

Sarajevo Notebook: European Union Policies towards the Western Balkans (2004-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Mediacy Sarajevo

Summary: Exchanges for opinion-makers, analysts and civil society activists in Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, to engage public participation in and attract public attention to perspectives of EU policies in the western Balkans and to offer a communication platform to promote civil society engagement in informing processes of European integration for the countries of former Yugoslavia.

Engaging NGOs in Monitoring Budgetary Processes (2005-2007)

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Organizer: Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan in partnership with Public Foundation Agency of Social Technologies and Development, Astana; Public Foundation for Economic and Social Problems Tulpar, Atyrau; Mangystau Branch of Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Aktau; Karaganda Oblast Ecological Center EcoCenter; Public Association Forming Tax Culture, Almaty; and, Public Foundation Agency for Development of Small and Medium Business, Aktobe

Summary: Exchanges for civil society activists and decision-makers, to promote transparency in public spending by engaging with decision-makers responsible for state budget processes and to leverage experiences in Central and Eastern Europe to inform civil society in Kazakhstan.

Media Self-Regulation and Ethical Journalism (2005-2007)

Organizer: Yerevan Press Club

Summary: Exchanges for journalists, journalists' associations and civil society activities, to contribute to the establishment of efficient media self-regulatory mechanisms in Armenia by drawing on experiences in Slovenia and to contribute to the development of working models of media self-regulation in societies in which no traditions of quality and responsible journalism existed.

Friendly EU Borders: Relations with New Eastern Neighbors (2005-2007)

Subprogram for European Integration

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: International Cooperation Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation in partnership with the European Institute, Sofia; Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava; Desire Foundation, Cluj; EuroCollege, University of Tartu; Institute for European Integration, Faculty of International Relations, Ivan Franko National University, Lviv; Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, Institute for Ethnic and National Minority Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest; Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki; and, Center for Migration Research, Warsaw University

Summary: Exchanges for analysts and civil society activists to monitor EU member states' visa policies to eastern neighbors, to examine visa practices in old and new EU member states, to analyze existing legal regulations, to collect data on human rights abuses in consular and border guard practice and to promote public awareness of the advantages of friendly and smart borders.

Professional Policing and Protection of Rights of Victims of Domestic Violence (2005-2007)

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic) and Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizers: Police Training College, Prague and Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Tbilisi

Summary: Exchanges for law enforcement professionals and non-governmental organizations in the Czech Republic and Georgia, to provide an opportunity for trainers in Georgia to learn experiences, new methodologies and technologies of police training implemented in the Czech Republic and to contribute to improving professional interventions in cases of domestic violence, particularly in the protection of rights of victims of domestic violence in Georgia based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

Social Integration of People with Autism (2006-2007)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: SUN RING Public Association of Autistic People Support, Kyiv in partnership with the Synapsis Foundation Warsaw, Center for Curative Pedagogy Moscow, Our Sunny World Children's Rehabilitation Center Moscow, Correction Pedagogy Institute Drahomanov Pedagogical University Kyiv, Ukrainian Step by Step Foundation Kyiv and Charity Foundation Open Heart Lviv Center of Support of People with General Developmental Disorders

Summary: Exchanges for social workers and volunteers in Poland and Ukraine, to facilitate the introduction in Ukraine of a comprehensive approach to social integration of people with autism based on international experiences and expertise, to exchange best practices and models of social integration of people with disability by engaging public and private organizations and to formulate recommendations for state educational management bodies in Ukraine.

Media Freedom in the Creation of a Civic Society: Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Poland (2006-2007)

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: European Foundation Dialogue, Bydgoszcz www.fundacjdialog.pl in partnership with Kazakhstan Press Club, Almaty

Summary: Exchanges for young journalists in regional media in Kazakhstan and Poland, to encourage the transfer of knowledge, skills and experience to young journalists in Kazakhstan to upgrade the level of understanding of journalistic responsibilities in times of transition and journalistic institution-building and to support an emerging new generation of journalists in Kazakhstan to bring a sense of change, inspire renewal and create incentives for the journalists in Kazakhstan to take responsibility for media freedoms and democratic progress in Kazakhstan based on experiences over the past years in Poland.

Pre-Electoral Promises and Governing in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2006-2007)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Center for Humane Politics, Dobojski in partnership with the Center for Free Elections and Democracy, Belgrade

Summary: Exchanges for analysts and non-governmental organizations, to engage citizens in informed civic participation by conducting analysis and systematizing information on elected officials' performance compared to promises made during election campaigns and to provide objective information to citizens to attempt to overcome mentalities of nationalism and xenophobia.

Women Leaders for Community Development: Overcoming Unemployment and Social Exclusion (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Partners Poland Foundation, Warsaw in partnership with Center for Change and Conflict Management Partners-Georgia, Tbilisi; National Association of Civil Society Support Centers of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe www.cssi.irex.tj; and, Kosova Women Initiative – New Vision, Gjakova

Summary: Exchanges for local community leaders in rural areas in Kosovo, Georgia and Tajikistan, to develop effective leadership modules to encourage women's engagement in social entrepreneurship as based on experiences in Poland and to share practical knowledge about organizing local development initiatives to overcome poverty, marginalization and social exclusion in local communities.

Civil Society Cooperation to Overcome Exclusion and Alienation (2006-2007)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine), Soros Foundation-Moldova, Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy, Kyiv; Teleki Laszlo Institute Center for Foreign Policy Studies, Budapest; National Center of Information, Education and Social Analyses CAPTES, Chisinau www.ong.md; Pro Democracy Association, Cluj-Napoca

Summary: Exchanges for civil society organizations and activists in Hungary, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, to promote constructive partnerships through open-minded dialogue and objective expertise of interstate relations, to combat mutually negative stereotypes, to analyze best practices to engage non-governmental organizations in intercultural dialogue and to address policy recommendations to national decision-making authorities.

Engaging Civil Society Organizations for Participatory Democracy (2006-2007)

Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania

Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: Euroregional Center for Democracy, Timisoara www.regionalnet.org; Conflict Resolution Institute INRECO, Chisinau; and, Regional Agency for Cross Border Cooperation Lower Danube Euroregion, Reni

Summary: Exchanges for civil society actors in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, to build commitment and capacity of NGOs and other civil society actors to strengthen civic support and participation in decision-making processes at the local level in Chisinau, Odessa and Reni based on experiences in Romania and to promote NGOs to mobilize individuals, expert groups and ideas within their constituencies to develop stakeholder-inclusive advocacy strategies for enhanced civic participation.

European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (2006-2007)

Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania

Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning, Bucharest; Foundation for European Studies and Governance, Bucharest; Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kyiv; Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy, Kyiv; and, Institute for Public Policy, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for analysts and opinion-makers in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, to formulate recommendations about reforms to be undertaken in Ukraine and Moldova in the context of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan and EU-Moldova Action Plan and to identify commonalities with reforms undertaken in Romania which then may be shared in Moldova and Ukraine as well as with relevant EU bodies.

Partnership for Diversity and Dialogue (2006-2007)

Subprogram for European Integration

Organizers: Association for the Roma Youth of the European Union, Nagykanizsa and Association Roma for Roma Croatia, Zagreb

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations in Hungary and Croatia, to overcome discrimination through public awareness activities and international cooperation strategies, to promote cooperation among public authorities and civil society engaged in promoting equality for minorities in all public policies and to promote inclusion of Roma activists and leaders into European integration initiatives.

Good Practices in Community Development for Active Rural Communities (2006-2007)

Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania

Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: CREST Resource Center, Satu Mare www.crest.ro, www.telecentru.ro; Center for Economic Education, Lviv; Regional Development Agency Trans-Trakt, Zhovkva; and, Pro Comunitate Center, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for civil society actors working in local development in rural areas in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, to identify and share productive models for local rural development, to promote collaboration between NGOs and public authorities and to disseminate best practices of viable community development models.

Migration and Identity in a Changing Europe: Building Partnerships and Fostering Communication (2006-2007)

Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizer: University of Oradea, Research Center for Identity and Migration Issues

Summary: Exchanges for experts, decision-makers, non-governmental organizations and analysts in Central Europe, to facilitate a platform for sharing ideas, experiences and information on migration issues in Central Europe, to bridge the gap between EU member states, EU accession states and future EU neighbors by collaboratively formulating solutions to migration problems and to promote collaboration among non-governmental organizations and state authorities in working to address challenges of migration.

Citizen Engagement and Public Participation: Transparency in Legislative Processes (2006-2007)

Open Society Forum Mongolia

Organizer: Open Society Forum Mongolia in partnership with Parliament Secretariat of Mongolia Great State Hural

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and decision-makers, to raise awareness about the importance and benefit of public consultation among policy makers and the general public in Mongolia, to learn advanced policies and mechanisms of public consultation utilized productively in Central Europe, to identify an appropriate model of policy consultation to engage the public in decision-making and to improve transparency through public participation in Mongolia.

Exchange of Experiences in Solving Youth Issues in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania (2006-2007)

Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania

Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: Association for the Economic Development, Kolomyia; Institute for Urban Development, Chisinau; and, Association of Romanian Municipalities, Bucharest

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, to share experiences and best practices in the resolution of youth problems in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania, to analyze positive experiences of collaboration among government, businesses and NGOs in the resolution of socio-economic problems of territorial communities and to promote engagement of young people in socio-economic and legislative perspectives and awareness.

Civil Society's Contributions to Stable Economic Growth: Experiences in Hungary and Moldova (2006-2007)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: NGO Business Center of Cahul in partnership with Cahul Town Administration, Cahul County Council and Hungarian International Development Assistance Nonprofit Company, Budapest

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and local authorities in Hungary and Moldova, to establish a basis for cooperation and partnership between the NGO sector and the public administration acting in the Lower Danube Euro-region, to open new opportunities for collaboration between the public administration, non-governmental sector, entrepreneurs from the Lower Danube Euro-region and public administration and to enhance the potential of local NGOs in Moldova and particularly from Cahul County in developing new initiatives based on competitive best practices implemented in Hungary.

Role of Local Governments and NGO Activists in Overcoming Social Problems (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Democratic Society East, Warsaw www.tdw.org.pl in partnership with the Rebirth of Crimea Foundation, Bakhchisaray

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental activists, social workers and representatives of local governments, to share experiences in collaborative initiatives to engage local communities in overcoming social problems associated with victims of violence and families affected by alcohol and drug abuse, to transfer knowledge and best practices accumulated in Poland to non-governmental organizations in Ukraine.

Charitable Activity Strategies for NGOs: Experiences in Azerbaijan and Romania (2006-2007)

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizers: Woman and Modern World Center, Baku and Romanian Association for European Integration and Democracy, Bucharest

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations in regions in Azerbaijan and Romania, to promote the development of charitable activities in regions of Azerbaijan based on experiences in Romania and to empower regional NGOs in Azerbaijan in partnerships with international organizations.

Start Negotiating/Developing Intercultural Dialogue: University Students in the Western Balkans (2006-2007)

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia, Open Society Institute-Macedonia and Kosova Foundation for Open Society

Organizers: Center for Development of Civil Society Milenijum, Nis www.milenijum.org; Mjaf Foundation, Tirana, www.mjaf.org; Youth Communication Center, Banja Luka, www.okcbl.org; Youth Educational Forum, Skopje, www.mof.org.mk; Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Pristina www.yihr.org; and, Youth Cultural Center Juventas, Podgorica, www.juventas.cg.yu

Summary: Exchanges for young people to promote intercultural communication and active civic education through simulating intergovernmental problem-solving and decision-making processes for university students in the Serbia-Kosovo-Macedonia region, to expose students and academics to negotiation simulation as a mechanism for engaging in dialogue between the different peoples in southern Serbia, Kosovo and northern Macedonia, to consider creative problem solving and to gain understanding of the processes of intergovernmental communications.

Entrepreneurship in Practice (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Education for Democracy Foundation, Warsaw www.edudemo.org.pl in partnership with Students' Association of Nadvirna, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast; Youth for Freedom of Speech Center, Kaliningrad oblast www.yfs.ru; Center of Civic and Legal Training, Rostov-on-Don www.pravcenter.narod.ru; National Youth Resource Center, Chisinau www.youth.md; SUCCESS Association of Women's Entrepreneurial Development, Cahul; Local Education Center, Swietochlowice www.cel.swietochlowice.org.pl; Foundation for Development of Swietochlowice, www.frs.swietochlowice.org.pl; and, International Center of Partnership Partners Network, Cracow, www.partners.net.pl

Summary: Exchanges for young people in Poland, Ukraine, Moldova and Russia, to formulate effective models of engaging young people in social development, to mitigate effects of unemployment among young people by promoting entrepreneurship development and innovative educational methodologies for young people entering the labor market.

Women's Rights: Azerbaijan and Czech Republic (2006-2007)

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Tomris, Genje in partnership with the Civic Association Forum 50%, Czech Republic

Summary: Exchanges for women's rights activists in Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic, to provide an opportunity for regional organizations in Azerbaijan to internationalize their work and be engaged on an international level and at European standards based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

Building Capacity of NGOs: Monitoring Gender Equality Standards (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: KARAT Coalition, Warsaw www.karat.org www.womenslabour.org in partnership with the Women's Independent Democratic Movement Minsk, Center for Women and Development Tbilisi, Gender Center Chisinau and Women's Prospects Kyiv

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations in Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Poland, to build capacity of non-governmental organizations on gender equality standards in Europe, to promote civil society monitoring of the implementation of these standards and to strengthen cooperation among non-governmental organizations in developing collaborative advocacy strategies.

Development and Sustainability of Media Monitoring NGOs: Kazakhstan and Slovakia (2006-2007)

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizers: Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) in partnership with Public Foundation North Kazakhstan Law Media Center, North Kazakhstan oblast; Public Foundation Pavlodar Center of Regional Journalism Support, Pavlodar; Public Foundation Regional Mass Media Alliance, Astana; and, Public Foundation Free Journalism Protection Order Forpost, Taraz

Summary: Exchanges for young non-governmental professionals working with regional media in Kazakhstan and Slovakia, to analyze progressive experiences of watchdog NGOs in Slovakia in the areas of organizational and professional development and to learn experiences in Slovakia of how NGOs have been able to engage governmental agencies to improve conditions of information access and freedom of speech.

Policies on Inclusive Education: International Experiences and Realities (2006-2007)

Open Society Fund-Lithuania and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Center for Innovative Education, Vilnius in partnership with the Ukrainian Step by Step Foundation, Kyiv www.ussf.kiev.ua

Summary: Exchanges for educators and civil activists working to ensure equal access to quality education for disabled children, to formulate policy recommendations on inclusive education in Ukraine by utilizing international experiences and best practices and to engage public activism in policy debates in Ukraine.

After Enlargement - Another Frontier? (2006-2007)

Subprogram for European Integration

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Center for Peace and Democracy Development, Belgrade www.caa.org.yu in partnership with the European Citizens Action Service, Brussels www.ecas.org

Summary: Exchanges for civil society activists to strengthen the non-profit sector in southeast Europe through resource development and partnership capacity enhancement, to build capacity of civil society organizations by improving knowledge about European integration, successful NGO management on the European level and organizational development and to encourage partnerships among civil society organizations and activists in southeast Europe and the new member states.

European Standards of Independent Regional Media: Ukraine, Hungary and Romania (2006-2007)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizers: Association Independent Regional Press Publishers of Ukraine, Kyiv; Center for Independent Journalism, Budapest; and, Center for Independent Journalism, Bucharest

Summary: Exchanges for regional press and publishers in Ukraine, Romania and Hungary, to share experiences in the implementation of progressive European standards of independent regional media and to identify positive and negative experiences in Romania and Hungary to inform these processes in Ukraine.

Economic Development Policies: Building Partnerships in the Czech Republic and Moldova (2006-2007)

Soros Foundation-Moldova and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Economic Analysis and Capital Investment Counseling, Prague in partnership with Expert-Grup, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for analysts, civil society activists and opinion-makers in the Czech Republic and Moldova, to assess the current state of economic relations between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Moldova, to analyze policies of economic development utilized in the Czech Republic for possible adaptation in Moldova and to identify opportunities for cooperation within the EU-Moldova Action Plan.

