



European project supporting the development of Orhei and Telenesti Towns

Orhei and Telenesti, direct beneficiaries and implementation partners

A new European project comes to strengthen the capacities of non-state actors and local authorities for cooperation and sustainable development.

The project “Promoting PPI as an efficient mechanism for community empowerment and sustainable local development” has been launched in March 2013. Orhei and Telenesti Towns are its direct beneficiaries and implementation partners of Business Consulting Institute. It is financially supported by the European Union.

Civil servants and local councilors, representatives of civil society and private sector will be involved in its activities, which will promote mechanisms of cooperation among society and LPA and will empower communities to participate to local development and have access to improved services and infrastructure. The mechanisms applied by the project are Community Driven Development (CDD) and Participatory Planning and Implementation (PPI), which support local development of communities through their human capital.

Within this initiative, financial support will be offered for the implementation of 4 local infrastructure projects in Orhei and Telenesti Towns, which will offer access to better services. The problems faced by the community will be named by the citizens, who will define the projects and participate to their implementation.

Strengthening the cooperation capacity through didactic activities

This project has offered training to civil servants and local councilors, representatives of civil society and private sector of Telenesti and Orhei Towns.

During June 17-July 26, 2013, there were held trainings on the following topics: decentralization of public services; project management; elaboration of policy documents; participatory monitoring and evaluation.

These seminars have aimed to teach attendants how to write projects and policy documents. Another objective was to present the subject of decentralization, which will strengthen administrative and financial competences of local public administration and will empower communities to participate to the decision-making process.

The trainers have used interactive teaching methods, which stimulated communication between participants.

These activities were attended by more than 370 people from Orhei and Telenesti.

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After the trainings, 4 focus-groups were held in each of these towns, presenting the concept of Participatory Planning and Implementation (PPI) and the importance of social participation to decision-making, which means to apply a living standard that meets population's expectations. The attendants have discussed about the problems of their towns and the best solutions for them. There were defined 2 priority projects to be financed. Two surveys were organized, with more than 600 participants from Orhei and Telenesti, to establish the main problems of these communities.

The experts of Business Consulting Institute and the members of the Local Participatory Council will prepare local development strategies for these towns, applying human rights and participation principles. The strategies will be established for a period of 5 years.

The 4-day strategic planning workshops were attended by local public administration, CSOs, NGOs and vulnerable groups, whose decisions will have an impact on the future of their communities.

These strategies meet the needs of communities and citizens. They will offer examples of the residents' direct participation to problem solving, which could serve as model for other localities.

Study visit for the best students

The participants to trainings will also have the chance to make a study visit to Poland. This country has a good experience in applying the project concepts, which are supported by the Law on Local Self-Government, adopted on March 8, 1990. The study visit will be organized with the support of the Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation PAUCI.

The visit will have 20 participants, which have obtained the best results at the seminar evaluation. To extend project results at regional level, there will also be selected representatives of the local authorities from neighboring communities, which will create real conditions for the further application of Participatory Planning) and Implementation.