

1. Organizational background:

Name of the organization:	
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Date of foundation of the organization:	July 19 th 2002
Date of last registration (if applicable):	Registration code: 2278
Mission (objective) of the organization: Promo-LEX's Mission is to advance democracy in the Republic of Moldova through promoting and defending Human Rights and strengthening Civil Society.	
Programs: <i>I. Human Rights & Litigation Program</i> The program aims to promote and implement international standards on human rights in Moldova. The program also aims to facilitate access to justice for the residents of the Transnistrian region.	
<i>II. Election Monitoring Program</i> Program objectives: Fostering active participation of all citizens in the political process in Moldova Promoting free and fair elections in Moldova; Improving the electoral system in Moldova	
<i>III. Civil Society Program</i> This program aims to contribute to the development and strengthening of the nongovernmental sector in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.	
Legal status of the organization: Non-profit Non-Governmental Organization	

2. Fields of interests:

Decentralization		Advocacy / human rights advocacy	x
Interethnic relations		Transparency and accountability	
Participative democracy		Rights of minorities	
Good governance	x	Gender balance	
Citizens' education (human rights education)	x	Other - Violence and discrimination against women; Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment; Liberty and Security of Person; Access to justice and effective remedies for Transnistrian region inhabitants; Civil Society strengthening; Election monitoring.	x

3. Information on projects:

Please specify the projects implemented by your organization in the last year
<p>1. Name of the project: <u>Monitoring the electoral process in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.</u></p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> The project aim was to monitor developments in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova in the run-up to the 2009 Moldovan parliamentary elections. The project had the following objectives: 1) To monitor different aspects of the electoral processes in the Transnistrian region, through creating a network of election observers; 2) To publicise cases in which the electoral rights of inhabitants from the Transnistrian region of Moldova were violated; 3) To raise national and international awareness of the situation regarding the observance of electoral rights in the Transnistrian region; 4) To encourage inhabitants of the Transnistrian region to exercise their right to vote during the 2009 parliamentary elections in Moldova.</p> <p>Financed by: The project was financially supported by the Eurasia foundation</p> <p>Achieved results: The project achieved the following results: 1) a local network of election observers from the Transnistrian region was created and instructed about electoral processes; 2) 8 weekly and one final monitoring report on the Transnistrian region were drawn up and placed on the Coalition 2009 web page; 3) The most severe and frequent violations of sound electoral practices committed in the Transnistrian region of Moldova were revealed and publicized; 4) National and international awareness concerning the situation regarding the observance of electoral rights in the Transnistrian region was raised.</p> <p>2. Name of the project <u>Issue campaign to improve voters' lists and increase turnout</u></p> <p>Primary objective of the project: The aim of the project was to conduct a grass-roots door-to-door voter-education campaign ahead of the July 29 2009 snap parliamentary elections in Moldova, and thereby to help ensure free, fair and transparent elections, and increase public trust in the electoral process.</p> <p>The project had the following objectives: 1) To encourage the local population from 5 districts of Moldova to exercise their right to vote, through direct information and the targeted distribution of educational materials; 2) To reduce instances of electoral fraud and breaches through building</p>

the capacities of a network of 115 monitors (including 5 coordinators)

Financed by: National Democratic Institute

Achieved results: The project achieved the following results: 5 long-term election monitors and 110 short-term election monitors were selected and trained in how to inform people about their voting rights, and about verifying their presence on the electoral lists. Leaflets in Romanian and Russian detailing this important information were also developed. Between July 14th and 26th, monitors conducted a door-to-door campaign covering 110 localities in 5 districts of Moldova, informing people in these localities about the election day, encouraging them to participate in the elections, and advising them to verify whether they and their relatives were included on the electoral lists. The informational leaflets were distributed and locals were encouraged to inform Promo-LEX or other relevant authorities and organisations about possible abuses and irregularities during the electoral campaign. Monitors were also tasked with interviewing families so as to calculate the real number of voters for each locality, in an effort to avoid -and if necessary, to publicise- cases of electoral fraud relating to false voter numbers.

3. Name of the project Human Rights Learning and Practice for a Democratic Future

Primary objective of the project: This aim of the project was to educate 25 young people from the Transnistrian region about human rights and their justification, through the organization and implementation of a five day summer school. The project had the following objectives: 1) To increase the young people's knowledge and understanding of human rights and the legal instruments for protecting these rights, and also to bring to their attention their participatory rights within a democratic society; 2) To facilitate a discussion of the practical implementation of human rights in the young peoples' local environments. To provide a forum for the sharing of information concerning community-specific human rights situations, and create a commitment to justice issues among the young people; 3) To provide a practical experience of human rights in a real way through the development of a simulation activity that will simulate relevant human rights violations as documented in several noted sources; 4) To empower the youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to allow them to educate their peers within their own communities about their human rights and their justification.