Social Innovations in Palliative Care: Experiences in Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine (2006-2007)

Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania

Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Foundation Romania
Organizers: Medical Workers Association, Kyiv; Hospice Casa Sperantei Foundation, Brasov; National Association of Palliative Care of Moldova; and, Charity Foundation for Public Health Angelus, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations, social workers, experts in palliative care and local authorities, to make a comprehensive analysis of the status of the palliative care system in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania, and to develop the Draft Statute for Hospice Service and the Standards of Palliative Care, which will provide general definitions and regulations for palliative care in Ukraine and Moldova, based on experiences and expertise in Romania.

Engaging Kaliningrad in Questions of European Integration and Relations (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Educational Association Common Knowledge, Gdansk

Summary: Exchanges for teachers in Kaliningrad and Gdansk, to promote information and knowledge sharing about European integration through teachers to young people in Kaliningrad and to popularize concepts and implementation of friendly neighborhood policies along the EU borders.

Promoting Social Engagement and Activism: Poland, Georgia and Moldova (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland), Soros Foundation-Moldova, Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizers: Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation www.spczs.engo.pl and International Cooperation Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation in partnership with the Georgian Young Lawyers Association; Institute for European Studies, Chisinau; Social-Educational Association Educator, Poland www.sosedukator.pl; Educational Association Common Knowledge, Poland; and, Network of Information and Support for Non-Governmental Organizations SPLOT www.splot.ngo.pl

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of non-governmental organizations in Poland, Moldova and Georgia, to share experiences and best practices in promoting citizens' participation in decision making especially in rural and marginalized communities and to analyze and compare experiences in introducing civic activities and collaboration of formal and informal civic organizations.

Kosovo School for European Integration (2006-2007)

Subprogram for European Integration

Kosova Foundation for Open Society

Organizers: Kosova Foundation for Open Society and Kosova Civil Society Foundation, Pristina www.kcsfoundation.org in partnership with the European Movement in Montenegro and European Center, International Center of Culture, Tirana www.euro-centre.org

Summary: Exchanges for opinion-makers, analysts, decision-makers and non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the preparation of society in Kosovo to actively and knowledgeably participate in processes related to European integration, to identify resources in Central and Eastern Europe to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities of European integration and promote civic involvement in the European integration movement and to promote an understanding of ideas and values of the European community as well as an awareness of the impact that European integration will have on society in Kosovo.

Teaching Methodologies for Handicapped Children: Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Armenia (2006-2007)

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizers: ELPIS Special Nursery and Elementary and Practical School, Brno-Zidenice in partnership with World Vision Armenia, Malatia Child Development Center Armenia and Technical University, Sofia

Summary: Exchanges for social workers and caregivers, to analyze experiences in schools and institutions providing special education to handicapped children and working with children with autistic disorders and in rehabilitative classes and to analyze the educational system in the Czech Republic which provides support to developing new methods and searching for new ways to improve the lives of handicapped children.

Public Achievement: Globally Aware/Socially Responsible Citizens (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Education Society for Malopolska www.mto.org.pl

Summary: Exchanges for young people to encourage engagement to make positive changes in their immediate environment, to promote positive engagement and awareness among youth by providing alternatives for constructive rather than destructive behaviors and to overcome stereotypes of apathy among young people.

Local Government in Crimea: Comparative Experiences of Poznan and Mlawa Powiat (2006-2007)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Center of Public Initiatives Svitotch in partnership with the Gmina Strzegowo and the Polish Cultural-Educational A. Mickiewicz Center, Crimea

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of local authorities in Poland and Ukraine, to analyze modern principles of management and small city and village development and to promote best practices and lessons learned of partnerships among local authorities, the business community and the non-governmental sector based on experiences in Poland.

Equal Access to Health, Social and Educational Care for Disabled Children: Ukraine, Moldova, Poland (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Association of Help for Disabled Children Step by Step, Zamosc www.spdn.pl in partnership with Drohobych Voluntary Society of Protection of Children and Invalids HOPE, Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children Chance, Simferopol and Association MOTIVATION Moldova, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations working with disabled children in Ukraine, Moldova and Poland, to present modern systems of providing equal opportunities for disabled people in society and models of integrated education, rehabilitation and care for disabled children and their families in Poland, to promote social engagement and integration of people with disabilities and to mobilize local communities to advocate for responsible social policies to protect the welfare of disabled people.

Equal Treatment of Members of Vulnerable Groups: Penal Offence Sentencing (2006-2007)

Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: Foundation Penal Reform International Romania, Prison Fellowship Romania Cluj-Napoca and Regional Fund IGA Foundation Pazardjik

Summary: Exchanges for civil society activists in Romania and Bulgaria, to add an international component to this long-term national work by identifying best practices and alternative experiences, to engage a consultative group of experts who provide expertise to civil society organizations engaged in this work, to facilitate access of network members in Bulgaria and Romania to experiences of members of the wider network at an international level and to facilitate capacity building for civil society organizations in Romania and Bulgaria and knowledge transfer from more experienced NGOs.

European Standards in Public Sector Initiatives: Local Governments and NGOs (2006-2007)

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: European Center of Sustainable Development, Wroclaw www.cezr.org.pl in partnership with European Dialogue Society, Lviv www.dialog.lviv.ua

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of local government and non-governmental organizations in Poland and Ukraine, to share experiences and best practices of public participation in local decision-making and ensuring access to information according to European standards and based on Poland's membership in the EU.

Strengthening NGO Capacity in Transnistria: Czech Experiences in Building Democratic Society (2006-2008)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: Increderea (Confidence Building) Association of Moldova in collaboration with the Regional Center for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT-Balti Center and in partnership with the People in Need Foundation Prague, National Endowment for Democracy Czech Office and Maidan.org.ua e-Association, Ukraine

Summary: Exchanges for civil society representatives and non-governmental organizations, to promote international dialogue and partnership, to promote collaborative initiatives drawing on experiences of non-governmental organizations in the Czech Republic and to encourage social and community activism among the non-governmental community in Moldova by offering partnerships with civil society organizations in Ukraine and the Czech Republic.

Experiences of post-Socialist Countries in the Implementation of Juvenile Justice Systems

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: All-Ukrainian Foundation for Children's Rights, Kyiv in partnership with NGO Women Lawyers of Kazakhstan and Foundation for Youth Culture and Education, Kyiv

Summary: Exchange for stakeholders engaged in the implementation juvenile justice systems, specifically to inform these processes in Ukraine with international experiences and best practices in Central and Eastern Europe, to make an in-depth analysis of juvenile justice models from the perspective of adaptation in Ukraine, to raise awareness of public opinion and policy makers in Ukraine about practical experiences of implementing juvenile justice in Europe and to analyze and inform the national conception of juvenile justice and draft law on juvenile justice in Ukraine.

Gender Dimensions of Pension Reform: Experiences, Solutions and Lessons Learned

Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizer: Center for Partnership and Equality, Bucharest

Summary: Exchange for representatives of non-governmental organizations and public institutions, to share information and experiences in pension reform in formerly communist countries, specifically the ways in which reforms affect men and women, including equalization of retirement ages for men and women, annuities and care credits, and to analyze different experiences in coordinating pension reform with the social security systems comprehensively and to analyze trends in European pension reforms and implementation to European standards.

Public Participation in the Formation of Municipal Budgets: Poland and Azerbaijan

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: ULUCHAY Charity Society, Sheki and Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Warsaw

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan and Poland, specifically to transfer best practices in community engagement and public participation in the Mazovia region of Poland in local government reform and to contribute to the professionalization of local administration in Azerbaijan based on experiences of public participation in socio-economic development of communities in Poland.

Principles of De-Monopolization of Media Ownership: Experiences in Slovenia and Kazakhstan

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Organizers: Media Support Program, Soros-Foundation Kazakhstan and Peace Institute, Ljubljana

Summary: Exchange for journalists and media NGOs in Kazakhstan to meet peers and colleagues in Slovenia, specifically to encourage a public discussion of ownership concentration in the media market of Kazakhstan by exposing journalists to practices in Europe and to build capacity of media NGO leaders in Kazakhstan with legal, institutional and advocacy instruments to advance the principles of de-monopolization in Kazakhstan and to participate in the institutional development of regulatory mechanisms in the media market in Kazakhstan.

Inter-Cultural and Inter-Generational Integration in Small Communities

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: Zhmerynka City Youth Association Initiative and Association Tratwa, Olsztyn

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and social activists in small communities in Ukraine and Poland, to promote capacity building and skills development of social and cultural workers engaged in inter-cultural and inter-generational integration and to analyze best practices and lessons learned in initiatives to overcome marginalization of young people in rural areas.

Security System Reform: Perspectives in the Czech Republic and Moldova

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizers: Prague Security Studies Institute and Institute for Public Policy-Moldova, Chisinau

Summary: Exchange for representatives of the security community, non-governmental institutes, junior civil servants and security advisors and defense/security specialists from the media in Moldova, to analyze security system reforms undertaken in the Czech Republic, particularly issues of transparency and accountability, and to formulate recommendations in a policy paper for security system reform in Moldova.

Citizens and Civil Society in a Reunited Europe

Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizer: Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest www.iccv.ro in partnership with University Lucian Blaga, Department of Sociology Sibiu www.ulbsibiu.ro and European Values Study Foundation www.europeanvalues.nl

Summary: Exchange for social scientists to analyze implications of the EU enlargement process on social values and civil society development in EU countries, accession states and neighbors and to contribute to the development of a tool that enables investigation of social values and dissemination of this research to the public, academia, non-governmental organizations and policy-makers.

Humanities and Social Sciences on the Periphery: Sciences or Technocratic Instruments?

Organizers: Peace Institute, Ljubljana; Center for the Study of Balkan Societies and Cultures, Department for Southeast European History, University of Graz; University of Montenegro, Department of Political Sciences, Podgorica; and, St. Kl. Ohridski Sofia University, Department of Sociology, Sofia

Summary: Exchange for social scientists in Central and Southeast Europe to examine research policy in the humanities and social sciences in the region, specifically from the perspective of increasing marginalization of the region in the production of knowledge and practical application of social research and to promote reflection on the nature of the changes in scholarly practice as a result of accelerated processes of social transformation.

International Financial Transparency Regimes and Russia's Extractive Industries

Organizer: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow Center

Summary: Exchange for analysts, decision-makers and civil society activists, to facilitate engagement by stakeholders in Russia with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), to contribute to an understanding of how Russia relates to and may fit in with major international transparency regimes and, to identify a realistic agenda for stakeholders in Russia to engage in energy transparency, domestically, regionally and internationally.

Human Rights in Zones of Crisis in the Balkans

Organizer: Human Rights Agenda Association, Izmir

Summary: Exchanges for human rights activists and researchers in Turkey to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia, to define existing problems of human rights protection in these countries and collaboratively with peers in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia to formulate recommendations to overcome violations of human rights.

RIVER SEE / Regional Integration through Volunteers Exchanges for Reconciliation of Southeast Europe

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Youth Center Livno, Bosnia and Herzegovina in partnership with UNV BiH RIVER SEE Program
www.riversee.org www.unv.ba

Summary: Exchanges for volunteers participating in a long-term initiative on youth policy and participation in Southeast Europe, specifically to evaluate the impact of volunteerism to promote social inclusion and regional integration processes, cross-border cooperation and civic engagement and to institutionalize a sustainable volunteer exchange support structure in Southeast Europe.

Youth Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas of Moldova, Ukraine and Poland

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Association for the Revitalization of Rural Regions Country and Europe, Cracow www.wies-europa.org.pl in partnership with Association for Women's Entrepreneur Development Success, Cahul and Youth Social Center Etalon, Ivano-Frankivsk www.etalon.iatp.org.ua

Summary: Exchanges for high school students in rural areas of Moldova, Ukraine and Poland, to learn effective entrepreneurial skills, to create professional career youth clubs at high schools in rural areas and to prepare effective youth leaders in rural areas.

Protecting Human Rights of People with Disability: Poland, Belarus and Ukraine

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Krzyzowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe, Grodziszczce www.krzyzowa.org.pl in partnership with the Polish Association for Human Rights Education, Glogow www.hre.pl www.compass.org.pl; Belarusian Youth Association Different - Equal, Minsk www.ruby.org www.different-equal.org; and, Green Cross Society, Lviv www.gcs.org.ua

Summary: Exchanges for youth workers to expand knowledge and practical approaches to protecting rights of people with disability, to introduce innovative practices and methodologies of cooperation between the civil and official sectors in working with young people with disability and to contribute to overcoming stereotypes and marginalization of people with disability.

The Role of Civil Society in Political Decision-Making Processes: Estonia, Moldova and Ukraine

Open Estonia Foundation

Organizer: European Movement Estonia www.euroopaliikumine.ee in partnership with Open Republic, Tallinn www.or.ee; European Movement, Moldova; ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy, Chisinau www.e-democracy.md; European Movement, Ukraine; Committee of Voters of Ukraine; Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Kyiv; and, OPORA National Network, Ukraine

Summary: Exchange for civil society representatives in Moldova and Ukraine, specifically to share best practices, lessons learned and mistakes made by civil society in Estonia about non-governmental organization engagement in political decision-making processes, to analyze the electoral system and election procedures in Estonia including e-voting and to discuss with opinion makers the EU Neighborhood Policy and its implications for Moldova and Ukraine.

Fostering Transparency, Accountability and Public Integrity in the Western Balkans

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia

Organizers: Fund for an Open Society-Serbia, Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Open Society Institute-Macedonia, Foundation Open Society Institute-Representative Office Montenegro

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations to build capacity of and empower civic organizations to promote transparency, accountability and public integrity in the Western Balkans region and to provide an opportunity for civic organizations to exchange ideas, knowledge and practical experiences in monitoring, analysis and advocacy to promote the implementation of standards and regulatory oversight.

Strategic Litigation in Public Interest Law

Open Society Forum Mongolia

Organizer: Open Society Forum Mongolia in partnership with the Public Interest Law Initiative www.pili.org

Summary: Exchange for public interest lawyers and non-governmental organizations, to support the development of public interest law in Mongolia by learning skills and experiences from other societies, and to promote public interest lawyers in Mongolia into an international framework for cooperation and collaboration to uphold legal provisions for protection of human rights and expansion of an understanding of social justice.

Civil Society Dialogue and Exchange of Experiences: Implementation of ENP Action Plans

Subprogram for European Integration

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Summary: Exchange for civil society activists and ENP experts to establish a civil society dialogue for exchange of experiences of ENP and Action Plan implementation among the EU's eastern neighbors and to promote regular communication and exchange to share experiences and elaborate new ideas related to ENP development and implementation.

Assessment for Enhancing Quality, Equal Access and Accountability in Education

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Center for Educational Monitoring, Kyiv in partnership with the National Examination Center, Bishkek;

Center for Education Policy at Vilnius University, Lithuania; Cracow Examination Commission, Poland; CPZ

International Center for Knowledge Promotion, Slovenia; and, Federal Institute for Pedagogical Measurements, Russia

Summary: Exchange for specialists in education to conclude a long-term initiative, to share international experiences in the efficient use of external assessment results with the aim of informing education policy, to analyze assessment systems and examination reforms and develop monitoring tools, to initiate public discussions on examination reforms and to support an international informational resource on assessment and accountability in education.

Protection of Rights of Persons living with HIV/AIDS: Experiences in Poland and Kazakhstan

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: Fighting Social Exclusion Program, Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw

Summary: Exchange for activists and human rights monitors in Kazakhstan in a long-term initiative, to continue capacity building to monitor human rights protection of people living with HIV/AIDS by analyzing in-depth experiences of similar organizations and activists in Poland and to prepare trainings in Kazakhstan on legal assistance to vulnerable people as well as ensuring legislative oversight for rights protection.

