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### 147 Non-Governmental Organisations have been registered with the Support of the “Commitment Constructive Dialogue” Project

Providing free legal support to the civil society organisations in the issue of harmonising 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 Knarik Garanfilyan, President of “Family and Community” NGO, which works in Gegharkunik marz and promotes children's welfare, noted that the process of amending their organisation's statute was rather smooth, with the support of Ms Liana Makvetsyan, the project lawyer.

"On February 2, the Statute of our organisation was approved by the State Register of Legal Entities. Changes in our charter referred to the provisions of the new law, it is important to include a provision for restricted membership, as well as provide the main group of beneficiaries," Knarik Garanfilyan said.

In February 2018, Mr. Vache Baghdasaryan, the Project lawyer supported to amend, harmonise with the requirements of the new legislation, and re-register at the State Register of Legal Entities the statute of “Ararat City Killed and Wounded Freedom Fighters Families’ Support” NGO.

"During the four years of operation, our organisation has been supporting families of killed and wounded freedom fighters by providing them with auxiliary clothing, electric wheelchair, flexible wheelchairs and food. And the harmonisation of our statute with the requirements of the new law and registration allows us to continue our work without hindrance," Ms Emma Kornenko, President of the Ararat City Killed and Wounded Freedom Fighters Families’ Support” NGO said.

As of March 1 of this year, 154 non-governmental organisations in Yerevan and marzes have amended and re-registered their statutes within the framework of “Commitment to Constructive Dialogue” project. 27 new non-governmental organisations have elaborated and registered the statutes as well.

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.



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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.

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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