

International Initiatives Bureau
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Local Democracy Agency Georgia
Presents project "Active Georgia. Women's Academy"

A project "Active Georgia. Women's Academy" is organized and conducted in the frames of Assistance from Poland. 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 practices, 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

We would like to invite motivated, enthusiastic women who look forward to develop in a new, challenging role within a dynamic environment of local self-governments.

Profile of the participant:

- women, age 25 – 35;

- active in local self-governments 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.

Practicalities:

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

Travel cost: 100 % reimbursed by the International Initiatives Bureau

Board and lodging: provided by the International Initiatives Bureau

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

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