The Role of School Psychologists in Child and Family Care Systems

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw www.hfhrpol.waw.pl in partnership with Christian Children's Fund Ukraine, Kyiv www.ccf.kiev.ua

Summary: Exchange for social pedagogues in Ukraine participating in long-term initiative designed to promote the introduction and implementation of this reform in Ukraine, specifically to analyze international standards of child and family care, child care systems in Poland and the school pedagogue's position within this system and to explore possibilities of adaptation of experiences in Poland to Ukraine.

Educational Reforms in Azerbaijan: Experiences in Estonia

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan and Open Estonia Foundation

Organizers: NGO Forum on Education, Azerbaijan; Independent Teacher's Union, Baku www.minorities.aznet.org; and, Estonia - Innovation in Education

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and governmental authorities responsible for education reforms, to promote rational and qualitative development of education reform policies in Azerbaijan utilizing experiences in Estonia and to define directions and innovative approaches to education reform in Azerbaijan to European standards.

Local Partnership for Local Community Development: Poland and Moldova

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: College of Eastern Europe, Wroclaw in partnership with the Resource Center of Moldovan Non-

Governmental Organizations for Human Rights, Chisinau www.credo.md and Neohumanist Association, Creanga

Summary: Exchanges for activists and citizen coalitions in Moldova and Poland, specifically to analyze processes of partnership building among media, NGOs and local administrations in Poland and to share concrete and practical knowledge and experiences to encourage leaders of self-government and community leaders in Moldova to cooperate in local community development.

Democratization of Society: Exchange of Experience among Consumer Organizations

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Association for Protection of Consumers' Interest, Sarajevo in partnership with Consumer Association Pancevo, Consumer Association Leskovac and Consumer Association Valjevo

Summary: Exchange for representatives of consumer organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, to formulate best practices in monitoring implementation of legislation to protect consumers' rights and to gain knowledge about reforms in legislation to protect consumer's rights according to European standards.

Agro-Tourism: Transfer of Polish Experiences to Belarus

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Foundation Rodowo, Sorkwity in partnership with MODEM, Grodno

Summary: Exchanges for farmers in the Grodno region of Belarus to interact with farmers in Poland who have experience and expertise in creating conditions for agro-tourism to adapt such methodologies in the Grodno region and to promote and develop small business initiatives as an approach to reduce unemployment in rural areas of Belarus as based on experiences in rural areas of Poland.

Mutual Learning - More Effective Engagement with Marginalized Youth

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Foundation Merkury, Walbrzych in partnership with the Public Foundation Pomosch, Kostanai, Kazakhstan www.help.freenet.kz and Association DINA, Khudjand, Tajikistan

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations working with marginalized young people, specifically alcohol/drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, to share best practices in overcoming social exclusion, specifically in creating and conducting a special web-portal for on-line counseling and preventative interventions with youth using alternative approaches for engagement.

Trans-border Cooperation in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Poland and Ukraine

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Medical Workers Association, Kyiv in partnership with Palliative Care Society, Wroclaw

Summary: Exchanges for experts in Poland and Ukraine, to inform a multidisciplinary task force in Ukraine charged with drafting a Statute for Hospice Service and the Standards of Palliative Care in Ukraine of experiences, expertise and standards of implementation of palliative care in Poland and to analyze experiences in Poland in integrating palliative care into health care and social welfare systems comprehensively and engaging communities, non-governmental organizations, governmental and professional organizations.

Together Through a New Road: Persons with Disabilities after Trauma

Open Society Foundation Romania

Organizers: HIFA-Romania Help for Everybody Association, Tirgu-Mures www.hifa.home.ro and Association for Independent Living of People with Physical Disability, Budapest www.onalloelet.hu

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations working with people with physical disability after trauma, specifically to share experiences and knowledge with grassroots and community NGOs in Romania and to share practical methodologies of providing social services to integrate people with disability into society.

Exploring Opportunities for Improving Housing Microfinance Services for Roma

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizer: Habitat for Humanity, Skopje in partnership with the Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Summary: Exchange for experts, non-governmental organizations and practitioners of micro-finance housing, to exchange knowledge, experiences, best practices and lessons learned in improving housing conditions and quality of life, to overcome a lack of information about micro-finance housing schemes and to promote the creation of micro-finance for housing for the Roma population in Southeast Europe.

Implementation of New Technologies of Social Work with Young People

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Kyiv School of Equal Opportunities in partnership with Foundation Against All Odds, Cracow www.mimowzystko.org; Right for Living, Nizhny Novgorod; and, Citizen Civil Union for Prevention of Cruel Behavior towards Children/Children Are Not For Violence, Minsk www.nonviolence.iatp.by

Summary: Exchange for social workers specifically working with youth, to mobilize young people to overcome negative stereotypes and attitudes in society through innovative methodologies of partnership and communication, and therefore, to engage young people constructively in overcoming social problems and protecting the rights of social vulnerable groups.

Democratic Changes through Civic Action: Experiences in Moldova and Slovakia

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) and Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: CONTACT National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs from Moldova, Soros Foundation-Moldova and Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Summary: Exchange in Slovakia for non-governmental organizations and civic activists in Moldova, specifically to share experiences in Slovakia of public mobilization and civic participation to affect democratic change, to analyze experiences in Slovakia in civic education programs, in building public/private partnerships to ensure transparency and free access to public information and to promote effective collaboration among non-governmental organizations in Slovakia and Moldova to create a Civic Platform for a Better Governance in Moldova.

European Studies for Institutions of Local Governing

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Lviv City Public Organization Informational Consulting Center www.lrcei.lviv.ua/lmgo in partnership with the Foundation Youth Democracy Lublin www.fnd.lublin.pl; Mykolayiv City Development Fund www.frgn.iatp.org.ua; Chernihiv Regional Agency of Regional Development Vektor; and, Regional Entrepreneurship Support Fund of Poltava Region

Summary: Exchange for experts in Ukraine and Poland, to contribute to the creation and implementation of a distance learning course for representatives of local government in Ukraine and specifically to address the principles of functioning of European Union institutions, requirements to local authorities in the EU, principles of cooperation of central power and local authorities in the EU and European funds for support of local initiatives as experiences in Poland.

Regional Print Media: Experiences in Ukraine and Azerbaijan

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizers: Regional Press Development Institute, Kyiv and Internews Azerbaijan Public Association, Baku

Summary: Exchange for regional media in Azerbaijan and Ukraine, specifically to learn from each other about the features of print media activity in the regions of Azerbaijan and Ukraine and to exchange best practices and to formulate approaches to improving the conditions of regional media work taking into account the position of Azerbaijan and Ukraine as members of the European Neighborhood Policy and potential opportunities in this context.

Public Policy at the Local Level: European Standards Implementation in Crimea

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Donetsk Youth Debate Center www.cent.dn.ua in partnership with the Institute of Public Information, Gdynia; Samogitian Community Foundation, Telsiai; Center for Civil Initiatives, Bakhchisaray; Black Sea Television and Radio Company, Simferopol; and, Sevastopol City Civil Organization Association Euro-Atlantic Choice

Summary: Exchange for local authorities, decision-makers, non-governmental organizations and mass media, specifically to share information with stakeholders in Ukraine about issues of European integration, including EU legislation, institutions, policies and procedures, and EU public policy, based on experiences of Poland's and Lithuania's membership in the EU.

More than Neighbors

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: International Cooperation Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation in partnership with the Association for International Affairs, Prague

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations, journalists, activists and scholars, to promote public and non-governmental engagement in discussions and awareness of the European Neighborhood Policy and the issues of energy supplies to the EU, to formulate recommendations for policy-makers in consideration of European public opinion and to facilitate cooperation among experts, policy-makers and non-governmental organizations.

European Legal Education Systems: Comparative Experiences in Poland and Georgia

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizer: Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Warsaw www.schuman.org.pl in partnership with Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, Tbilisi www.gyla.org.ge and Polish Bar Council, Warsaw

Summary: Exchanges for young teachers of law in Georgia to universities in Poland, to analyze methodologies and skills which modern educational institutions apply in working with students and to enable teachers to engage in educational reforms in Georgia based on experiences in Poland.

Through Women's Eyes: Overcoming Gender Inequality and Discrimination

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizer: Performing Arts Center MULTIMEDIA, Skopje

Summary: Exchanges for activists, non-governmental organizations and policy makers, to create a communications platform to address the position of young women in transition societies, for example, issues of exploitation and discrimination of young female workers in textile industries and to provoke public attention and policy change to implement international agreements and action plans in the context of European partnership to overcome gender inequality.

Improving the Quality of Intercultural Education

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) in partnership with People in Need, Variants Project, Prague www.varianty.cz/index.php

Summary: Exchanges for stakeholders in education system reform in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, specifically to open discussions in Slovakia about intercultural education among NGOs, local and regional governments, school directors, teachers and parents, to create an alternative education strategy to the existing Slovak education strategy based on experiences in the Czech Republic and to initiate cooperation among NGOs, public and state institutions working to improve intercultural education in Slovakia.

NGOs and Communities in Azerbaijan: Community Foundation Experiences in Slovakia

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) and Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizers: Intellect Public Union, Genje; Center of Community Organizing, Banska Bystrica; Healthy City Community Foundation, Banska Bystrica www.knzm.sk; and, Hungarian Association for Community Development, Budapest www.kozossegfejlesztes.hu

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations focused on community development, specifically to share experiences and knowledge of community development and sustainability in Slovakia with colleagues in Azerbaijan, for example, in promoting collaborative activities with local authorities to ensure the protection of public interests and civic engagement in local community development.

Information Technologies in Education

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Armenia

Organizers: Yerevan State University and Yerevan State University Library in partnership with Middlesex University, Learning Resource Center, London www.lr.mdx.ac.uk; University of Hannover, Germany; Kharkov National University of Electro Engineering, Ukraine www.kture.kharkov.ua; Vilnius Pedagogical University, Lithuania www.vpu.lt; National Technical University of Ukraine www.ntu-kpi.kiev.ua; and, Institute for Information Technologies in Education, Kyiv

Summary: Exchange for practitioners of information and communications technologies and decision-makers in an ongoing initiative to analyze the implementation of modern IT and communication technologies in education, specifically to share experiences and knowledge in managing e-resources, developing virtual learning environments, training librarians, educators and users, Open Source products and Open Access Journals, e-Learning and teaching processes and e-learning citizens.

New Agreement for Partnership: Ukraine and the EU in the Context of European Dialogue

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Center of Political and Informational Technologies Democracy and Development, Kyiv in partnership with the European Foundation Dialogue, Bydgoszcz

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and decision-makers in Ukraine, Poland and Germany, specifically to analyze perspectives of governmental and non-governmental organizations on a new partnership agreement between Ukraine and the EU, to explore innovative collaboration between governmental and non-governmental organizations about forming the main principles of a new agreement between Ukraine and the EU and to develop a communication mechanism and platform for analytical and practical support and partnership.

European Day / Kosovo 2007

Subprogram for European Integration

Kosova Foundation for Open Society

Organizer: Academic Training Association, Pristina www.academictraining.org in partnership with the University of Pristina www.uni-pr.edu

Summary: Exchange for students in southeast Europe, to discuss European integration issues regarding young people and the formation of EU policies addressed to young people and students and to provide an opportunity for young people to engage with decision-makers on issues of European integration.

Domestic Service and Social Economy in Eastern Europe

Organizer: Peace Institute, Ljubljana in partnership with Institute of Baltic Studies, Tartu www.ibs.ee

Summary: Exchange for researchers in long-term initiative, specifically to expand this initiative to Central Europe and to develop new ideas and explore innovative solutions in addressing alternative forms of social economy, to explore issues of job opportunities for low-skilled social groups excluded from the labor market in contemporary societies and to address neglected social economy issues often overlooked in policy formation.

Equal Access for All: E-Learning Education for Visually Impaired People

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Support Center for Visually Impaired Students, Comenius University, Bratislava www.cezap.sk in partnership with ICEVI - Europe

Summary: Exchange for teachers of visually impaired children and youth, including teachers with visual impairment, representatives of universities that prepare special educators and providers of support services for visually impaired pupils, to explore the development and use of learner-centered instructional approaches within higher education, to promote increased public interest concerning issues of educating visually impaired pupils during this time of discussions about the Higher Education Act proposal in Slovakia and to promote cooperation among universities, special schools for the visually impaired and associations of visually impaired people.

Education and Experience Exchange among Palliative Care Specialists: Kyrgyzstan and Poland

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Public Foundation Moltur Koz, Bishkek in partnership with Eastern and Central Europe Palliative Task Force, Palium Hospice Palliative Care Resource and Training Center, Poznan

Summary: Exchange for palliative care specialists in Kyrgyzstan and Poland, specifically to contribute to the development of a model of palliative care education and services in Kyrgyzstan based on experiences in Poland and to promote long-term collaboration among palliative care specialists in Kyrgyzstan and Poland.

Partnership - Dialogue - Development: NGOs in Poland and Russia

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Institute for Local Partnership and Cooperation, Katowice www.partnerstwo.org.pl in partnership with Karelian Resource Center of NGOs and Center for the Sustainable Development of the Pskov Region

Summary: Exchange for NGOs in Poland and Russia, specifically to create partnerships to reduce unemployment and stimulate economic growth by introducing to NGOs in Russia tools of Local Partnership Model for community development and to promote the grassroots approach to building local partnerships to empower individuals to engage actively in community development and economic growth.

The Role of Ombudsmen for Gender Equality: Women in the Western Balkans

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia

Organizers: Regional Center for Minorities, Belgrade www.minoritycentre.org and Provincial Ombudsman of Autonomous Province of Voivodina, Novi Sad www.ombudsman-apv.org.yu

Summary: Exchange civic activists and authorities, to promote an open discussion and exchange of experiences and best practices among the ombudsmen for gender equality in the Western Balkan and to support engagement in equal integration of women in all areas of societies with a particular focus on employment and stimulating economic development of women.

Eastern and Central European Foundations: Cooperation in Social Policy

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: SOCIA Social Reform Foundation, Bratislava www.socia.sk in partnership with Tulip Foundation, Sofia www.tulipfoundation.net; CNF-CEE Croatia, Zagreb; Foundation Sunflower, Tallinn www.paikeselill.ee; Foundation Maholnap, Budapest www.maholnap.hu; Community Initiative Foundation, Riga www.iniciative.lv; OS Kaleidoskop, Prague www.kaleidoskop-os.cz; Cooperating Netherlands Foundation, Hilversum www.cnfcee.nl

Summary: Exchange for representatives of foundations in Central and Eastern Europe, to open a discussion about possibilities to influence integration of socially excluded groups of the population and to establish a strategic forum and communication platform as instruments for the long-term sustainability of the domestic funds that have been created as a successor of CNF in Central and Eastern Europe.

European Integration in Azerbaijan: Experiences of Lithuania

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan and Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: PRAGMA Center, Baku and Lithuanian Journalism Center, Vilnius

Summary: Exchange for young analysts, journalists and representatives of non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, to analyze the role of media and civil society in Lithuania in integration processes for application of this knowledge in Azerbaijan while monitoring the ENP Action Plan, specifically to focus on the impact of economic, political and juridical reforms on the mass media, strengthening transparency and relationships among mass media, non-governmental organizations and the government in Lithuania.

Promoting Activities in the Media of Civil Society Organizations in Belarus

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: European Meeting Center Nowy Staw Foundation and Brest Regional Youth NGO Research Analytical Club Dzedzich

Summary: Exchange for young members of civil society, including democratic activists, non-governmental organizations and independent media in Belarus and Poland, to share know-how and experiences in Poland about promotion of civil society goals and activities in the media and to promote exchange of independent information and collaboration among civil society activists.

