



The inclusion of the society in the process of creating the budget of a local government

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS



In 2015 the political situation in Ukraine changed and the problem of monitoring state administration spending came into attention.

Our company led a project in the Chernihiv (Чернігів) region which advanced the cooperation between local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGO) in the process of drawing up the budget of local governments and tackling mutual problems.

The local government of Chernihiv came to Latvia and got to hear the experience of Jēkabpils city, Ogres and Gulbenes region local governments in promoting the involvement of the community. The Ukrainian delegates also met two Latvian organizations, which take part in the process of drawing up the budgets of administrations – “Community for candidness “Delna””, which promotes the development of a democratic society and oversees the candidness of administrations, and the Latvian Local government union, which strengthens the capacities of local governments and the protection of their interests.

In Ukraine we organized a number of public discussions with NGO's and representatives of local governments, working groups, a training seminar and a conference, and so promoting cooperation between both sides already during the introduction of the project.

The NGO of Chernihiv city received methodology and practical suggestions, how Ukrainian NGO's





The meeting of interested parties in Chernihiv.

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could promote the interest and involvement of the community in drawing up the budgets of local governments. For this a guide was made and given to representatives of NGO's and institutions linked to activities of the project.

We paid extra attention to corruption prevention in cases of receiving local government social services, by instructing NGO's on how to fight such corruption. Organizations also acquired technical skills and knowledge which are necessary to acquire information about the work of the administration, conduct full analysis of it and submit their suggestions to solving certain problems.

Two local initiatives were started, which advanced the cooperation between local governments and NGO's also after the project is finished.

The partners of the project from NGO's appreciated the acquired understanding, that cooperation with local governments is the most effective way to promote the advancement of their ideas, develop personal contacts and continue started initiatives.

The project also had a positive influence on the local government in general, because during the implementation of the project a perception was created about the civil society and the operation of NGO's in the Chernihiv region.

Representatives of the Chernihiv city council accented that one of the initiatives started during the project will be a great example of how NGO's can influence the work of local governments and decision making, in this way strengthening the operation of local governments and the candidness of decisions.



More about the project:

A presentation on the experience of the cooperation between local governments and NGO's in Latvia (http://eef.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Guidance_Chernigiv__prefinal_10_1.pdf)