

Project's title: Active Georgia. Women's Academy.

Duration of the project: May – November 2008

Date of the Academy: 7th – 17th of September (to be confirmed)

Venue of the Academy: Krakow, Poland

Number of participants in the Academy: 20

Main themes: women in local government; political marketing; regional development;

Type of the project: training course, workshops and lectures

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Project Active Georgia. Women's Academy is organised and conducted in frames of Polish Foreign Assistance. In 2008, Polish Foreign Affairs Ministry defined three, key areas of support including:

- agricultural sector and development of rural areas;
- growth of local self-government
- strengthening of central administration, with particular emphasis on support for border protection services as well as training courses on how to gain funds from the European Union.

More info you could find in the document Polish aid programme 2008:

<http://www.polskapomoc.gov.pl/Documents,and,Publications,208.html>

Active Georgia. Women's Academy focuses on the second priority: growth of local self-government. In this particular project we focus on the development of local democracy reaching to its biggest potential resource – women. Through recognition that women possess enormous potential to improve local self government we would like to empower young leaders with adequate knowledge and skills in following:

- function and role of the self government with special focus on polish experiences and best practises, management skills;
- knowledge about political marketing and campaigning;
- the European funds and resources, learning practical tools.

These areas will be covered during the Academy in Krakow, from 7th to 17th of September. At the moment we are in progress of defining the schedule of the visit. Of course you are more then welcome to contribute and share ideas – we would appreciate any comments or proposals of specific activities which you believe are substantial at this field.

In this project we already receive support and confirmation of participation from two organisations: International Union “ERTOBA” as well as Local Democracy Agency (LDA) in Georgia. It is essential for the project that we will cooperate together in order to make the project more visible and more accessible for young women. In this case we would have participants coming from Tbilisi as well as from Kutaisi.

To conclude. We would like to invite 20 young women, leaders, already involved in local government who could acquire new skills during Academy in Poland and then share it in Georgia through follow-up activities.

Profile of the participant:

- age 25 – 35;
- active in local government or institutions cooperating with local governments (Ngo’s; media; other institutions);
- possessing experience and successes at the fields of policy, education, culture, etc.;
- leaders of local communities and informal groups;
- be open minded and ready to express own opinions on the topic of the Academy (local democracy, local government, role of women in policy);
- motivated to participate in every part of the project including multiplication process.

Partner’s tasks:

- conducting selection process of participants
- choosing final participants in cooperation with the International Initiatives Bureau
- regular communication with the IIB including preparation process (especially concerning unexpected accidents which can influence participation in the visit of appointed person); as well as multiplication process
- reporting the number and scale of conducting follow-up activities (venues, numbers of participants, lists of signatures, results and effects)
- promotion of the project during its implementation and follow-up activities