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Project staff meeting

Project staff meeting has been organised on January 26/27, in Head Office premises in Sarajevo. The purpose of the meeting was to analyze the project activities, the budget, and to develop a detailed Action Plan and Timeline by the project components.



Parallel work on the development of the three analyses

The Coalition's staff is currently working on drafting three separate Analyses -



Analysis of the financial reports of political parties, Analysis of the process of the complaints and the appeals on the electoral process, and Analysis of the election expenses in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Analysis of the financial reports will show how political parties used / spent funds. Analysis of the process of the complaints and the appeals on the electoral process will provide information on the procedures for filing complaints and appeals, jurisdictions, competences, decision-making process and the prescribed sanctions. The Analysis of the election expenses is the financial analysis aimed to present total public expenditure of all levels of government pertaining to financing the work of the election administration and organization of the elections.

Monitoring of the Inter-parliament Working Group (IWG) for Changes in the Election Legislation

The Coalition "Pod lupom" is regularly monitoring sessions of IWG since October 2015, as external / associate member. On April 8, 2016 the Coalition's staff will organize a press conference in Sarajevo in order to present / evaluate the work of IWG.

Launching the Working Group for the analyses of the election legislation in 40 OSCE member states

After the open public call, the Coalition elected Working Group members (7 researchers), who will conduct the research in the next three months, and prepare the analyses of priority areas of election legislation in at 40 OSCE member states, with an emphasis on the neighboring countries. We would like to remind you that last year Working Group also worked on research and produced 4 different analyses and the comprehensive Overview of the legislation which can be download at our website www.podlupom.org.

Finance staff training

Finance staff training has been organized at Vlasic Mountain on March 03/04, 2016. The training was opportunity to ensure compliance with regulations and standards of financial reporting by all Coalition's members in order to produce financial reports that will disclose Coalition's



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financial status to our donor - the European Union.



Coalition "Pod lupom" achieved Full Member status in GNDEM Network

The Coalition was elected as a full member in the Global Network of Domestic Elections Monitors (GNDEM) connecting more than 190 regional networks and NGOs from around the world.



GNDEM Network has been established in 1986 and today is spread to five continents and 85 countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. The goal of this network is to facilitate exchange of information and the best practices among Network members. GNDEM seeks to improve the methodology for a systematic and fact-based election observation as well as the capacity of regional networks and NGOs by sharing knowledge and interactive communication among members. The Network has more than 1,000 useful documents, now available for Coalition's staff, providing key topics on electoral processes from all around the world.

I vote for the first time!

The training for 28 peer educators who will, in the next two months, deliver 672 interactive workshops for the senior high-school students (graduates) across the country titled "I vote for the first time!" was held from March 18-20 in Teslic.

This activity aims to educate young voters regarding the election process and to motivate them to vote for the first time on the upcoming local elections.

By the end of March 2016, workshops were organized in Kljuc, Livno, Tuzla, Mostar, Sarajevo, Zenica and Fojnica.



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