

**PRESS RELEASE**

**50 grants were awarded for peace initiatives in Kyrgyzstan**

On January 11 and 13, in Bishkek and Osh, the international organization “International Alert» conducted a grant seminar to train on mechanisms for the use of grant funds and accounting for civil society organizations from all over Kyrgyzstan. Previously, local civil society organizations, together with local government bodies, developed projects on conflict prevention and peacebuilding development at the local level, for their implementation they will receive grants.

As a result of the joint work of local government bodies and civil society, it will be possible to implement peace initiatives that are truly important for each community. Therefore, within the framework of the Yntymaktuu Zhashoo Project, which is being implemented by the International Alert team in partnership with the National Center for Mediation and the Institute for Development Policy with the support of the European Union, the most active citizens throughout the country were trained in methods of analysis and prevention of conflicts, so knowing the reasons of these conflicts, they could solve them together with local governments.

“In addition to implementing peace initiatives, we aim to increase the capacity of local civil society organizations, so that even after the completion of our project, the skills and experience gained by these organizations can be used for the benefit of their aiyl aimak (village), district and region,” said the Head of the EU Delegation, Ambassador Eduard Auer.

Organizations received grants:

1. PF “Child’s Rights Defenders League” (Tyup AO), «Conflict Prevention is the Basis for Sustainable Development for Residents of Tyup Ayil Okmotu» Project
2. Crisis center «Bagyt» (Balykchi), «United City» Project
3. PF «Demilgeluu Zhashtar» (Kochkor), «Promotion of Political Awareness through Media among the Youth» Project
4. PA "Tynchtyk" (Naryn city), “The Key of Success is Unity” Project
5. PF “Ongol Ayim” in partnership with the Public Organization “Talas Regional Youth Council” (Talas region), “Peaceful life=Protection of environment” Project
6. PA “Dilanar” in partnership with PA TIO (Talas region), "The future should be laid in the present - Peacebuilding in the Pokrovsky ayil aimak" Project
7. PF "Cornelius Society" (Tokmok city), "In the name of unity" Project
8. NGO "Community Development Alliance" (Kurama villiage), "Promoting Peace in the Local Community" Project
9. PA Agerkech (MTU-1), "Inclusive innovative platform for peacebuilding" Project
10. NGO "Center for Community Development" (Leninskoye), "Increasing the capacity of citizens and local government bodies in the prevention of conflicts in the Lenin ayil aimak" Project
11. PA “Aktivist” (Batken region), “Friendship between two conquerors is doubled power, friendship between nations is endless power” Project
12. PA "Network of border youth" (Batken region), “United Youth” Project
13. PA “Peace Initiatives” in partnership with PA “Dialogue, Trust, Law” (Batken region), “Local civil initiatives for the development of cooperation and cohesion of communities in the Suu-Bashi aiyl okrug” Project
14. CCCS “Nookat” (Osh region), "Increasing the degree of public confidence in local government bodies" Project
15. PA "Zhash Niet" (Osh region), "Stimulus to stimulus" Project
16. PF “Center for Development and Protection of Vulnerable Groups of the Population” (Osh region), “The youth will is unity” Project
17. PF International Center “Interbilim” (Osh region), "Strengthening the capacity of local communities and LG bodies in Uzgen in monitoring the needs of vulnerable groups of the population and in the provision of municipal services" Project
18. PF “Nookat Irrigator” in partnership with PF “Sogondu Zhashtar Koomu” (Osh region), “United people will have prosperity” Project
19. PO "Zhash Kuch" (Jalal-Abad region), "Strengthening the unity of youth in Tash-Kumyr and preventing post-election conflicts” Project
20. PF “Aykan” (Jalal-Abad region), “Prevention of conflict relations between the population and ayil okmotu after elections on the territory of the Terek-Sai aiyl aimak” Project
21. PF "Mekenim Ala-Too" (Jalal-Abad region), “Peacemakers in the local places” Project
22. PF "Greenlight" (Jalal-Abad region), "Youth Initiative - the path to development" Project
23. PF “Development of young citizens” (Jalal-Abad region), “Social partnership of the public prevention center with the population and the police in Zhagy-Zhol ayil okmotu” Project
24. NGO "Women's Council of Karakul city" (Jalal-Abad region), the project "To give new stimulus to the public prevention center” Project
25. PA "Tilektesh El" in partnership with the PF "Kazarman Kelechek" (Jalal-Abad region), “The united youth is the future of the village” Project.

In addition, the 25 local government bodies involved in the project will also receive mini-grants to support law enforcement and rule of law initiatives. In total, the Yntymaktuu Zhashoo Project covers 25 pilot locations in 7 regions of Kyrgyzstan, and each local initiative will be aimed at solving local problems.

“It is very important for Kyrgyzstan to form a strong civil society, not only in the capital but also in the regions. Active young people play a key role in conflict prevention, and we hope they will work closely with local authorities. Our goal is to engage young activists in dialogue to promote peaceful rhetoric and positive political culture,” said Shakirat Toktosunova, Representative of International Alert in the Kyrgyz Republic.

**For information:**

International Alert, together with the Institute for Development Policy and the National Center for Mediation, works in Kyrgyzstan to create a platform to support active youth, civil society, and local government bodies in preventing social conflicts, maintaining law and order, and teaching mediation skills in 25 selected locations in Kyrgyzstan. The project is being implemented with the support of the European Union.

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