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Youth Summer School 2020

- On August 1-7, 2020, a Youth Summer School was held for civil activists from Samtskhe-Javakheti, Kvemo Kartli and Pankisi regions of Georgia. From each of these regions, the most active young people were selected who have an experience of establishing community centers in their regions and promoting civil participation. It was especially important for them to be informed about the EU and the European integration, as a part of the participants also work as formal and informal educators in their regions; thus, the knowledge they acquired within the summer school will help them spread accurate information regarding Europeanization.



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discussion at the sessions revealed that problems, needs and challenges of each region, in some cases, are very similar. This encouraged the participants to start thinking on working together in the future. Apart from the project planned activities that will enable them to fulfill this plan, the training on project proposal writing that was delivered as a practical course will give them an opportunity to apply for donor grants and work on joint projects.

- To summarize the outcomes of the Youth Summer School, it should be noted that the



participants gained both theoretical and practical knowledge on various aspects of Europeanization, civil participation and active citizenship. Despite the pandemic, the sessions were delivered without any difficulties in a nice space. One of the major outcomes of the event was a tolerant and friendly environment, which was also facilitated by the professional trainers.



KnowEU Podcasts

One of the activities for the project participants was to develop short podcasts that would openly discuss Georgia's EU integration prospects, their attitudes to the issue, and the knowledge gained over the past few days. The video footage shows that the summer school has achieved its goal to change attitudes among the participants themselves. Also the summer school gave a good ground for the civil activists to promote the prospects of proper coverage of information about EU in future.

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