Regional Framework for Cooperation and European Integration

Subprogram for European Integration

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia

Organizers: European Movement in Serbia, Belgrade www.emins.org; European Movement in Montenegro, Podgorica; Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo; Kosovo Institute for Policy Research and Development, Pristina www.kipred.net; Center for Institutional Development CIRa, Skopje www.cira.org.mk; Albanian Institute for International Studies, Tirana; and, Institute for International Relations IMO, Zagreb www.imo.hr

Summary: Exchanges for civic activists in the western Balkans, to promote the role of regional cooperation in southeastern Europe as an important instrument for European integration, sustainable development and poverty reduction, to promote cooperation and coordination of reform and integration efforts across the region, to raise awareness about the importance and potential of regional initiatives for economic development and, to systematize information and existing initiatives in the fields of trade, infrastructure, energy, SMEs, ICT and education.

Effective Tools against Corruption and Economic Crime in the Czech Republic: Experiences in Slovakia

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Transparency International Czech Republic www.transparency.cz in partnership with the Slovak Special Court, Pezinok

Summary: Exchange for analysts, lawyers and decision-makers, to formulate an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of establishing special investigative units to combat corruption and economic crime in the Czech Republic based on experiences in Slovakia and to develop a feasibility study to address required legislative amendments and legal instruments for the operation of special units to enhance prosecution in Czech Republic.

Social Policies to Overcome Challenges Faced by Elderly People

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Educational Association Common Knowledge, Gdansk www.tewp.org.pl in partnership with Kaliningrad Regional Social Organization, Family Well-Being

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and local authorities, to share experiences and best practices overcoming stereotypes of elderly people and in integration of elderly people into society and to encourage social care workers in Kaliningrad to engage the broader public into dialogue about challenges faced by elderly people based on experiences in Poland.

Democratization of Mass Media in Eastern Ukraine: Investigative and Internet Journalism

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizers: People in Need, Czech Republic and Donetsk Press Club

Summary: Exchange for young journalists in eastern Ukraine to learn experiences and best practices of investigative and Internet journalism in the Czech Republic, specifically related to development of democratic institutions and local community development and to inspire young journalists to make comparative analyses of social development and factors which promote and which inhibit development based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

Transparency in Public Life: Exchange of Experiences and Good Practices

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw www.lgo.pl in partnership with the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group www.khpg.org and NGO In the Future Together, Novosibirsk

Summary: Exchange for public organizations in Poland, Ukraine and Russia, to share expert experiences and good practices to promote transparency in the activities of local and state authorities and to promote watchdog engagement of non-governmental organizations, specifically in improving access to information in local government and improvement standards of work by local governments.

Patients for Patient Safety

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: Council for Patients' Rights and Security Kyiv, Patient Safety Foundation Lodz, World Alliance for Patient Safety Geneva

Summary: Exchanges for experts in public health care and public health reform, non-governmental organizations and authorities in Poland and Ukraine, specifically to utilize experiences in Poland in healthcare quality and patient safety and to engage civic participation in the formulation and implementation of methodologies of patient safety in practice and in legislative protection.

Populism. Populism? Populism! What It Looks Like and What To Do

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) in partnership with Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava www.ivo.sk

Summary: Exchange for political and civic activists in Central and Eastern Europe, specifically designed as an opportunity to respond to negative influences of populist politics in today's political and social dialogue, to identify concrete key elements of populist politics that endanger liberal democracy and to look for practical, grassroots efforts by non-governmental and civic activists that may counter illiberal threatening tendencies.

Young Public Servants in Southeastern Europe: Preparation for EU Accession

Subprogram for European Integration

Open Society Institute-Sofia (Bulgaria)

Organizer: Economic Policy Institute, Sofia www.epi-bg.org

Summary: Exchange for young representatives of public administration structures in south east Europe, specifically to increase the administrative and professional capacity of public administration through experience, know-how and knowledge exchange, to establish a professional multi-cultural environment for public administration officials within which to develop collaborative initiatives and to promote efficient communication, networking and regional cooperation.

Young Journalists in Action: Czech Republic and Kazakhstan

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Organizer: Media Support Program, Soros-Foundation Kazakhstan in partnership with the MultiCultural Center, Prague and PLOTKI Project Community in Central and Eastern Europe www.plotki.net

Summary: Exchange for young journalists and intellectuals in the Czech Republic and Kazakhstan, specifically to create a community of young activists in Kazakhstan in which they may express effectively ideas and opinions on socially-sensitive issues, including inequality, civil society development, HIV/AIDS epidemics, interethnic relations, environmental problems and transparency, which are not widely covered in local regional outlets, as based on the Plotki community in Central and Eastern Europe.

Reforming the Repressive State Apparatus: Experiences in Central Europe

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: People in Need Human Rights and Democracy Department, Prague www.pinf.cz in partnership with Pontis Foundation, Slovakia; Hungarian Helsinki Committee; and, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

Summary: Exchange for reformers, NGO and think tank representatives, politicians and academics who played an active role in the transition of the military, police, intelligence and interior ministries following 1989 in Central Europe and current "democracy-assistance" target countries, to elaborate on key problems and challenges as well as positive and negative practical experiences of reform and to evaluate the relevancy of Central European experiences in "democracy-assistance" countries today.

Social Welfare: Equal Opportunities for All

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Vilnius University, Social Work Department of the Faculty of Philosophy www.vu.lt in partnership with the International Council on Social Welfare, European Department www.icsw.org

Summary: Exchange for researchers of sociology, economics, social and political sciences, non-governmental organizations and decision-makers implementing socio-economic policy, specifically to share best practices of implementing social changes and creating favorable environments for social welfare based on European models, to increase mutual understanding by sharing experiences among countries with diverse histories and cultures and to capture best practices of social work education and develop recommendations for the improvement and modernization of social studies.

Ensuring the Role of Civic Participation in Decision-Making: Civil Society in Estonia and Moldova

Soros Foundation-Moldova and Open Estonia Foundation

Organizer: European Movement Moldova, Chisinau in partnership with ADEPT-Moldova, Association for European Training and Information and European Movement of Estonia

Summary: Exchange for civil society activists in Estonia and Moldova, to contribute to strengthening of democratic developments by sharing current information and innovative experiences in civil society development in Estonia and Moldova and to analyze electoral systems in Moldova from the perspective of civil society engagement and participation.

Integration of Female Immigrants in Labor Market and Society / Policy Assessment and Recommendations

Organizers: Peace Institute, Ljubljana; Jagiellonian University Institute of Sociology, Cracow www.uj.edu.pl; University of Florence www.unifi.it; Intercollege Cyprus, Nicosia www.intercollege.ac.cy; Institute of Social Research at J. W. Goethe University, Frankfurt www.ifs.uni-frankfurt.de; and, Center for Research on Women's Issues, Athens www.genderissues.org.gr

Summary: Exchange for researchers, to explore and analyze the impact of integration policies, at both national and EU levels, on the position of migrant women within EU countries in the last decade, to formulate recommendations for appropriate policy that fosters integration and produces greater social cohesion, participation, access and belonging.

Rights Protection for People Living with HIV/AIDS: Kazakhstan and Ukraine

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, Kyiv in partnership with the Fighting Social Exclusion Program Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan; Public Association Regional Center of New Informational Technologies, Petropavlovsk; Youth Public Association Youth for Healthy Lifestyle, Pavlodar; Public Fund Kazakh Union of PLWHA, Karaganda Oblast; and, Public Association Youth Center of Reconstruction and Development, Taraz

Summary: Exchange for caregivers working with People Living with HIV/AIDS in Ukraine and Kazakhstan, specifically to share experiences in Ukraine on providing advanced technologies on ARV treatment utilization and organization of care for PLWHAs and to integrate HIV/AIDS service organizations in Kazakhstan into international PLWH networks.

Young Roma Activists: Slovakia and Romania

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizers: Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) and NGO Together, Bucharest

Summary: Exchange for Roma activists in Slovakia and Romania, to raise the involvement of young Roma activists in the public sphere and provide motivation for engagement in public and political life by sharing international good practices, to share information and knowledge about official commitments addressed to the Roma and to increase communication and presentation skills to engage on an international level.

Integrating and Harmonizing Adult Education in the South Caucasus: Experiences in Latvia and Lithuania

Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizer: Adult Education Association of Georgia, Tbilisi www.aeag.org.ge in partnership with Adult Education and Lifelong Learning Association in Armenia, Yerevan www.mku.am; German Adult Education Association in Azerbaijan, Baku www.dvv-international.az; Latvian Adult Education Association, Riga www.laea.lv; and, Lithuanian Association of Adult Education, Vilnius www.lssa.smm.lt

Summary: Exchange for stakeholders in adult education, to raise efficiency of the non-formal adult education system in the countries of South Caucasus through facilitating integration and harmonization of South Caucasus AE system and life-long learning within the European education space, to utilize best practices and experiences in Latvia and Lithuania to raise professional qualifications and standards of specialists in the South Caucasus and to facilitate the population's engagement in the social, economic and cultural life in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan by raising the efficiency and effectiveness of life-long learning systems.

Communication as a Tool for Better Governance

Soros Foundation-Latvia

Organizer: State Chancellery of Latvia in partnership with the Latvian School of Public Administration, Riga

Summary: Exchange for young civil servants, public administration officials and communication specialists from NGOs and government ministries in new and potential EU member states as well as former Soviet countries, to analyze experiences and best practices of public communication, communication as a part of policy making, communication research, public campaigning, crisis communication and new media and to promote cross-boundary modern governance standards.

Identifying and Understanding Trends of Development of Regional Policies and Civil Society

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Kyiv in partnership with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow Center

Summary: Exchange for researchers and analysts who conduct regional monitoring programs in Russia, Ukraine and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, to develop a "toolbox" for methodologically sound, information-rich monitoring and analysis on a regular basis in order to assist civil society, experts, journalists and citizens identify and understand important trends developing in regional politics and civil society over time, to improve the quality of the methodology used in regional monitoring projects, to promote the development of comparative, cross-border regional monitoring projects involving Ukraine and Russia and to increase understanding of specific processes of post-Soviet development as relevant to local and regional politics and civil society.

The Flying Media Forum: Identifying and Serving Readers' Needs in Changing Markets

Organizer: The New Eurasia Foundation, Moscow www.efmedia.ru in partnership with the Russian Association of Independent Regional Publishers, Moscow www.airp.ru; Association of Independent Regional Publishers of Ukraine, Kyiv; and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow Center

Summary: Exchange for publishers and chief editors of local and regional independent newspapers in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, to pilot a long-term initiative designed to foster cross-border partnership and experience-sharing and to address fundamental questions of whether to lead or follow readers from various editorial and commercial angles and to promote the formulation of a basic philosophical issue into real-world practices of journalism and newspaper management.

Dismantling Security

Organizer: Koc University, Istanbul

Summary: Exchange for opinion-makers, policy-makers and scholars of security, to contribute to a critical re-thinking of the concept of security since the end of the Cold War, to initiate new intellectual connections and conversations to advance critical thinking about security and to introduce Turkish academic and policy audiences to innovative approaches to security, strengthen intellectual networks of Turkish scholars and encourage the analyses of security in Turkey.

New Social Economy - A Voice to Overcome Poverty

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Barka's Publishing Association in partnership with Barka Foundation for Mutual Help, Oselia Community of Mutual Help, Ukraine and International Network of Street Papers, Scotland

Summary: Exchanges for civic activists who work with socially excluded segments of the population, to exchange experiences about existing developmental programs to engage civil society, specifically in promoting new forms of employment within the social economy, e.g., street newspapers, and to raise issues of social exclusion among the general public.

Regional Development Agencies: Experience of the Czech Republic and Serbia

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Center for European Projects Development, Hradec Kralove www.cep-rra.cz in partnership with Regional Economic Development Agency Sumadija and Pomoravlje, Kragujevac www.redasp.co.yu

Summary: Exchanges for practitioners of regional development in the Czech Republic and Serbia, to analyze experiences in the Czech Republic of processes of transformation of regional agencies for small and medium-size enterprises into regional development agencies and to contribute Europeanization processes in Serbia by offering collaborative partnerships with the Czech Republic.

Institutional Capacities for Enhancing Regional Cooperation of Non-Governmental Organizations

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia and Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: ProConcept Serbia, www.proconcept.org.yu, Pro Didactica Educational Center, Chisinau

www.prodidactica.md and Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office www.eurasia.org

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations in Serbia and Moldova, specifically to analyze the relevance of the Index of NGO Capacity (INGOC) and the NGO Classification piloted in Serbia to the NGO community in Moldova as self- and capacity-measurement tools and to contribute to effective networking and collaboration, especially in the context of EU integration processes, among non-governmental organizations in southeast Europe.

Serving the Readers' Needs and Newsroom Management: Regional Newspapers in Lithuania and Ukraine

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: Regional Press Development Institute, Ukraine and Lithuanian Journalists Union, Lithuania

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of regional media in Ukraine and Lithuania, to foster free press through strengthening regional media outlets in Ukraine based on experiences in Lithuania in the areas of serving readership needs, improving quality reporting and in-depth analysis of events, effective newsroom management and development of web-resources in addition to printed publications and to transfer knowledge and experiences in Lithuania in increasing share of readership, attracting target audiences and serving their needs as the basis of professional media.

Integrated Youth Programming for Development: From Policy to Practice

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: UNV-UNDP Support to Integrated Youth Program, Bishkek www.jashtar.kg in partnership with Public Foundation Youth Integration Service, Bishkek and the Open Kyrgyzstan Project, Bishkek www.open.kg

Summary: Exchanges for young community leaders in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, to promote civic education and civic engagement, strengthen community leadership and develop critical thinking skills of youth, to expose young people to alternative points of view about social and community development and to encourage the formulation of recommendations for youth engagement in community development and sharing of best practices and experiences.

Multilingual Teaching Methodologies for Elementary School: Experiences in Latvia and Georgia

Open Society Georgia Foundation and Soros Foundation-Latvia

Organizers: Center for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations, Tbilisi and National Agency for Latvian Language Training, Riga

Summary: Exchange for specialists, non-governmental organizations and governmental authorities responsible for education policies specifically to provide an opportunity for stakeholders in Georgia to analyze implementation of pilot models of multilingual teaching in elementary and secondary schools as experienced in Latvia and to exchange ideas about frameworks and conceptions of multilingual education based on experiences in Latvia and Georgia.

Transparency in Extractive Industries in Kyrgyzstan: Experiences in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and civil society activists, representatives of media and local authorities in Kyrgyzstan, to engage with counterparts and colleagues in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan to analyze experiences, best practices and lessons learned in resolving problems associated with EITI and to promote dialogue between the civil society and stakeholders working on transparency of financial flows from extractive industries based on experiences in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan.

Through Dialogue to Reform: Experiences in Health Care Reform

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic) and Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Association Citizen, Prague www.sdruzeniobcan.cz in partnership with the Health Policy Institute, Bratislava www.hpi.sk

Summary: Exchanges for stakeholders in health care reform and the public in the Czech Republic, specifically to provide an opportunity for an analysis of the feasibility and impacts of planned reforms in the health care sector in the Czech Republic from the perspective of health care reforms implemented in Slovakia and to promote transparency and public engagement in health care sector reform.

Promoting Transparency in Education

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizer: Open Society Foundation for Albania in partnership with the Ministry of Education, District Education Directorates, Albanian Association of Parents and Albanian Education Network

Summary: Exchange for representatives of the education community, specifically to share experiences in Central and Eastern Europe to inform the development of anti-corruption practices and regulations in education in Albania, to promote public awareness about types and dimensions of corruption in the educational system in Albania and to involve participation of all stakeholders in Albania to foster transparent and accountable educational services.

Efficiency and Productivity of NGO Support Centers

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Network of Information and Support for Non-Governmental Organizations SPLOT, Warsaw www.splot.ngo.pl in partnership with NGO Development Center, St. Petersburg www.crno.ru

Summary: Exchange for representatives of NGO support centers in Poland and Russia, specifically to elaborate service standards in Russia for NGO support center responsibilities in information, trainings, sector integration and cooperation with local governments and to encourage support centers in Russia to create instruments of self-evaluation and overall NGO development.

