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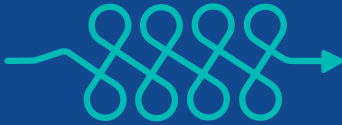
CROSS-BORDER AND CROSS-SECTOR DIALOGUE FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE IN CENTRAL ASIA



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The European Union funded project «**Cross-Border and Cross-Sector Dialogue for Tolerance and Peace in Central Asia**» aims to facilitate multi-stakeholder and cross-border dialogue and cooperation between Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan for the promotion of tolerance and prevention of radicalization, raising awareness on the violent extremism causes, and importance of good mutual understanding, and capacity building of local civil society within border areas of three countries.

The project is implemented by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation let consortium in partnership with three national partners: The Ecological Movement «BIOM» (Kyrgyzstan), the National Movement «Yuksalish» (Uzbekistan) and the Public Organization “Gender and Development” (Tajikistan) for a period of 36 months, from 2020 to 2023.



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The Overall Objective of the project is to facilitate multi-stakeholder and cross-border dialogue and cooperation between Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan for the promotion of tolerance and mutual understanding and the prevention of radicalization.

The Specific Objective to raise awareness of the roots of violent extremism and the importance of a good mutual understanding, to build capacities of local civil society in border region of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and to initiate and institutionalize different cross-border and cross-sector dialogue formats for promotion of tolerance, prevention of violent extremism and for a better cooperation between border communities and between civil society and local authorities.

For effective solution of the above mentioned goals, it is proposed to take measures based on a comprehensive approach, which is composed of 3 main components including objectives:



COMPONENT 1

Analytical research and media strategy. Analyse of potential threats and causes of violent extremism related to different target groups, sensitizing media and young people and raising awareness among the population for the need of a peaceful coexistence.

- Conduct baseline study, which includes a situational analysis and an assessment of the vulnerability and resilience of youth in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan to the risks of radicalization and violent extremism;
- Visualization and mapping of research findings for media and youth;
- Develop a national media strategy on religious tolerance, prevention of radicalism and extremism, and border issues in the region;
- Capacity building for journalists on non-violent reporting and conflict prevention sensitivity.

COMPONENT 2

Capacity building of representatives of the civil society, youth initiatives in area of education and local authorities to promote mutual understanding and prevent violent extremism within border areas of three countries. Enhance ability of the youth groups and local community based organizations to become active mediators in a dialogue between Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

- Design training modules «***Class Hours on Tolerance***» and holding training sessions on peace-building, neighborliness, and tolerance aspects for teachers;
- Motivate and encourage the youth groups and civil society organizations to become active mediators of the dialogue within border areas;
- Introduce the programs on peace building, good neighborhood into a system of non-formal complementary education in the schools located within border areas;
- Organize conferences for representatives of the education sector;
- Develop online course to support a sustainable additional training of school teachers;
- Setting-up of “***Centers of Friendship, Inter-Ethic Harmony and Tolerance***” at leading pedagogical universities in three pilot countries.

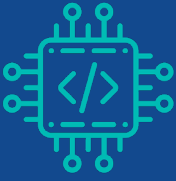


CENTERS OF FRIENDSHIP, INTER-ETHIC HARMONY AND TOLERANCE

Based on the Centers under the universities in the Fergana Valley, various platforms of cross-border and cross-sector dialogue will be established. It will help to build capacity of the youth with a focus on girls, their involvement in active social activity, in depth social connectivity, positive contacts between people, combating stereotypes, building mutual understanding and promoting tolerance, good neighborliness between three target countries.

The Centers will function as hubs for various cross-border initiatives, activities for capacity building of the civil society organizations and youth discussion platforms, and design of educational and informational materials. All activities in the Centers will promote tolerance and build a multicultural, gender-sensitive youth society engaged in global discourses and striving for sustainable development.

COMPONENT 3



Cross-Border and Cross Sector Dialogue. Establishing and supporting different cross-border and cross-sector dialogue platforms for deepening people-to-people contacts, fighting stereotypes, improving trust and promote tolerance.

- Develop a «Local Tolerance Agenda» in six pilot communities of the Fergana Valley;
- Holding trainings for the local authorities and law-enforcement bodies in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan;
- Organize the Regional Youth Forum on tolerance issues;
- Holding a festival of the youth initiatives.



TARGET GROUP

- Youth in Three Countries;
- Higher education institutions;
- Civil society, journalists;
- Local authorities and the local communities of Fergana Valley.



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