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# Social Legacy Program (SLP): Transparent Education Network (TEN) *Regional Program Update*



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## The Transparent Education Network

**(TEN)** brings together key individuals and organizations from the Europe and Eurasia region to foster peer-to-peer collaboration and dialogue and share lessons learned, best practices, challenges, and knowledge / resources relevant for understanding and addressing the issues related to corruption in education.

TEN consists of the following four organizations: 1) **NGO Center (NGOC)** in Armenia; 2) **YUVA Humanitarian Center (YUVA)** in Azerbaijan; 3) **Youth Educational Forum (YEF)** in Macedonia; and 4) **Alliance** in Ukraine.



## The Transparent Education Network (TEN)

The SLP **Anti-Corruption** component has developed the Transparent Education Network (TEN) aimed at: (a) raising awareness about corruption in education and its impact on society; (b) strengthening local capacity to analyze effects of corruption in education at individual and school levels; and (c) promote a culture of transparency and accountability in secondary- and tertiary-level schools.

Phase 2 of the project, launched in November 2010, has seen a fresh wave of enthusiasm from the TEN member NGOs. During these months, the TEN member NGOs have focused on recruiting and training new youth participants for the workshop activities; developing the codes of conduct; and reaching out to universities and other local and international NGOs.

## SLP-TEN Activities in Azerbaijan

Members from YUVA Humanitarian Center, TEN member NGO in Azerbaijan, participated in two radio broadcasts at Azadliq (Liberty) Radio and Velvele Radio, two of the most popular stations in Azerbaijan. During the broadcast, YUVA raised awareness about transparency in education and TEN activities in the country. In both instances, listeners expressed interest about the issue of corruption and about the TEN Network. Following these radio broadcasting events, YUVA has been receiving a large number of emails and calls from students interested in the project. Another great success for YUVA has been the prize for “Best Blog of the Year 2010” by Sosium Bloggers Network awarded to the official TEN Azerbaijan blog.



*(LEFT) In January 2011, the TEN Azerbaijan official blog was awarded “Best Blog of the Year 2010” by Sosium Bloggers Network.*

## SLP-TEN Activities in Armenia

One of the most notable activities of NGO Center – TEN member in Armenia – since the launch of Phase 2 is working with various universities in the development of their Codes of Conduct.

NGOC has developed close partnerships with Gavar State, Vanadzor European Education Regional Academy, and Yerevan State College of Trade and Commerce. Representatives from those institutions regularly participate in TEN workshops and work with NGOC in the creation of their own individual Codes of Conduct.

Gavar State University has been extremely active during the workshops and published a press release on the institution’s commitment to TEN and the promotion of transparency in education.

The European Education Regional Academy representative is also very supportive of the TEN initiatives. Overall, the workshops on the Codes of Conduct are proving to be successful in building partnerships that are helping the project meet TEN’s objectives of raising awareness and development of codes of conduct in local universities.



(ABOVE) NGOC Armenia: Workshop Training Module 2 “Understanding Corruption” in Yerevan.

## SLP-TEN Activities in Macedonia

Youth Educational Forum, TEN member in Macedonia, selected students to participate in the workshops. 52 students applied and 26 were selected to become members of the “Core Youth Group” for the TEN training.

Further, YEF invited a number of local and national NGOs to take part in the training sessions. Twenty organizations working with youth and representing students from various academic fields and universities in Macedonia participated in the workshops.

By extending the trainings to others in addition to the youth, YEF is strengthening TEN’s awareness raising efforts, as well as developing successful partnerships with organizations that can prove valuable collaborators in promoting transparency and accountability in higher education after the life of the SLP-TEN project.



(ABOVE) YEF, Macedonia. Core Group youth during a TEN training workshop