Open Hands / Open Minds: Social Assistance NGOs in Poland and Moldova

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: Center for Education and Dialogue Theotokos, Gliwice www.theotokos.org.pl in partnership with the Association Youth for the Right to Live, Chisinau, representing the Network of Social NGOs from Moldova www.retea-social.md

Summary: Exchange for representatives of social assistance non-governmental organizations working for excluded and marginalized groups, to share know-how and experiences of organizations in Poland for potential implementation in Moldova, to support institutional development of non-governmental organizations in Moldova by offering collaborative partnerships with similar organizations in Poland and to engage public attention to and participation in initiatives undertaken by non-governmental organizations working with excluded and marginalized groups.

Decentralization of Health Services: Poland and Tajikistan

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Tajikistan

Organizers: Polish Medical Mission, Cracow www.pmm.org.pl and Vatanam Small Town Development Association, Dushanbe www.vatanam.freenet.tj

Summary: Exchange for representatives of local governments and medical service provision professionals, specifically to share experiences in Poland in providing emergency medical services in rural areas, to analyze reforms in Poland to decentralize the health care system as potentially applicable in Tajikistan and to empower leaders in rural communities in Tajikistan to engage with poor, marginalized segments of society.

Post-Soviet Conflicts: Search for Prognosis

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Center for Geopolitical Studies, Vilnius in partnership with the Center of International and Regional Policy, St. Petersburg

Summary: Exchange for opinion-makers, analysts, decision-makers, representatives of non-governmental organizations and students, to analyze and compare roots of conflicts in territories of the fSU and the role of third parties in their regulation, to shape conflict prognosis and suggestions to resolution, to encourage international and regional cooperation and communication among NGOs, researchers and decision-makers and to promote engagement of young people to open dialogue with like-minded peers as well as opponents.

Young Activists and Leaders in Poland and Kyrgyzstan

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Center Interbilim, Bishkek in partnership with INTRAC Central Asia, Bishkek www.intrac.org, and East European Democratic Center, Warsaw

Summary: Exchange for young activists and leaders in Kyrgyzstan and Poland, to develop an educational program for leadership development to be implemented in Kyrgyzstan based on leadership training in Poland, to mentor graduates of the School of Leadership as they engage in activism and community development in Kyrgyzstan and to support a network of a new generation of young leaders in Kyrgyzstan by offering opportunities for international partnership and collaboration.

Move Your Rights: Promoting Active Citizenship in Bordering Regions of Lithuania, Belarus, Latvia, Russia

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Youth Center Babilonas in partnership with the Youth Development and Cooperation Multicultural Union, Latvia; Youth Education Center Fialta, Belarus; and, Kaliningrad Regional Youth Social Organization TSUNAMI, Russia

Summary: Exchanges for young people from minority backgrounds to share experiences in capacity development to engage with youth problems, to raise awareness of young people about youth problems which are common for bordering regions by providing practical knowledge on human rights issues, to empower young people to engage in resolving social problems by offering this opportunity to see alternatives experiences and realities and to encourage collaboration among local non-governmental organizations and municipalities.

Tolerant Youth: Along the Borders of Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Foundation Open Society Institute-Representative Office Montenegro

Organizer: Youth Cultural Center Juventas, Podgorica www.juventas.cg.yu in partnership with Why Not?, Sarajevo www.prigovorbih.org and Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Belgrade www.yihr.org

Summary: Exchange for civil society activists and young people in the border regions of Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, to motivate young people to engage in regional initiatives addressed to issues of religious and ethnic tolerance and to encourage young people to civic participation and responsibility.

Transparent Self-Government Practices: Experiences in Poland and Serbia

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Warsaw in partnership with Poloniusz-Pegaz Center, Belgrade

Summary: Exchange for public administration officials in Poland and Serbia, to exchange experiences and best practices in transparency, professionalism and accessibility of local government, to share practical knowledge about division of tasks and responsibilities of local institutions to support capacity development of public administration in Serbia and to promote participatory and civic engagement in local decision-making from the perspective of short, medium and long-term advantages for local community development.

From Byzantine/Ottoman Heritage towards Black Sea Regional Identity

Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizers: Open Society Georgia Foundation, Tbilisi; Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Tbilisi; Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia; and, French Institute for Anatolian Studies, Istanbul

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations, scholars and opinion-makers, to enhance cooperation among civil society representatives, academic circles and policy makers in the countries of the Black Sea region, to elaborate recommendation to address the need of building a new identity with political, economic and cultural dimensions in Black Sea region and to promote regional cooperation and integration.

Civic Information for Local Development - Challenges for the Future

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Center for Promotion and Development of Civil Initiatives OPUS, Poland in partnership with the Center for Informational Support of Public Initiatives Third Sector, Belarus

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of non-governmental organizations specifically to build capacity for local leadership in Belarus through civic journalism, to promote professional development of local leaders to engage in civil initiatives and activities to contribute to social and community development and to empower local leaders through international partnerships and collaboration.

A Path to the EU: Transfer of Experiences in Czech Republic to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Subprogram for European Integration

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague in partnership with European Research Center, Sarajevo

Summary: Exchanges for civil society actors, journalists and local administration officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to analyze the role of each in EU accession processes based on experiences in the Czech Republic, to contribute to a better understanding in Bosnia and Herzegovina of the principles, values and goals of the EU and of the decision making and coalition building process in the EU and to provide local actors in Bosnia and Herzegovina an opportunity to become familiar with policy making processes at the national level and of the role of different policy agents.

Promoting Gender Equity in Secondary and University Education

Open Society Institute-Sofia (Bulgaria)

Organizer: Bulgarian Association of University Women, Sofia www.bauw.hit.bg

Summary: Exchange for representatives of women's academic NGOs and academic institutions, specifically to support the creation of a network and communication platform to promote gender sensitive analyses of secondary and university education policies and practices in Central Europe, to analyze and compare the character of civic education and the formation of citizenship of future generations and to formulate policy recommendations and guidelines for promoting gender equality in secondary and higher education in Central and Eastern Europe.

Intercultural Differences: Speak Up for What Is Important!

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Petrasaiunai Community Center, Kaunas in partnership with Expedition Inside Culture Association, Cracow

Summary: Exchange for young people and youth workers and youth activists in Lithuania and Poland, to create opportunities for enhancing the competence of youth workers in intercultural learning through appreciating intercultural differences and building awareness of personal reactions to differences, to improve and expand intercultural learning through innovative methodologies and to create a network of youth workers sharing these approaches to intercultural education.

Creation of Social Capital to Solve Public Problems: Experiences in Polish Silesia and Ukrainian Donbass

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Regional Development Agency Donbass in partnership with the Center of Education and Dialogue

Theotokos, Gliwice; Community Zhiy Godne, Katowice; Children and Adult Support Center Zaufanie, Gliwice; Advertising Agency Green House, Katowice; City Council of Torez, Donetsk Region; City Council of Debaltsevo, Donetsk Region

Summary: Exchanges for leaders of non-governmental organizations and representatives of local self-government in Silesia and Donbass, to share experiences in engaging citizens in social development and public debate about overcoming social problems in industrial and post-industrial regions and to create conditions for collaboration between the non-governmental sector and local self-governments in Ukraine based on experiences and best practices in Poland.

Experiences and Lessons Learned after the First Financial Period of EU Membership of the Czech Republic

Fund for an Open Society-Serbia and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizers: Municipality of Sabac, Serbia www.sabac.org and Municipality of Kralupy n. Vlt, Czech Republic www.mestokralupy.cz in partnership with Regional Development Agency Central Bohemia, Kladno and Premyslovy Cechy, Prague

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of municipalities and public administration in Serbia and the Czech Republic, to promote transfer of experiences, lessons learned and know-how from the Municipality in Kralupy to the Municipality in Sabac specifically about innovative strategies and methodologies in transformation of local governance as implemented in the Czech Republic, to encourage efficient and transparent work of local governments in Serbia based on good governance principles and to contribute to the processes of Europeanization in Serbia in its EU rapprochement.

Rehabilitation and Resocialization of Prisoners

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Center for Spiritual and Psychological Support and Mutual Aid Doroha, Lviv in partnership with Penal Service of Poland, Public Organization POMOST Rzeszow, Institute of Psychology and Health Warsaw, Regional Alcohol and Drug Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation and Ukrainian State Department of Penalties Execution

Summary: Exchanges for social workers, non-governmental organizations and decision-makers in Poland and Ukraine, to share experiences of inter-sectoral partnerships between civic organizations and state institutions in solving obstacles to social integration and overcoming marginalization and to adapt and disseminate in Ukraine experiences in Poland of rehabilitation and resocialization of prisoners, specifically innovative methods of professional education of prisoners in penal institutions, especially young prisoners, labor organization in prisons and employment opportunities for prisoners after release.

Local Initiative for Building Civil Society: Poland and Russia

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: WIOSNA Association, Cracow

Summary: Exchange for civic activists in Poland and Russia, to exchange knowledge and experiences in voluntarism as well as form ties among community groups to promote active involvement of citizens in local community initiatives in Russia and to strengthen local initiatives in Russia to create non-profit organizations of citizens and community development.

Gdansk-Lviv-Lugansk Link: Exchange of Experience of Women Engaged in Entrepreneurial Activities

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Free Entrepreneurship Association Branch Office Gdansk www.swp.gda.pl www.euroinfo.gda.pl in partnership with NewBizNet Business Support Center, Lviv www.bsc.lviv.ua and Agency for Sustainable Development of the Lugansk Region

Summary: Exchange for female entrepreneurs in Poland and Ukraine, to analyze the framework for entrepreneurial activities in Poland and support for women to engage in entrepreneurial activities, to increase capacity of non-governmental organizations acting on behalf of women engaged in entrepreneurial activities and to explore collaborative initiatives to engage regional authorities with non-governmental organizations.

Academy for Young Social Entrepreneurs: Poland and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Educational Society for Malopolska www.mto.org.pl in partnership with the Office of Human Rights, Tuzla

Summary: Exchanges for young social entrepreneurs to share experiences in Poland with young leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to empower young leaders to engage in and resolve local social problems based on experiences in Poland, to contribute to building capacity of a network of young leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to encourage youth to explore innovative approaches to addressing community needs as partners with local authorities.

Engagement of Student Self-Government in Youth Policy

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Youth Public Organization Student Unions Support Committee, Ukraine in partnership with Informational-Legal Center Our Right, Ukraine and representatives of Student Self-Government in Poland and Germany

Summary: Exchange for youth leaders and representatives of student self-government in Poland, Germany and Ukraine, to share experiences, best practices and lessons learned of participation of student unions in the formation and realization of youth policy at regional and state levels, to disseminate models of cooperation of public bodies and student self-governments and to formulate innovative mechanisms of collaboration to be implemented in Ukraine based on experiences in Poland and Germany.

Modern Child Welfare Services: Experiences in Georgia and Poland

Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizer: Child and Environment, Tbilisi in partnership with Save the Children Rebuilding Lives Project, Tbilisi and Our Home Association, Warsaw

Summary: Exchange for practitioners of child welfare/social protection programs in Georgia and Poland, specifically to analyze existing networks of child welfare/social services in Georgia in comparison with models in Poland, to engage key stakeholders in child welfare reform in Georgia in analyzing alternatives to institutional care and models of deinstitutionalization to be introduced in two pilot regions in Georgia based on experiences in Poland.

Best Practices in Promoting Voluntary and Non-Remunerated Blood Donation

Soros Foundation Romania

Organizer: Center for Health Policies and Services, Bucharest www.cpss.ro

Summary: Exchange for representatives from the governmental and non-governmental structures involved in promoting unpaid blood donation and stimulating behavior changes within the general population regarding donating blood, to promote knowledge about blood safety by emphasizing the importance of voluntary and non-remunerated blood donation and by sharing good practice models for promoting voluntary and non-remunerated blood donation.

Transformation of Local Self-Government: Experiences in Czech Republic and Ukraine

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Regional Development Agency Donbass, Ukraine www.ard.dn.ua in partnership with the Center for Human Rights and Democracy People in Need, Prague and Regional Branch of Ukrainian Cities Association, Donetsk www.auc.org.ua/regions

Summary: Exchange for representatives of local self-government, mass media and non-governmental organizations in eastern Ukraine and the Czech Republic, to analyze reforms and transformation processes in local self-government in the Czech Republic during and after EU accession and to provide an opportunity for specialists and practitioners in eastern Ukraine to exchange experiences and ideas about local government development and practices of involving the public in partnership with local government based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

Public Oversight of Extractive Industries

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizer: Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations, civil society activists and decision-makers, to promote civil society engagement in public oversight of extractive industries, to share experiences of civil society cooperation with decision-makers and extractive industries, to promote regional collaboration and knowledge exchange about establishing civil control in establishing public control of extractive industries and to establish a working group to coordinate relations with extracting companies, regular information exchange and the creation of a Civic Response Network.

National Development Plan: A New Approach to Development in Moldova

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: Expert-Grup, Chisinau

Summary: Exchange for experts and decision-makers who have experience in elaboration and implementation of country-wide development strategies, to analyze the latest trends in growth and development and policies for addressing challenges to reform, to share positive and negative aspects of the implementation of development plans and strategies and to explore the most efficient ways of implementation of National Development Plans and lessons learned which may be applicable in Moldova.

Experiences in Innovative Therapies for Adults with Special Needs: Estonia and Czech Republic

Open Estonia Foundation

Organizers: Tallinn Mental Health Center www.mhcenter.ee and Fokus, Prague www.fokus-praha.cz

Summary: Exchange for mental health professionals and pioneers in the field of expressive art therapies in Estonia and the Czech Republic, to share experiences and lessons learned in utilizing innovative methodologies of working with adults with special psychiatric needs, to promote public engagement and understanding of alternative therapies and approaches to social integration of people with special needs and to promote a network of professionals and volunteers to engage in ongoing communication and exchange.

Childhood Without Abuse / Children as Witnesses in Legal Procedures

Soros Foundation-Latvia

Organizer: Center Against Abuse Dardedze, Riga, in partnership with Nobody's Children Foundation, Poland

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations, social and child protection workers, law enforcement professionals and policy makers, to analyze best practices to empower and protect children as witnesses in legal procedures, to share experiences, innovative solutions and effective approaches to the problem of protecting children as witnesses in legal procedures and to analyze how child abuse cases are solved and how the child as a participant in the criminal process may be supported and protected.

Public Policy in Hydropower and Water Resources

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Public Fund Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, Bishkek www.open.kg

Summary: Exchange for independent analytical centers, state institutions and energy companies, to promote professional and expert discussions about problems of hydropower in Central Asia, to develop recommendations for decision-makers concerning best options for the development of hydropower and water resources through reforming these sectors of the economy and to attract public attention and citizen engagement in these debates and development solutions going forward.

Regional Energy Issues in Astrakhan: Impact on Civil Society

Organizers: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC www.carnegieendowment.org; Carnegie Moscow Center, www.carnegie.ru; and, Office of the Governor of the Astrakhan Region, Astrakhan, Russia www.astrobl.ru

Summary: Exchange for analysts and experts within a larger initiative focused on issues in Russia's regions concerning control over hydrocarbon resources, with particular emphasis on the development of civil society, to analyze social and economic development and inter-regional cooperation and development of small and medium-size business and to analyze the multi-ethnic and multi-confessional nature of the Astrakhan region as it affects interaction with neighboring Caspian states.

Understanding NATO: Comparative Experiences of Euro-Atlantic Integration

Foundation Open Society Institute-Representative Office Montenegro

Organizer: Nansen Dialogue Center Montenegro www.ndcmn.org, www.nansen-dialog.net, www.infoizbor.org in partnership with Nansen Dialogue Center Mostar www.ndcmostar.org

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations, civic activists, scholars, experts and decision-makers, to engage stakeholders in Montenegro in a specific learning process on Atlantic integrations by involving regional expertise and examining regional experiences, to explore various models of Atlantic integrations in comparison with needs in Montenegro, to ensure an exchange of the opinions and attitudes towards the current situation and future developments of Atlantic integration of this region and to establish a communications network for interested representatives of NGO and media community to facilitate continued exchange of experiences, ideas and joint activities.