Financed by: US Embassy to Moldova

Achieved results: The summer school was realised as planned, and involved theoretical instruction coupled with practical exercises, raising the young people's awareness of human rights – their content, grounding, and how they are protected through legal mechanisms.

4. Name of the project Human Rights Observance in Moldova - 2008 retrospective

Primary objective of the project: The main aim of this project was to contribute to improving the protection of human rights in Moldova through human rights monitoring.

The project had the following objectives: 1) To report on the current situation regarding human rights in Moldova through developing a “*Report on Human Rights Observance in Moldova – year 2008*”; 2) To raise awareness among civil society actors and decision makers about human rights violations in Moldova (including the Transnistrian region); 3) To stimulate a productive dialogue between civil society actors and decision makers in addressing and resolving human rights issues.

Financed by: American Bar Association / Rule of Law Initiative for Moldova

Achieved results: The project achieved the following results: A working group of experts was

assembled to draft a report entitled "Report on Human Rights Observance in Moldova – year 2008". The draft was presented and discussed at a conference on December 10th 2009, on the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the UDHR. The authors had the opportunity to receive feedback from representatives of both the government and mass-media, which was taken on board when the authors were creating the final draft. The final report -the first of its kind to be published in Moldova- represented the work of nearly 30 Moldovan NGOs, and was made available in Romanian, Russian and English.

5. Name of the project: Fostering Free and Transparent Elections Moldova

Primary objective of the project: To foster free, fair and transparent elections during Moldova's July 2009 early parliamentary elections.

Financed by: National Endowment for Democracy

Achieved results: Within this project there have been selected and trained and deployed 254 short-term and 7 long-term election monitors. Also, within the reported period Promo-LEX issued 5 monitoring reports and 3 interim reports for e-day. Also, Promo-LEX held 7 press-conferences and organized the press-center for e-day. Through monitoring reports and press-conferences Promo-LEX informed national and international public opinion on the de facto situation regarding the early elections in Moldova (selected districts, including the Transnistrian region).

Through monitoring reports Promo-LEX provided information on electoral frauds, issues of concern, problematic aspects of the electoral process, as well as highlighted the cases of electoral abuses and abuses committed by Moldovan authorities against national and international election monitors. Promo-LEX managed to reflect the situation in the Transnistrian region referring to electoral process, also providing unique data and materials

6. Name of the project: Advocating for respect of Human Rights in Transnistrian region of Moldova.

Primary objective of the project: The overall objective of the proposed project is to promote the Rule of Law in Transnistrian region and contribute to the solution of the Transnistrian conflict.

The project focused on the following problems: the violation of the right to freedom of movement, conscripts' rights and the property right in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.

Financed by: Civil Rights Defenders (former Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights)

Achieved results: Up to date information regarding the situation of the conscripts, freedom of movement and property rights in the Transnistrian region; Draft amendments to the current RM legislation that governs the situation of the conscripts and freedom of movement in the Transnistrian region; Thematic Research on the right to property in the Transnistrian region - developed, translated and distributed to project direct and indirect beneficiaries; Restored rights of the citizens through free legal aid and assistance. Legal assistance was provided to 56 beneficiaries (5 cases submitted to ECtHR).

7. Name of the project: The right to liberty and security of person in the regions of conflict

Primary objective of the project: To Identify adequate and viable solutions for promoting and defending the right to liberty and security of person in regions of conflict and post-conflict from Moldova, Georgia, former Yugoslavia and Russia through sharing regional experience between

human rights activists. The work was done through experience exchange visit, organizing a conference and developing a research focused on the means of promoting and defending the right to liberty and security in the regions of conflict and post-conflict.

Financed by: The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation and The Balkan Trust for Democracy / a project of the German Marshall Fund.

Achieved results: Promo-LEX organized 2 Conferences focused on the right to liberty and security in the regions of conflict; increased public awareness about the violations of the right to liberty and security in the regions of conflict among relevant duty holders and decision-makers and published a study on the right to liberty and security of person in 4 conflict regions (Moldova, Georgia, the Russian Federation and the former Yugoslavia).

8. Name of the project: Institutional Support for Promo-LEX Human Rights & Legal Program

Primary objective of the project: to support Promo-LEX Human Rights Legal Program.

