

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: seminars on policy making and advocacy**



[Praxis Center for Policy Studies](#) (Estonian think-tank) with administrative support of

[International Center for Human Development](#) are undertaking a joint project to advance the capacity and ability of the Armenian CSOs in advocacy and policy making. For that three seminars in Armenia and one study visit to Estonia will be organized.

**APPLY FOR:**

- Seminars on policy making and advocating consisting of 3 seminars (each 2 day, located in Yerevan or near it); please note that accommodation and transportation will be covered according to the specific financial need of the organization;
- One study visit (4 days) for selected Armenian CSOs in Estonia, Tallinn.

The overall aim of the project is to promote good governance, transparency and the role of CSOs in policy making and modern society.

**All the seminars and the study visit will be on different topics:**

- advocacy (by advocacy, we mean CSOs' attempts to shape the public agenda, public opinion and/or legislation)
- policy making process
- establishing and maintaining networks and cooperation among themselves and with the public sector
- evaluating the impact of advocacy efforts
- translating the knowledge and ideas into plans.

During the seminars, the participants, with the practical advice of the trainers are expected to develop advocacy plans for their organizations and work out the basis for Armenian civil society strategy paper.

**The seminar is for organizations who:**

- is a CSO with members or a functioning network preferably all over Armenia;
- have some experience in advocacy and engagement;
- have good oral and writing skills in English (English is the working language of the seminars, no translation is provided);
- is willing to take part in all three sessions during 2014-2015;
- is committed to work with organization's advocacy plan.

**The first two-day seminar on policy making, advocacy and engagement** (including engagement in EU decision making process) **will take place in June 11-12, 2014 in Yerevan.**

**All project activities (seminars, study visit, materials etc.) are free of charge!**

**For applying, please fill out the questionnaire** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/98S78RV> **by May 12, 2014.** The seminars are for **only 20 participants** (one person per organization) who will be selected according to the questionnaire answers. From these participants **5 will be selected** for the study visit to Estonia to write the principles of the civil society strategy for Armenia. The selection will be made after the first seminars.

NB! If you do not wish to participate in the seminars, we would still appreciate if you fill out the questionnaire.