Building Cooperation in Development Assistance among NGOs

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Zagranica Group, Warsaw in partnership with the Czech Forum for Development Cooperation, Prague; Platform of Non-Governmental Development Organizations, Bratislava; and, Hungarian Association of NGOs for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Budapest

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations engaged in development assistance, to share experiences and information on the current status of development aid regulations, structures and practices in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia and to promote dialogue between the non-governmental and governmental sectors in assessing development aid and practices.

NGO Coalition Building: Cooperation, Representation and Interaction with Public Administration

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: NGO Support Program, Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and International Cooperation Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations, activists and opinion leaders in Poland and Kyrgyzstan, to exchange experiences in NGO coalition and platforms to engage with local authorities, to analyze dynamics of internal cooperation within the non-governmental sector and further cooperation with the public sector at local and national levels as experienced in Poland and to promote capacity building of NGOs in Kyrgyzstan to launch action plans for local development.

Advocacy for NGOs and Monitoring of Public Administration: Practices in Poland and Moldova

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: Mazowia Federation, Warsaw www.mazowia.ngo.org.pl in partnership with the Center for Minority Issues, Chisinau

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and civil society activists in Poland and Moldova, to share experiences in non-governmental cooperation with public administration, to analyze experiences in Poland of building formal and informal platforms of NGOs and advocacy groups and to analyze standards of cooperation between NGOs and public administration with emphasis on mutual transparency of these two types of institutions.

Management of Diversity: Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Tajikistan

Organizers: Youth Initiative Foundation Ganjinai Vakhsh, Yangiabad; Association of Institutions of Local Government, Bishkek; and, NGO Dialogue, Kazakhstan

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and governmental structures in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, to share experiences in promoting political dialogues and formation of effective approaches to overcoming challenges of multi-ethnic cities in the southern areas of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, to formulate systematic and ongoing exchanges of information and collaboration among national-cultural societies and to engage local communities and all stakeholders in maintaining national and cultural development of multi-ethnic communities.

Fostering Public Accountability and Transparency: Poland and Kazakhstan

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizers: Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Warsaw www.frdl.org.pl and Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan, Budget Transparency and Public Accountability Program

Summary: Exchange for representatives of local governments, non-governmental organizations and citizen groups, to analyze experiences of the Transparent Poland initiative for applicability in Kazakhstan and therefore to improve the functioning of local government and quality of public life in Kazakhstan through introduction of particular tasks attributed to the principles of good governance - transparency, zero-tolerance of corruption, public participation, predictability, professionalism and accountability.

Comparative Analysis of Inflation in Kazakhstan, Poland and Russia

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Organizers: Revenue Watch Program of the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan, Center for Social and Economic Research, Warsaw and Institute of the Economy in Transition, Moscow

Summary: Exchange for analysts, researchers and policymakers in Kazakhstan, Poland and Russia, to initiate a dialogue in Kazakhstan about inflation control based on experiences of sustainable macro-economic policies in Poland and to introduce alternative methods of measuring inflation rates by comparing experiences in countries with significant natural resources.

Eurasia Monitor: Development and Outreach

Organizer: Eurasia Monitor International Research Agency, Moscow

Summary: Exchange for analysts and sociologists in a long-term multi-country initiative, Eurasia Monitor International Research Agency, begun in 2004 by independent sociological research centers throughout the former Soviet Union, specifically to analyze the results of the fifth, sixth and seventh waves of the Eurasia Monitor surveys and to prepare the results for publication and dissemination to decision-makers and stakeholders in political, social and economic developments in the CIS.

Challenges of Local Business Participation in Strategic Sector Privatization

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizer: Albanian Socio-Economic Think Tank, Tirana

Summary: Exchange for researchers, businessmen and public servants engaged in policy decision-making, to debate the primary issues of strategic sector privatization in Albania, especially focusing on the participation of local businessmen in the processes of privatization, to assess the efficiency as well as weaknesses of privatization processes in Albania compared to other societies and to evaluate the role and importance of the FDI as well as domestic businessmen participation in privatization processes.

Development of Agro-Tourism and Support for Civil Society in Rural Regions

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizer: Foundation for Intercultural Education, Warsaw in partnership with Marshua Kavkaz Association, Dusi and Communal Union of Akhalkalaki

Summary: Exchange for representatives of minority communities in Georgia, to analyze experiences of rural community development and sustainability through tourism based on experiences in Poland, to empower local communities to overcome marginalization, poor access to education and lack of perspectives for the future and high rates of unemployment by stimulating entrepreneurship based on environmental and cultural conditions for tourism.

Multicultural Societies: Cooperation Experiences of NGOs and Authorities

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Integration and Development Center for Information and Research, Simferopol in partnership with Foundation for the Development of Human Resources, Georgia; Ministry of Education and Science of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea; Crimean Branch of the Institute of the Innovative Technologies and Content of Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine; Crimean Branch of the Institute of the Oriental Studies named after A. Krymsky of the Ukrainian National Academy of Science and Crimean Ethnographic Museum

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and local authorities to share cooperation experiences of educational non-governmental organizations and authorities of poly-ethnic regions in Ukraine with societies in Eastern Europe, the Baltic and Caucasus region specifically in implementation of innovative projects, promoting ethnic and confessional tolerance and intercultural dialogue and to compare experiences in developing and implementing comprehensive programs of early conflict prevention through the activation of joint educational activities of NGOs and local authorities.

Language Policy in Central Asia

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: Ethnic Development Program of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan in partnership with the Department of Social and Cultural Development of the Prime Minister's Office, National Commission on State Language Bishkek, Central Asian Public Policy Center for Diversity Management and Institute of Humanitarian Projecting, Bishkek

Summary: Exchange for experts, scholars, non-governmental organizations and decision-makers, to promote the development of effective approaches to language policy in Central Asia in consideration of political, economic and cultural factors and minority rights, to analyze directions of the development of language policy in Central Asia and to formulate recommendations for drafting language policy by all stakeholders based on experiences in other multi-lingual societies.

Legal Instruments on the Status of National Minorities in South East Europe

Soros Foundation Romania

Organizer: Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center, Cluj-Napoca in partnership with the Political Science Department, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University

Summary: Exchange for experts, practitioners, students, professors and researchers, to facilitate an exchange of views and experiences with regard to Laws of National Minorities in Southeast Europe, to make decision-makers aware of the consequences of the lack of public debate on these issues and to formulate recommendations addressed to forms of autonomy and autonomous institutions concerning national minorities.

Information without Borders: Partnership of Central Asian Library Associations for Regional Development

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Library and Informational Consortium Association, Bishkek in partnership with Information Consortium of Kazakhstan, Library Association of Tajikistan, American Library Association and Electronic Information for Libraries Project

Summary: Exchange for representatives of library associations in Central Asia, to promote collaboration of libraries in Central Asia to create new information resources to overcome barriers to information in Central Asia, to elaborate common strategies and objectives for future cooperation and to broaden the access to information and sustainable development of communication and information channels in Central Asia.

Public Organizations in Ukraine and Kazakhstan: Public Monitoring of Local Budgets

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: International Committee for the Protection of Taxpayers Rights in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Kyiv in partnership with Tax Standards Formation Fund, Kazakhstan; Taxpayers Association, Berdyansk; Regional SME Development, Donetsk; UNIAN Ukrainian Time; and, Internet-newspaper ITC Media+

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations in Ukraine and Kazakhstan, to compare experiences in preparing and implementing initiatives to reinforce public control over the utilization of funds of municipal budgets and monitoring of transparency of municipal budgets in regard to social and development programs, to examine models of public control over local government spending based on the examples of non-governmental organizations and to share information about methodologies and tools for public monitoring of budgets via an interactive website with the non-governmental community and mass media.

Public Monitoring of the Security and Defense Sectors: Experiences in Azerbaijan and Georgia

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizers: Public Union Retired and Reserved Officers, Baku, and Association Justice and Liberty, Tbilisi

Summary: Exchange for experts, analysts and civil society actors in Azerbaijan and Georgia, to support the creation of a Public Council for Public Oversight of the Security and Defense Sectors in Azerbaijan by providing an opportunity to learn experiences of civil society engagement in this work in Georgia and to launch a long-term initiative in Azerbaijan to develop capacity and to mobilize civil society actors to begin monitoring and oversight activities.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Development: Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizer: Center for Civic Initiative, Prilep in partnership with TALDi, Tuzla and the Czech Donors Forum, Prague

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of local municipalities in Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina within a long-term initiative, specifically to share experiences in decentralization and local economic development, to strengthen the capacities of local non-governmental organizations to partner with local authorities in sustainable economic development and to promote public dialogue among relevant stakeholders in municipal development in Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

Inclusive Education in Armenia: Experiences in Lithuania

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Armenia and Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: Lithuanian Welfare Society for Persons with Mental Disability Viltis, Vilnius and Bridge of Hope, Yerevan

Summary: Exchange for experts who have been actively involved in the reform of special education in Armenia and Lithuania, to build the capacity of individuals and organizations in Armenia to support the introduction and implementation of a special education needs assessment and referral system based on experiences in Lithuania and to provide an opportunity for practitioners from assessment centers, special and inclusive schools and non-governmental organizations in Armenia to engage with relevant peers in Lithuania to analyze best practices and lessons learned in the reform of special education systems and methodologies in Lithuania.

Public Monitoring of Energy and Budgetary Spheres: Experiences in Ukraine and Kazakhstan

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Organizer: International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) in partnership with the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations in Ukraine and Kazakhstan, to analyze the role and experiences of civil society in the realization of national energy strategies to improve the system for tracking energy resources and revenues, to collect ideas on inter-regional public cooperation in monitoring of revenues/energy and budgetary spheres and to discuss options of involvement in facilitating monitoring public initiatives on national and regional levels.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: In Search of a New Understanding of Security

Organizers: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC www.carnegieendowment.org; Carnegie Moscow Center www.carnegie.ru; and, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty

Summary: Exchange for policy analysts from the governments and non-governmental sectors in Central Asia, to launch a semi-annual series of forums on common security threats, specifically to analyze the SCO and regional security challenges including drug trafficking, corruption, religious radicalism, international terrorism; economic challenges including issues of water resources, economic integration); new actors in maintaining stability in Central Asia including positive and negative factors; and, the SCO and other international organizations.

Role of National Minorities in Civil Society Formation: Comparative Experiences in Ukraine and Georgia

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Teachers Council, Bakhchisaray in partnership with the Committee for Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Parliament of Georgia, Tbilisi and Youth Republican Institute, Tbilisi

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations in Ukraine and Georgia, to share information and experiences in the protection of rights of national minorities and self-organization in national communities to promote an effective and visible role of national minorities in civil society and to build capacity of non-governmental organizations to be effective partners in decision-making processes affecting national minority communities.

Development of Social Policy in Ukraine according to European Standards: Experiences in Czech Republic

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Agency of Regional Development of Luhansk region in partnership with Volunteer Association of Citizens and Legal Entities EDUCON, Prague and Sumy, Kirovograd and Kherson Regional Branches of the Association of Ukrainian Cities

Summary: Exchanges for stakeholders in social policy development in Luhansk and Donetsk, to analyze social reform undertaken in the Czech Republic in preparation for EU membership, to examine models of regional social reform in the Czech Republic to learn applicability in regions of Ukraine and to empower stakeholders in Ukraine to undertake social reforms in developing regions of Ukraine according to European standards by understanding experiences in the Czech Republic.

Conflict Transformation and Re/Integration of Displaced People: Experiences in the Balkans and the Caucasus

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Serbian Refugee Council, Belgrade in partnership with the Kosova Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, Pristina; Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Georgian National Committee, Tbilisi ; and, Internally Displaced Women's Association, Consent, Tbilisi

Summary: Exchange for stakeholders who are involved in the work with IDPs/refugees and those who have been trying to establish an inter-ethnic dialogue and bring different communities closer to mutual trust and understanding, to explore the peace-making potential of divided and displaced communities and attempt to mainstream these lessons into relevant government strategies and to enhance the capacity of participants to achieve positive change in sustainable solutions for displaced people by working in local communities and influencing policy making.

Elections 2007 in Ukraine: Closer to or Further from Stability?

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizers: International Cooperation Program of the Stefan Batory Foundation and the International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Summary: Exchange for analysts, opinion-makers, diplomats and scholars in Poland and Ukraine, to analyze political changes in Ukraine before the 2007 elections, the electoral process and parliamentary elections, to present forecasts of the evolution of the political scene in Ukraine after the elections and to analyze the impact of the elections on EU-Ukraine relations and foreign policy.

Perspectives of EU and Euro-Atlantic Integration in Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia: Experiences in Latvia

Soros Foundation-Latvia

Organizer: Latvian Transatlantic Organization, Riga in partnership with Regional Press Development Institute, Kyiv; Independent Journalism Center, Chisinau; and, Strategic Research Center, Tbilisi

Summary: Exchanges for journalists and opinion-makers in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Latvia, to provide an opportunity to analyze EU and Euro-Atlantic integration processes in a new EU member state from perspectives of state, business, non-governmental and mass media sectors, to transfer experiences and practical models of development to countries experiencing similar transition processes as Latvia did in its process to join the EU and to raise public awareness of the challenges and opportunities of integration by engaging civic involvement in integration debates in Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.

Building Confidence in Conflict Regions: Sharing Experiences in Georgia and Moldova

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: Institute of European Studies, Chisinau and Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Tbilisi www.cipdd.org

Summary: Exchanges for academics, opinion-makers and journalists in Moldova and Georgia, to analyze social and political issues regarding the frozen conflicts remaining in Moldova and Georgia, to formulate recommendations and strategies to promote confidence building and conflict settlement and to elaborate a comparative study to be distributed to national and international organizations, interested stakeholders and NGOs acting in conflict settlement.

NGOs Experiences in Protection of Animals against Cruel Treatment

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Kyiv Environmental and Cultural Center

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations to disseminate experiences of non-governmental organizations in Ukraine in drafting and lobbying the Law on Protection of Animals against Cruel Treatment and work with authorities and mass media for public awareness and to share best practices in environmental education, environmental ethics.

Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Social Inclusion

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues, Sarajevo, in partnership with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Sarajevo; UN Development Program, Sarajevo; Directorate for Economic Planning of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo; Fund for Social Innovations of Republic of Serbia, Belgrade; Educational Center, Leskovac; Association for Promoting Inclusion, Zagreb; and, Institute of Economics, Zagreb

Summary: Exchange for analysts, non-governmental organizations and policy-makers, to compare the present role and capacity of civil society organizations and ability to influence social processes related to social inclusion/exclusion and to develop specific mechanisms for implementation of wide-scale inter-sectoral partnerships, such as the Fund for Social Inclusion, in Bosnia and Herzegovina based on experiences in other societies.

From Ukraine to United Europe: Raising Quality Standards in Schools

Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)

Organizer: Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Kielce in partnership with Podolian Center of Human Rights, Winnica

Summary: Exchange for secondary school teachers in Ukraine and Poland, to share best practices and lessons learned in Poland in the realization of educational reform based on the effectiveness of education of youth and the system of improving the teachers' qualifications, to compare experiences in methodologies of civic education and to promote integration of all stakeholders (students, teachers and parents) in education reform in Ukraine based on experiences in Poland.

Gender Equality as a Key Precondition for Local Development

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: Center for Equality Advancement, Lithuania www.gap.lt in partnership with the Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson, Lithuania www.lygybe.lt; Center of Women's Studies and Policies, Bulgaria www.lygybe.lt; and, Gender Equality Commissioner, Estonia www.svv.ee

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and civil society activists, experts on gender equality policies and municipal civil servants, to analyze practical tools of gender mainstreaming in local development, to compare experiences in the context of the EU framework for gender mainstreaming and to share best practices in the implementation of gender budgeting, application of 3R methodology in everyday municipal work and practical lessons on gender mainstreaming.

