneurship to which we just got acquainted and began to apply, has been added. We talked about social entrepreneurship, discussed and learned quite new things. There are problems and obstacles that we discussed and decided to submit proposals through the Initiative Group," Ms Yerazik Alaverdyan, a representative of the “Blossoming Almond” NGO said.

Mr. Arman Ghazaryan, representing the Young Journalists Association NGO, mentioned that such trainings are useful for NGOs because they relate to strict professional areas, such as legislation regulating NGO field, a number of tax particularities, and so on. *"After receiving professional counseling within these meetings, we can manage our organizations more effectively, avoid the risks of various types, and why not to be able to ensure correct turnover,"* he said.

If you also are a civic activist and want to receive legal support, please contact us at 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 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.



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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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