

Transferring the Experiences of Visegrad Cooperation to Western Balkans and the Eastern Neighbourhood

CROSS-BORDER & CIVIL SOCIETY COOPERATION

Current issues and Priorities in the GUAM Region



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Perspective from Ukraine

- Cooperation between Ukraine and Moldova is dominating because of the border and Transdnistriean problem
- Elaboration of the joint approach towards Transdnistriean issue resolution
- Joint approach towards EU integration
- Joint approach towards human/societal security

Donors' impact

- East-East: Partnership Beyond Border Program (Soros Foundations Network)
- Trilateral projects involving Romanian Partners
- Wider Black Sea region

Donors' impact: priorities

- Local cooperation
- European integration
- Setting contacts of elites with the researchers
- Dialogue with the Transdnistriean NGOs

Examples of Cooperation

- Trilateral Plan for Resolving the Transnistrian Problem
- Trilateral Approach for European & Euro-Atlantic Integration
- Trilateral Cooperation between Think Tanks for Society Security
- Public Monitoring of the Routine Activities of Local Self-Government in Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania and their Adaptation to EU Requirements

Wider Format of Cooperation

- Including CEE Partners: Strengthening Transdnistriean NGOs, the Czech and Ukrainian Experience in Building a Democratic Society (People in Need, Czech government, East-East)
- Including CEE Partners: Ethnic Stability – Ethnic Changes (Forum Institute, Visegrad Fund, East-East)

Wider Format of Cooperation

- Including Georgia: Efficient Institutional Reactions for Combating Intolerance and Extremism in the Black Sea Region (East-East)

Other issues addressed

- Providing youth in depressed regions of Ukraine and Moldova with convincing facts about the positive aspects of the European integration
- Increasing cooperation in the Ukraine-Moldova-Romania region on migration management
- Promoting sustainable development projects for village communities in Moldova, Ukraine, and Romania in the context of bringing the village closer to European standards

Other issues addressed

- Independent Election Monitoring in the Post-Soviet Space
- New Energy Routes in Southern-Eastern Europe

Conclusions

- Lack of GUAM format projects
- Lack of confidence building projects of multilateral format
- Lack of joint efforts in the field of advocacy
- Lack of policy-oriented projects

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- Lack of media coverage of the region & circulation of information
- Need for journalist training
- Necessity to deal with Russia (NGOs, governmental structures, confidence-building measures, media-cooperation)

Thank you for your attention!
Q & A

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