Support to the European Endowment for Democracy

PROJECT DURATION: 2019-2023
BUDGET: €7 million
PROJECT WEBSITE: http://democracyendowment.eu

Brief Description

The action covers the operating costs of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED), a foundation whose main purpose is direct grant-making to organisations that work to promote democracy and human rights through specific flexible procedures.

Countries covered: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine and Russia, as well as countries and territories neighbouring the Neighbourhood region (Central Asia, Gulf, Sahel).

Objectives

The main objective is to contribute to the democratisation and to the social and economic development of partner countries by supporting pro-democracy activists. The EU aims to enable this support by providing funding for the functioning of the European Endowment for Democracy.

Actions in brief

The financial support to the EED is dedicated to covering the foundation’s operating costs, including:
- functioning of the mechanism of financial support (direct grant support to beneficiaries);
- implementation of other activities that the EED performs as part of its mandate: seminars, studies, conferences, publications, networking events, workshops, training and visibility activities, capacity building for beneficiaries etc.

The direct support to target groups through grants, which is the main purpose of the EED, is funded through voluntary contributions received from EU Member States and other stakeholders.

**A FAIR SOCIETY**

With the support of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED), the Group of Feminist Initiatives, have been provided EU funding to promote gender equality and challenge patriarchal attitudes in Moldova, through awareness-raising activities on discrimination against women in the public sphere, particularly in politics.

**WITH EED SUPPORT, THE GROUP:**

- organised six successful public lectures around topics such as the challenges faced by single mothers, discrimination against Roma women in Moldova, and the role of government and Church in sexual education;
- campaigns with men as advocates for gender equality.

«Post-Soviet societies are very patriarchal, notions of how men and women should interact are deeply ingrained. Even businesswomen, women in positions of power, fall back into traditional roles at home.»

Polina Ceastuhina set up the Group of Feminist Initiatives with Victoria Apostol

Find out more: www.democracyendowment.eu/news/feminist-group-takes-on-sexism-in-moldova/

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