Good Practices and Partnership in Developing Consumer Rights Protection Policies

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Lithuanian Consumer Institute, Vilnius www.vartotojai.lt

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and decision-makers, to strengthen cooperation between consumer rights NGOs and state institutions, to develop effective consumer rights protection policies by improving access and dissemination of information and educating consumers, to analyze consumer protection mechanisms in Lithuania and standards required by the EU and to enhance civic activity and public awareness of consumer rights.

Implementation of UN Optional Protocol of Convention against Torture: International Experiences

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Armenia

Organizer: Helsinki Committee of Armenia, Yerevan www.armhels.org

Summary: Exchange for human rights activists and non-governmental organizations, detainees and employees of closed and semi-closed institutions, e.g., penitentiary and penal institutions and mental institutions, etc.) and government representatives, to introduce in Armenia best practices and experiences of implementation of provisions of Chapter IV of Optional Protocol to the UN Convention and to formulate recommendations for human rights protection into the legislation of Armenia according to international standards of implementation of this UN protocol.

Crime Development Forecasting and Crime Control in Central Europe

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Bratislava School of Law

Summary: Exchange for experts dealing with crime and criminal investigation with a particular focus on crime prevention, to compare experiences in Central Europe as a basis on which to formulate practical measures addressed to safety of marginalized groups of citizens and to enhance international cooperation in determining decisive factors influencing an increase or decrease in crime and thus practical methodologies of crime control.

EU Accession Monitor: Reporting EU Integration

Subprogram for European Integration

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Transitions Online www.tol.org

Summary: Exchange for journalists in southeast Europe, to address the inadequacy of media coverage of EU affairs and EU accession in southeast Europe, specifically to offer experiences and instructions on covering economic affairs reporting with an emphasis on case studies of issues likely to dominate the southeast European economic agenda.

Open Questions that Require Answers among Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia and Serbia

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Center for Regionalism, Novi Sad in partnership with Civil Forum for Human Rights, Zagreb www.golip.hr and Forum of Tuzla Citizens www.forumtz.com

Summary: Exchange for civil society activists to promote and facilitate local and regional dialogue in the fields of politics, economy and culture, to promote confidence building and advocacy of democratic values, to monitor and apply positive pressure on the three Dayton Triangle governments to bring about a faster normalization of relations, to confront and question governmental policies when human rights are violated, to create a space in which people can openly express opinions, feel comfortable responding to one another and act on behalf of their communities, and to foster initiatives in southeastern Europe to help this region become a zone of peace, cooperation and tolerance with open borders.

Legal Framework for Prosecution of War Mongering Journalists

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Center for Transitional Processes, Belgrade in partnership with the Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia, Belgrade; Media Center Sarajevo; and, Croatian Journalists' Association, Zagreb

Summary: Exchange for representatives of the judiciary, legal experts and media experts, journalists and civil society activists, to discuss issues of prosecuting those responsible for war-mongering in the media and to initiate a mechanism to establish responsibility for public statements and strengthening professional awareness among the judiciary and relevant governmental institutions about the necessity of correct understanding of conflicts which occurred on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

Institutional Mechanisms for the Protection from Domestic Violence

Foundation Open Society Institute–Representative Office Montenegro

Organizer: SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence, Podgorica www.sostelefoni.com

Summary: Exchange for representatives of law enforcement, judiciary, ombudsman offices and non-governmental organizations in Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia, to share knowledge of legislation as well as best practices in providing protection against domestic violence and reducing domestic violence; to increase information and knowledge of all stakeholders about institutional mechanisms for the protection against violence and to promote increased inter-professional cooperation between institutions and NGOs to work collaboratively and effectively in overcoming problems of domestic violence.

Citizen's Participation in Decision Making in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Experiences in the Czech Republic

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizers: Agora Central Europe, Prague and Center for Civic Initiatives, Sarajevo

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of municipalities and non-governmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech Republic, to analyze experiences in the Czech Republic in promoting citizens' trust in local government, establishing understanding between citizens and authorities in complex social and infrastructural issues, encouraging town hall staff to take a less bureaucratic and less technical standpoint on public matters and overcoming fragmentation of society caused by rapid transformation to a free market economy.

Partnership for Enhancement of Tourism and Community Development in the Prespa Region

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizers: Sports Fishing Association, Resen; Musical Youth, Resen; Sustainable Development, Prespa; and, Turisticka Prespa, Dolna Gorica

Summary: Exchange for experts in sustainable community development and tourism in Macedonia, Albania and Greece, to increase capacity and awareness of stakeholders engaged in tourism development in the Prespa region, to establish dialogue and effective communication among policy-makers and service providers and to promote collaborative development and implementation of best practices in sustainable local economic development.

Making Youth Voices Audible in the South Caucasus

Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizer: Association of Youth Non-Formal Education in Lithuania www.jnu.lt in partnership with

Interkulturelles Zentrum, Austria www.iz.or.at and Eurasia Foundation Tbilisi Office www.eurasia.org.ge

Summary: Exchanges for young leaders and youth activists, to prepare and implement an educational and awareness campaign to increase public awareness and understanding in Europe of development issues in the South Caucasus region, to mobilize public support for European cooperation with the South Caucasus and to promote long-term collaboration among youth, schools and non-governmental organizations in the South Caucasus and Europe.

Legal and Legislative Infrastructure to Protect the Human Rights of Blind and Partially Sighted People

Kosova Foundation for Open Society

Organizer: Kosovo Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted People www.shoqataeteverberveekoves.org in partnership with Advocacy Training Recourse Center, Pristina and the Office for Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Gender Issues, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Kosovo

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and associations and decision-makers, to promote links among organizations working with blind and partially sighted people in southeast Europe, to influence governmental policies with respect to human rights of blind and partially sighted people and the implementation of the International Convention Disabled Persons and through collaborative work to create conditions for the necessary legal infrastructure concerning blind and partially sighted people in Kosovo that will be equivalent with legislation in southeast Europe and in accordance with EU laws.

Implementation of Bologna Educational Processes in Lithuania: Experiences for Azerbaijan

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan and Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: Intellect Public Union, Genje and Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius

Summary: Exchange for university teachers in Azerbaijan and Lithuania, to expand knowledge and enhance skills of university teachers in Azerbaijan specifically by offering an opportunity to analyze university reforms and conditions in Lithuania, to exchange ideas and methodologies with peers in Lithuania and to promote development of university education in Azerbaijan to European standards.

Silence about Communism in Central and Southeastern Europe 18 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Open Society Institute-Sofia (Bulgaria)

Organizer: Institute for Studies of the Recent Past, Sofia www.minaloto.org in partnership with Open Society Institute-Sofia, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de la Société, Sofia www.mshs-sofia.com and Center for Culture and Debate Red House, Sofia www.redhouse-sofia.org

Summary: Exchange for researchers and historians in a long-term initiative to provide public access to independent, documentary and analytical studies of communism in Central Europe, including oral history and memory, ethnic and cultural minorities, religion, communist institutions for repression, social elites, economy and cultural policy and to promote public awareness and debates based on these research results to engage experts, university and school teachers, journalists and social activists.

NGO Engagement in Processes of European Integration in Ukraine: Experiences in the Czech Republic ***Subprogram for European Integration***

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic) and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague in partnership with Donetsk Youth Debate Center and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental activists in Ukraine and the Czech Republic, to share experiences in informing and raising public awareness on issues of European integration, to contribute to citizens' rights for freedom of public expressions of views concerning European and Euro-Atlantic integration in Ukraine, to promote educational, informational and research initiatives to provide information and engage the public in debates about European integration in Ukraine based on experiences in the Czech Republic.

New Management Methods for Housing Resources

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Regional Association of Apartment Owners, Your House, Bishkek in partnership with the Dwelling Owners Association, Vilnius

Summary: Exchange for representatives of citizens' associations in Kyrgyzstan and Lithuania, to assist the development of the Regional Association of Apartment Owners in Bishkek into an independent and effective organization to represent citizens' interests based on experiences in Lithuania and to promote cooperation among non-governmental organizations, local and legislative authorities in reform of the housing sector in Kyrgyzstan by analyzing best practices and lessons learned in Lithuania.

Ensuring Peoples' Rights to Safe and Effective Pain Control and Management

Open Society Georgia Foundation

Organizer: Cancer Prevention Center, Tbilisi in partnership with Medical Information Analytical Center Vector, Kyiv

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations, health care professionals and decision-makers in Ukraine and Georgia, to establish a collaborative team of specialists to develop legislation on pain control and drug availability in Georgia and Ukraine, to engage and empower the public in ensuring protection of rights of people needing long-term pain management and to monitor the processes of adopting and implementing legislation to ensure these protections.

Local Community Engagement with Local Governments: Environmental Protection of Forests (2007-2008)

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizers: National Association of the Communal Forests, Albania; Federation of Communal Forests, Kukes Qarku, Albania; and, Federation of Communal Forests and Pastures, Qarku Diber, Albania; in partnership with Association of Private Forests of Kosovo, Association of Private Forest Owners of Macedonia, SNV/Balkan Netherlands Development Organization, Skopje Branch and SNV/Balkan Netherlands Development Organization, Peshkopi Branch

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and local authorities in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia, specifically to build cooperative relationships, learn from each other's experiences and make use of successful ones to improve local democracy, local governance and community participation in decision-making regarding environmental protection and sustainable management of private and communal forests.

Lessons Learned: Security Sector Reform and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Slovakia and Serbia (2007-2008)

Subprogram for European Integration

Fund for Open Society-Serbia and Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizers: Center for Civil-Military Relations, Belgrade and Center for European and North Atlantic Affairs, Bratislava

Summary: Exchange for analysts and experts in security sector reform in Serbia and Slovakia, specifically to transfer knowledge and best practices from Slovakia into Serbian policies and decision-making through lobbying and advocacy toward state institutions, based on thorough research of the past experiences of Slovakia in its own pre-accession process, and to promote security sector reform in the framework of the stabilization and association process and the EU rapprochement/accession process for Serbia.

Building a Common European Future for Environmental Sustainability (2007-2008)

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Environmental Ambassadors, Belgrade in partnership with Biosfera, Bitola; MOST, Zabljak; Sun of Ligenas, Korca; Konak, Orahovac; and, Twinning Platform/Centar bez granica, Sarajevo

Summary: Exchange for environmental NGOs in the Western Balkans and Central European EU member states, specifically to strengthen organizational and institutional bridges of cooperation among environmental NGOs in the EU and in the Western Balkans and to strengthen civil society engagement and knowledge networking preceding the ministerial conference in Belgrade in October 2007.

Local Government Involvement in EU Assistance Programs: Albania, Croatia and Macedonia (2007-2008)

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizer: Albanian Institute for International Studies, Tirana in partnership with the Center for Research and Policy Making, Skopje www.crpm.org.mk and CEPOR SME Policy Center, Zagreb www.cepor.hr

Summary: Exchanges for local authorities and non-governmental organizations in Albania, Croatia and Macedonia, to strengthen the capacities of Albanian local authorities in border regions to attract and absorb EU originating support (INTERREG) and to share and benefit from best practices in Croatia and Macedonia, to support the performance of local authorities while addressing local socio-economic concerns by promoting existing and future cross/trans-border cooperation assistance tools and skills and to increase local authorities' participation in and utilization of present (INTERREG) and future (Structural and cohesion funds) EU support to the overall development of remote and border areas in Albania.

Creating Peace Actively: Processes of Demilitarization and Reconciliation (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Association Why Not?, Sarajevo, on behalf of the regional network "Objection for Peace" in partnership with Antiwar Campaign, Croatia; Peace Action, Macedonia; and Regional Center for CO, Serbia

Summary: Exchanges for civil society activists in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia, to address problems of militarization of the societies in the Balkans region, to support processes of demilitarization and reconciliation and to engage public awareness and participation in offering alternatives for development, especially to engage youth groups in these processes.

Europe without Borders (2007-2008)

Subprogram for European Integration

Fund for Open Society-Serbia

Organizer: Association for Protection and Promotion of Mental Health in Children and Youth, Nis in partnership with Free Youth Center, Vidin and PRO et CONTRA, Institute for Culture in Dialogue, Slovenia

Summary: Exchanges for youth in Serbia, Bulgaria and Slovenia, specifically designed to reinforce European identity of youth in Serbia through networking and transfer of European values, especially relevant in the context of Serbia's EU rapprochement processes and to provide opportunities for young people in Serbia to obtain a direct, insider's perspective of European integration from peers in the EU.

Sustainable Development of the River Cijevna Basin: Montenegro and Albania (2007-2008)

Foundation Open Society Institute-Representative Office Montenegro

Organizer: Green Home, Podgorica www.greenhome.cg.yu in partnership with AAEE Shkodra

Summary: Exchanges for civil society organizations in Montenegro and Albania, to strengthen cross-border cooperation addressed to sustainable development of River Cijevna Basin, to promote collaborative activities among NGOs, communities, authorities and business in promoting understanding of the needs of communities and responsibilities of local self- government and to prepare an analysis of the environmental conditions and sustainable development perspectives as the basis for policy recommendations concerning environmentally sustainable economic development.

Cooperation on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Montenegro and Croatia (2007-2008)

Foundation Open Society Institute-Representative Office Montenegro

Organizer: Green Home, Podgorica www.greenhome.cg.yu in partnership with Green Action Croatia

Summary: Exchanges for civil society activists and decision-makers in Montenegro and Croatia, to establish a platform for cooperation among civil society organizations addressed to energy issues through improved information access, promoting public and sharing best practices and educational activities, to provide opportunities for activists in Montenegro to learn experiences of activists in Croatia in implementing EU standards in the energy sector and to enhance activists' capacity to advocate for rational and diverse energy consumption.

Enhancing e-democracy in Mongolia: Introduction of Citizen Participation Initiatives in Estonia (2007-2008)

Open Estonia Foundation and Open Society Forum Mongolia

Organizer: e-Governance Academy Foundation Estonia, Tallinn www.ega.ee in partnership with Open Society Forum Mongolia; Information and Communications Technology Authority of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar www.icta.gov.mn; Central Electoral Committee, Estonia; PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies, Tallinn; State Chancellery, Estonia; and, Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organizations

Summary: Exchange for leaders of public institutions, non-governmental organizations, interest groups and research institutes in Mongolia, to introduce challenges, opportunities and best practices in successful implementation of Information and Communication Technologies in the public sphere, with a special focus on e-democracy, e-participation and e-voting, based on experiences in Estonia.

Election Law and Conflict of Interest: Experiences in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo www.aeobih.com.ba in partnership with CeSID, Belgrade and GONG, Zagreb

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of non-governmental organizations and decision-makers at state institutions, to promote non-governmental engagement in formulating recommendations to improve legislative procedures concerning elections based on best practices in other societies and to promote transparency and accountability in election law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia.

Environmental NGOs as Watchdogs of Pipeline Projects in South East Europe (2007-2008)

Organizer: Human Rights Center, Zagreb www.human-rights.hr in partnership with Eko Kvarner, Njivice www.ekokvarner.hr and Heinrich Boll Foundation, Zagreb www.boell.de

Summary: Exchanges for environmental non-governmental organizations to establish the South East Europe Pipeline Network, a network of environmental NGOs in Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece, Albania and Montenegro, specifically to prepare civil society for the construction of three new pipeline routes in South East Europe by engaging non-governmental organizations to monitor the construction of these pipelines from the perspective of maximum prevention of environmental degradation and negative effects on people's health.

Democratic Behavior in You(th)! (2007-2008)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: European Student's Association AEGEE, Chisinau in partnership with Free International University of Moldova, Chisinau and European Student's Association AEGEE, Bucharest

Summary: Exchange for young people in Moldova and Romania, to increase youth participation in social and civic life in Moldova by analyzing motivational factors which influence youth behavior and interest in civic participation based on experiences in Romania and to develop strategies to increase civic engagement and participation in social life, particularly in universities, in Moldova and Romania.

