



## LOCAL INITIATIVES ON ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities promotes local democracy and a culture of ethical and inclusive decision-making, as part of the thematic programme “Strengthening institutional frameworks for local governance” in the Eastern Partnership countries. This thematic programme is implemented through the Programmatic Co-operation Framework (PCF) for 2015-2017 for **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus**. The total **budget** of the programme is € 2,570,000.

Twelve local initiatives in Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, three in each country, were selected for funding, expert support and peer reviews, following a Call for proposals for ‘Local initiatives on ethical governance and transparency’, launched by the Congress on 10 November 2016. The Call was supported through information sessions organised in each country, in close co-operation with the national associations of local and regional authorities.

### OBJECTIVE

- To increase transparency, accountability and integrity of local government in the targeted countries, by introducing higher ethical standards and fostering citizen participation.
- To establish a transparent, reliable and efficient local self-government, in line with the provisions of the European Charter of Local Self-Government.

### DURATION AND FUNDING

- The budget allocated to each local initiative will support activities implemented in the period March – September 2017.
- For municipalities with up to 5,000 inhabitants, a maximum budget of 8,000 EUR.
- For municipalities between 5,000 and 12,000 inhabitants, a maximum budget of 12,000 EUR.
- For municipalities above 12,000 inhabitants, a maximum budgeted amount of 18,000 EUR.

### ARMENIA

- Aygepat, for an initiative to modernise media and integrate communication plans in order to improve transparency and raise citizen awareness on local self-government activities.
- Karmir Aghek, for an initiative on ‘Raising the voice and participation of the public in local governance’, through the creation of youth and elderly councils.
- Tashir, for an initiative to develop a Civic Action Group and trainings to engage citizens, and specifically youth.

### MOLDOVA

- Budesti, for an initiative on ‘Today’s young councillors, tomorrow’s leaders of change’.
- Costesti, for an initiative on increasing transparency of local government and participation of citizens in public-decision making.
- Palanca, for an initiative on ‘Partnership for good governance and local development’.

### GEORGIA

- Dusheti, for an initiative on becoming ‘a decision-maker in the process of self-governance in your community’.
- Kaspi, for an initiative on ‘Informed citizen – stronger self-government’.
- Tianeti, for an initiative on ‘Ethics in public services of Tianeti’.

### UKRAINE

- Nemishaeve, for an initiative to create a platform for co-operation between local authorities and different generations of the community.
- Netchyntsi, for an initiative to improve ethical standards in municipal government through the introduction of a Code of ethics, and higher involvement of citizens through improved availability of information.
- Slavutych, for an initiative to develop an office to support community initiatives and adoption of a Code of ethics.