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ABOUT IREX EUROPE

INDEPENDENT MEDIA | CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT | EDUCATION | CONFLICT RESOLUTION

IREX Europe is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organisation providing innovative programmes to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, foster pluralistic civil society development, and reduce conflict. The IREX Europe approach emphasises partnerships with local development organisations to expand capacity, build sustainable institutions and effect change through training, partnerships, education, research and grant programmes.

IREX Europe, registered as an association in France, has an annual turn-over of €1.8 million with funding support from multiple donors, including the EU, United Nations, and the British, Czech, and US governments. Deriving its founding principles from its network partner the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), a US non-governmental organisation, IREX Europe has worked in more than 24 countries for the benefit of people striving to live in fairer, freer and more prosperous societies.



STRENGTHENING INDEPENDENT MEDIA

The development of independent media informs and engages citizens through the free flow of information, advancing democratic and economic development. A professional media sector builds more transparent and effective governance, promotes free and open economies, and generates responsible discussion about social and political issues.

IREX Europe works with local partners to advance the professionalism and long-term economic sustainability of newspapers, radio, television, and Internet media.

CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Civil society development engages citizens, non-governmental organizations, and government bodies to work in partnership to improve their communities and foster good governance.

IREX Europe civil society programmes address a range of issues, including civic involvement, youth empowerment, prevention of trafficking, local governance, conflict mitigation, and social sector support.

EDUCATION

Education supports economic development, social reform, and civic participation within society and provides the foundation for tomorrow's leaders. IREX Europe works with individuals, institutions, and governments to expand access to and improve the quality of education worldwide.

IREX Europe assists educational institutions in curriculum development and training/professional development of staff.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Preventing conflict and mitigating violence requires engaging citizens at local levels in community peacebuilding, strengthening connections between civil society actors, and promoting citizen-government collaboration.

IREX Europe addresses issues of conflict by assisting youth and community leaders at a grassroots level to facilitate dialogue and strengthen community ties, building the capacity of civil society actors to address conflict and bringing citizens and marginalized groups into the peacebuilding process.



BELARUS

IREX Europe programming in Belarus focuses on strengthening independent media and education. Activities include enabling free and independent broadcasting, training for journalists and civic journalists, developing sustainable youth-orientated civic journalism platforms, and improving journalism education. Projects are supported by the European Union, the United States Development Agency, and the Czech Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



YEMEN

IREX Europe and its Yemeni partner Youth Leadership Development Foundation work to strengthen education and civil society in Yemen. Activities include leading Yemeni youth in developing film projects and facilitating discussions that explore themes of globalization/anti-Westernism and human rights, as well as building the technical and professional skills of women for leadership roles in civil society and media. Projects are supported by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



GEORGIA

IREX Europe programming in Georgia focuses on strengthening independent media and civil society. Activities aim at advancing the independent media's role through strengthened associations and support organizations, better management and business development capacities of the media, as well as developing the media monitoring capacities of Georgian civil society organizations. Projects are supported by the European Union.



SERBIA

IREX Europe programming in Serbia focusing on strengthening the role of independent media. Activities include strengthening the role of media to enhance their capacity to inform the public about all aspects of EU integration, as well as assisting Radio Television Serbia in its transition to true public service broadcasting. Projects are supported by the European Union.



KENYA & SOMALILAND

IREX Europe works with Somali communities in Somaliland and in Kenya utilizing Drama for Conflict Transformation methodologies to promote peace and stability. The current project targets the Somali youth population in the Nairobi suburb of Eastleigh and in the refugee camp of Hagadera in Kenya. IREX Europe and its local partners have also successfully used Drama for Conflict Transformation methodology to advance conflict prevention and mitigation in Indonesia.



EC FRAMEWORK CONTRACT LOT 7

Under the EuropeAid Lot 7 Framework Contract, IREX Europe is part of a consortium providing experts in the areas of Human Rights, Civil Society, Governance, Justice and Home Affairs (LOT 7) for European Union short and medium term funded aid missions to third countries across the globe. In particular IREX Europe provides expertise in the field of Media development and Media mapping/monitoring, as well as in civil society.