Now I Understand My Rights / UN Child Rights Convention from the Children to the Children (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizers: Save the Children Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina in partnership with the Center for Child Rights of Serbia and the Center for Child Rights of Montenegro

Summary: Exchange for elementary school teachers and pupils, child focused/child rights non-governmental organization, policy makers and officials, within a larger initiative to raise awareness about children's rights as based on Child Rights Convention, specifically to create children-friendly information about children's rights to be distributed to elementary schools in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Religion and Schooling in Albania (2007-2008)

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizer: Open Society Foundation for Albania

Summary: Exchange for theologians, anthropologists, sociologists and education curriculum specialists, to compare experiences of the role of the state regarding teaching of religion in schools, particularly to promote open and public dialogue in Albania about the relationship between individual rights, religion and schooling in a democratic society and to analyze practices of education in public schools which prevent indoctrination and instills understanding and respect in a pluralistic society.

Alternative Forms of Professional Training in Entrepreneurship: Success on the Labor Market (2007-2008)

Open Society Institute-Sofia (Bulgaria)

Organizers: Vocational School Vidin www.pgaz-vidin.hit.bg, Valmiera Pargauja Gymnasium and Agriculture School Shumatovac, Alexinac

Summary: Exchanges for teachers in Bulgaria, Latvia and Serbia, to transfer knowledge and innovative methodologies according to European standards in vocational training in entrepreneurship for high school students and to examine evaluation and monitoring approaches of training in entrepreneurship to compare quality and effectiveness of secondary education in economics in these three countries and in the European Union.

Finding Common Ground: Lessons from the EU Accession Process (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia)

Organizer: Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava in partnership with Turkish Daily News and Referans, Istanbul; Faculty of Social and Economic Science, Comenius University, Bratislava; Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Istanbul; and, Istanbul Kultur Universitesi

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations and civil society activists in Slovakia and Turkey, specifically to create networks and facilitate communication among civil society and media representatives in Slovakia and Turkey, to contribute to a more informed debate on Turkey and Turkish EU accession in Slovakia, to share Slovak experiences from transition towards more open society and know-how from the EU accession process and to identify areas in which Slovak experience and expertise may be of use for Turkey's accession process.

Local Self-Governance Development Strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Experiences in Serbia (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Enterprise Development Agency, Banja Luka www.edabl.org in partnership with PALGO Center, Belgrade www.palgo.org

Summary: Exchanges for development experts and practitioners and decision-makers, to create a regional group of experts to analyze and exchange knowledge and practices of models of local self-governance development and decentralization to inform the realization of a development strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina, to propose new approaches to wider mutual cooperation among government institutions and professionals in creating policies related to decentralization and to support advocacy capacity of the regional group of experts for establishment of a regional think tank on local self-governance development.

Lifelong Learning in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Research and Organizational Development Association, Sarajevo www.rod-a.com in partnership with Telecentar Travnik www.telecentar.ba, Telecentar Prijedor www.telecentar.org, Telecentar Slavonski Brod www.telecentar.hr, IAN Telecentar, Belgrade www.telecentar.co.yu, NS Telecentar, Novi Sad www.nshc.org.yu, Telecentar Gostivar www.telecentar.org and Telecentar Zagreb www.telecentar.org

Summary: Exchanges for public authorities, institutions and social service organizations responsible for education and training, employment and poverty reduction, to promote the Lifelong Learning and Telecentar Network in Western Balkan countries in order to build inclusive societies which offer equal opportunities for access to quality learning through life to all people, to develop new teaching and learning modules by sharing knowledge and experiences and implementing best practices in teaching methodologies and to mobilize regional and local actors, authorities, organizations and associations to a committed and effective involvement and support to Lifelong Learning.

Western Balkans Network for Inclusive eGovernment (2007-2008)

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizers: Metamorphosis Foundation, Macedonia www.metamorphosis.org.mk; Belgrade Open School, Serbia www.bos.org.yu; ZaMirNet, Croatia www.zamirnet.hr; Internet Society, Bulgaria, www.isoc.bg; E-Governance Academy, Estonia, www.ega.ee; and, ARC Seibersdorf research GmbH, Austria

Summary: Exchanges for government officials and civil servants, Information Technology experts and academics and non-governmental activists engaged in the information society, to provide expertise and transfer of know-how in order to achieve higher quality of eGovernment services, leading to higher eInclusion rates, by supporting the western Balkan countries to implement fully operational e-Government services, to build synergy among relevant stakeholders and mobilize regional research capacities to enable quality implementation of sustainable, inclusive, participative and democratic information and eGovernment solutions and to formulate recommendations for a Regional eGovernment Roadmap for policymakers towards achieving the level of eGovernment services on the level of EU.

Development of Health Law in Transforming Countries (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Prague (Czech Republic)

Organizer: Association for Medical Law and Bioethics, Prague in cooperation with Center for Health Law, 3rd School of Medicine, Charles University, Prague

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and decision-makers, to analyze performance in health care systems and health-related civil rights protection, to exchange experiences with legal aid clinics particularly with regard to patients' rights protection and to analyze best practices and mistakes made in transforming health care laws in Central Europe.

Southeast Europe Heritage Network: Diversity in Cultural Heritage (2007-2008)

Open Society Institute-Macedonia and Foundation Open Society Institute–Representative Office Montenegro

Organizers: Southeast Europe Heritage Network

Summary: Exchanges for non-governmental organizations of the Southeast Europe Heritage Network, to strengthen collaboration among NGOs working to protect and promote diversity in cultural heritage as a common value in Southeast Europe, to exchange experiences, discuss and propose solutions/recommendations concerning problems of misuse of cultural heritage and to raise public awareness about the need to promote, protect and preserve the cultural heritage.

History and Collective Memory in Southeast Europe: Dilemmas and Implications of Political Discourse (2007-2008)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: Resource Center for Teaching and Learning History, Chisinau and Institute of History and Political Sciences, Free International University of Moldova www.iisp.ulim.md in partnership with Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca www.hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/hiphi

Summary: Exchange for scholars and researchers, non-governmental activists and media, to promote and support an active discussion concerning the interaction between researching and teaching of history and the politicized and ideological discourse present in southeastern Europe in order to make this information accessible and available to the civic society and the interested public in Moldova, to offer space for different opinions about the interaction of science and ideology in post-totalitarian society by analyzing experiences in southeast Europe and to elaborate solutions and recommendations to discourage attempts of social manipulation.

Methodologies of Integrating Vulnerable Groups in Society: Homeless and Unemployed People (2007-2008)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Community of Mutual Aid Oselya, Lviv, in partnership with the Barka Foundation, Poznan, and Kofoed's School, Denmark

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and activists and decision-makers in Poland and Ukraine, to analyze experiences in Poland in implementing innovative methodologies of integration of socially vulnerable groups, particularly professional outreach in support of social rehabilitation, to disseminate new methods of education work and social assistance in Ukraine and to strengthen professional capacity of non-governmental organizations to work with authorities in Ukraine to implement new methodologies of working with vulnerable groups in society.

Municipal Housing Utilities Tariffs: Engagement of Citizens (2007-2008)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizer: Center for Municipal Government Studies, Lviv in partnership with Cracow Association of Municipal Dwelling Administration, All-Ukrainian Association Housing Exploitation Kyiv, Mykolayiv Regional Civil Organization Innovative Development Center and Regional Entrepreneurship Support Fund of Poltava Region

Summary: Exchanges for citizens' advocacy groups and non-governmental organizations in Ukraine and Poland, to share experiences and best practices of involving the public in municipal decision-making, particularly concerning housing and housing services and to promote in Ukraine implementation of European standards of public participation and monitoring of municipal decisions based on experiences in Poland.

Designing Policies to Combat Social Exclusion in Albania (2007-2008)

Open Society Foundation for Albania

Organizer: Open Society Foundation for Albania

Summary: Exchanges for decision-makers, non-governmental organizations and associations and representatives of socially marginalized communities, to analyze socio-economic positions of excluded communities, including education, un/employment and economic development perspectives; to share experiences in social and political participation and decision-making; and, to expose all stakeholders in Albania to best practices and lessons learned in social inclusion in southeast Europe and Central European EU member states.

Youth for European Integration: Lessons from Latvia (2007-2008)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizer: Institute for Development and Social Initiatives Viitorul, Chisinau www.viitorul.org in partnership with the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Riga www.lai.lv

Summary: Exchanges for young leaders in Moldova and Latvia, to contribute to the facilitation of European integration processes in Moldova by supporting a generation of young leaders in Moldova by providing an opportunity to analyze European integration processes and experiences in Latvia, to promote relations and collaborative initiatives for public policy studies jointly in Latvia and Moldova and to enhance public perception and understanding in Moldova of advantages and disadvantages of European integration.

Fiscal Decentralization Processes: Experiences in Slovakia and Ukraine (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bratislava (Slovakia) and International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

Organizers: M.E.S.A. Center for Economic and Social Analyses, Bratislava and Institute of the Budgetary and Socio-Economic Research, Kyiv

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of municipal government, analysts and policy-makers, to share knowledge and best practices in formulating new systems of territorial self-government funding strategies in Ukraine based on experiences in Slovakia, to contribute to the preparation of legislative and developmental conditions for municipal self-government in Ukraine and to examine relations between the public and private sectors, state administration and local self-government and citizen participation in decision-making.

Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs in Azerbaijan: Experiences in Estonia (2007-2008)

Open Estonia Foundation and Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizers: Open Estonia Foundation and Rainbow Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities, Baku

Summary: Exchange for directors and specialists of rehabilitation centers, parents and children in provincial regions of Azerbaijan to visit rehabilitation centers in Estonia, to exchange experiences and analyze innovative methodologies of rehabilitation as practiced in Estonia, to promote social integration of children with disabilities based on experiences in Estonia and to prepare recommendations for decision-makers to ensure protection of rights of people with special needs.

Turkey's Neighbors in Partnership (2007-2008)

Organizer: Santralistanbul, Istanbul Bilgi University

Summary: Exchanges for cultural producers, leaders of cultural institutions and centers, academics and researchers to brainstorm about possibilities for collaborative initiatives and to create a communication platform for continued discussion of the advantages as well as risks and obstacles of creative cooperation.

Social Network Systems: Cooperation among Government, Local Government and the Third Sector (2007-2008)

Open Estonia Foundation

Organizer: NGO Youth to Youth, Tallinn in partnership with Tallinn City Government Social Welfare and Health Care Board; Estonian Health Insurance Fund, Tallinn; Ministry of Social Affairs, Tallinn; North Estonian Regional Hospital, Tallinn; and, Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Tbilisi www@avng.ge

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of non-governmental organizations and municipal authorities in Estonia and Georgia, to share experiences and best practices in cooperation between the third sector and decision-makers based on experiences in Estonia, to promote non-governmental organizations as watchdogs and monitors of expenditures in social services, health care and insurance and to engage the public in awareness and involvement in local decision-making.

Improvement of Gender Policies in Azerbaijan: Experiences in Estonia (2007-2008)

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan

Organizer: Center of Political Culture for Azerbaijani Women, Baku in partnership with Estonian Women's Research and Resource Center, Tallinn

Summary: Exchange for non-governmental organizations and civil society activists in Azerbaijan and Estonia, to compare experiences in mainstreaming gender balance in public life, to study experiences in Estonia of promoting women's status in society particularly from the perspective of preparation to join the EU and to analyze media coverage of women's issues in Estonia to see if similar approaches are relevant to implement in Azerbaijan.

Practical Mechanisms for Implementing Gender Legislation in Ukraine: Experience of Lithuania (2007-2008)
International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Open Society Fund-Lithuania

Organizers: Center for Equality Advancement, Vilnius; Ukrainian Women's Fund, Kyiv www.uwf.kiev.ua; Sumy City Crisis Center www.aidincrisis.iatp.org.ua; Business Initiative Public Center, Ivano-Frankivsk www.di.if.ua; and, Center for Ukrainian Reform Education, Kyiv www.cure.org.ua

Summary: Exchanges for representatives of local communities and civil society activists engaged in women's and gender issues and representatives of local authorities, to promote practical implementation of gender legislation in two regions of Ukraine through establishing cross-sectoral partnerships and integrating gender sensitive practices into the work of local authorities as based on experiences in Lithuania and to test new methodologies and models of implementation gender legislation for possible adaptation to other regions of Ukraine.

Perspectives for Development of the State and the Civil Society in Central Asia (2007-2008)

Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

Summary: Exchange for analysts, decision-makers and the non-governmental sector, to analyze reform processes taking place in Central Asia and to develop models for sustaining democratic institutions, to establish an ongoing communication framework to engage the public in debates about social reform and development in Central Asia and to encourage collaborative information and knowledge networking in constructing forecasts and models of social development in Central Asia.

Prevention of Child Abuse and Assistance to Abused Children (2007-2008)

Soros Foundation-Moldova

Organizers: Child Rights Information Center, Chisinau www.childrights.md; Podrugi, Almaty; www.podrugi.kz; and, Parents for City Jurmala, www.iemetaci.lv in partnership with Service of Prevention and Social Readaptation, Nice www.association-alc.org; Etoile Business Center for Women, Barnaul; Club of Business Women, Zlatoust; No To Alcohol and Narcotics, Moscow www.nan.ru; League for Voluntary Youth Work, Minsk; Reliable Future Youth Organization, Baku; and, International Catholic Child Bureau, Paris, www.bice.org

Summary: Exchange for professionals and volunteers working with children and youth, to study models of raising awareness of child rights and sexual abuse against children, to analyze efficient methods and strategies used by professionals in order to assist children who are threatened with violence and to examine practices of efficient partnership between state institutions and NGOs in providing quality assistance to abused children.

Platform for Social and Cultural Development of Rural Regions in Western Balkans (2007-2008)

Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Organizer: Contemporary Arts Center Skopje www.scca.org.mk in partnership with the Mozaik Foundation Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo www.mozaik.ba, Committee for Civic Initiative Serbia, Nis www.oci.org.yu and MOST Montenegro, Zabljak www.ngo-most.org

Summary: Initiative for local development non-governmental organizations, representatives of municipalities and artists, teachers of art and students, to raise issues of social and cultural development of villages in rural regions of the western Balkans, to create a network of organizations and professionals as a communication platform to share experiences and explore innovative solutions to sustainable cultural development and to initiate a regional engagement in cultural and social development of rural regions, villages and small communities.

Conscience and Power: Accountability of Elected Officials in Small Communities (2007-2008)

Open Society Fund-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizer: Women from UNA, Bihac in partnership with Association of Women, D. Lapac Municipality

Summary: Exchanges for grassroots activists in small communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, to conduct public opinion surveys about the performance of elected officials and to engage the public in debates about the performance of local governments and to promote partnership among non-governmental organizations, decision-makers and citizens for social development of small communities.

Civil Society for Clean Parliament (2007-2008)

Kosova Foundation for Open Society

Organizers: Organization for Democracy, Anticorruption and Dignity (COHU!), Pristina www.cohu.org and Romanian Academic Society, Bucharest

Summary: Initiative for non-governmental organizations and activists, to promote citizens' interest in transparency and accountability in government by analyzing models of civic engagement in Romania and to promote standards of public integrity in Kosovar politics by raising awareness of the general public on the costs of corruption and the importance of clean and transparent institutions.

Independent Election Monitoring in the post-Soviet Space: Comparative Experiences (2007-2008)

International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Moscow Center

Organizers: International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine) and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Moscow Center in partnership with the Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Kyiv and Inter-regional Electoral Network of Assistance, St. Petersburg

Summary: Exchange for election monitoring organizations to share methodologies of monitoring, to evaluate the performance of monitors during elections in Ukraine and Kazakhstan, to draft new collaborative initiatives in the region and expand approaches for "full-cycle" election monitoring and to establish an ongoing communication framework to share experiences beyond a national context of election cycles.