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Social Legacy Program (SLP): Transparent Education Network (TEN) *Regional Program Update*



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The Transparent Education Network (TEN)

brings together key individuals and organizations from the Europe and Eurasia region to foster peer-to-peer collaboration and dialogue and share lessons learned, best practices, challenges, and knowledge / resources relevant for understanding and addressing the issues related to corruption in education.

TEN consists of the following four organizations: 1) **NGO Center (NGOC)** in Armenia; 2) **YUVA Humanitarian Center (YUVA)** in Azerbaijan; 3) **Youth Educational Forum (YEF)** in Macedonia; and 4) **Alliance** in Ukraine.



The Transparent Education Network (TEN) The SLP **Anti-Corruption** component has developed the Transparent Education Network (TEN) aimed at: (a) raising awareness about corruption in education and its impact on society; (b) strengthening local capacity to analyze effects of corruption in education at individual and school levels; and (c) promote a culture of transparency and accountability in secondary- and tertiary-level schools.

SLP-TEN Regional Workshop 2010 - Kiev, Ukraine

The TEN Regional Workshop, held in Kiev on November 3-5, 2010 marked the beginning of Phase II of the Eastern Europe & Eurasia Social Legacy Program. Representatives from the TEN member NGOs from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Macedonia met with representatives from other regional NGOs and Universities to renew their commitment to promoting transparency in education. Representatives from NGOs in Moldavia and Ukraine involved in similar activities as TEN, also participated. The three-day talks focused on building capacity for participants, promoting networking, dissemination of ideas, and fine-tuning of program activities for Phase II of the project.

The Workshop was instrumental in developing strategic partnerships and collaborations between stakeholders by creating a space for the exchange of ideas, skills and knowledge between the TEN partners and to spread the word about the anti-corruption movement, especially by promoting relationships with Universities.



SLP-TEN Regional Workshop 2010 - Activities

Perhaps the most inspiring activity towards achieving this goal was the “*Mapping and Stakeholder Analysis Exercise*” aimed at better understanding the field/arena in the individual countries, and identifying niches and opportunities for intervention. The exercise included mapping out potential partners: donors, NGOs, universities, private sector partners, youth groups and associations that can cooperate with the TEN member NGOs to carry out the work beyond the life of the project. A clear understanding of the system and the roles of the NGOs in the field are essential to visualize the path ahead.

One of the main themes of the Workshop was the conceptualization of Codes of Conduct outlining the ethical responsibilities, rights and duties of students, faculty, and administrators in the higher education system. Understanding and adopting the Codes of Conduct is key in achieving an open and transparent education system. Moreover, the workshop focused on sustainability of the anti-corruption effort beyond the life of the project. Participants explored ways to continue the hard work of the Network, and developed a work-plan for each country.



(ABOVE) NGOs and Universities representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Moldavia and Ukraine

“It was good to have the opportunity to have a conversation with representatives from different countries. They were very interesting and informative.”

-- TEN Workshop 2010 participant



(ABOVE) Moldovan and Armenian participants listening intently

SLP-TEN Regional Workshop 2010 Highlights

- A space was created for the exchange of ideas, knowledge, skills, lessons learned and best practices
- The network was strengthened between TEN representatives and groups from other countries in the region carrying out similar work
- An action plan was developed to build partnerships with in-country and regional key stakeholders with a focus on other donors and sustainability plans

“The workshop made Phase II of the project more clear and visible”

-- TEN Workshop 2010 participant