Financed by: Open Society Institute, Budapest

Achieved results: Working on the Moldovan schools teaching the state language in Latin script in the breakaway region of Transnistria - 3 class action cases on behalf of 170 applicants; working on the Dubasari farmers cases - 1365 petitioners from village Dorotcaia. Submitting 10 new cases to the ECtHR and submitting observations on 3 cases examined by the ECtHR. During the reported period the Court issued 4 Judgments (positive for the applicants) on the cases submitted by Promo-LEX, plus one case resulted in amiable agreement. Working with 29 extended cases and 9 new cases challenged in domestic Courts. During the project period Promo-LEX Lawyers offered legal assistance to 216 direct beneficiaries. 94 field trips performed for the following purposes: domestic court sessions; legal assistance; updating information for the cases.

9. Name of the project: Forum of Transnistrian NGOs

Primary objective of the project: to create a discussion platform for representatives of NGOs from the region; to facilitate and strengthen cooperation between NGOs from the region, and: the donor environment, organizations from the right side of the Nistru river, and other international NGOs; to identify opportunities for capacity building of NGOs from the region.

In order to achieve the following objectives the event was held in a new format, Open Space - "Cafe of Ideas". Topics of the Cafe of Ideas concerned the following aspects of NGO activity in the region: The image of NGOs in society; Nongovernmental sector development prospects / expectations for 2010; Financial sustainability of NGOs from the region; Prospects for the possibilities of partnership relations with foreign NGOs.

Financed by: Czech organization "People in Need", the Czech Foreign Ministry's program "Transition", and the OSCE Mission in Moldova.

Achieved results: The Cafes of Ideas were moderated so as to provide the time for each participant to express his/her ideas and thoughts concerning the aforementioned topics. The participation at the event of the 58 representatives of NGOs / Initiative Groups from the region contributed to identifying, from multiple perspectives, the real problems that they face whilst realizing their activities. The role of discussion was not only to determine and systematize problems, but also to formulate recommendations / conclusions on the subject matter. The set of final suggestions concerned issues of activity at a local level, but also recommendations addressed to donors.

10. Name of the project: Strengthening youth initiative groups from the Transnistrian region

Primary objective of the project: to improve abilities and skills of civic participation for development of youth initiatives within their communities and straightening the network of youth leaders created within the project and developing abilities of communication and civic involvement in decision-making processes at level of their communities.

Financed by: Royal Netherlands Embassy in Kiev, through Program MatraKAP.

Achieved results: Within project have been organized four trainings on topics „Youth and student's rights”; "Volunteering within my community" and "Communication and conflict resolution". Within the project 64 young people from the left bank of the Nistru river and in particular from localities town Dubasari, town Grigoriopol, village Malaiesti Grigoriopol district, city Ribnita, village Cosnita, village Slobozia, city Tiraspol, city Bender, village Sloboda - Rascov Camenca district, village Dorotcaia, village Corjova, village Harmatca, and city Grigoriopol were direct beneficiaries of the activities organized in order to develop and enhance skills of the involvement and participation in their town.

11.Name of the project: Electoral education campaign "Vote Free Vote-conscious."

Primary objective of the project: To facilitate the dialog between the citizens and candidates for Parliamentary elections in Moldova in 2009.

Financed by: Czech Republic Development Cooperation.

Achieved results: During the campaign was organized 11 public debates that helped create a space for communication between citizens and candidates for Parliamentary Elections. Organizers, assisted by a group of volunteers distributed information materials (leaflets, brochures) which included a message of encouragement to participate in elections, information and contacts useful to voters, details on the voting process. Promo-Lex also launched a non-partisan electoral campaign to encourage people to participate in elections. Advertising campaign was broadcast on 4 radio stations.

12. Name of the project: Human Rights and Democratic Institutions in the post-election period in Moldova, 2009

Primary objective of the project: Within this project it was proposed to analyze the functioning of democratic institutions in post-election period in Moldova and to help identify the causes and conditions that led to escalation of the conflict into violence.

Financed by:Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation / A Project of the German Marshall Fund.

Achieved results: Promo-LEX organized 2 Conferences focused on the rHuman Rights and Democratic Institutions in the post-election period in Moldova, 2009; increased public awareness about the violations that occurred during the post-election period among relevant duty holders, civil society and decision-makers and published a study "Human Rights and Democratic Institutions in the post-election period in Moldova/ April 6th - July 1st, 2009".

13. Name of the project: Strengthening Civil Society in Transnistria

Primary objective of the project: To promote human rights standards in Moldova's Transnistria region; To foster the growth and professionalism of civil society in Transnistria.

Financed by: National Endowment for Democracy

Achieved results: During the reported period RDCT provided legal assistance services to 270 persons from the Transnistrian region; Increased level of information about human rights issues in the Transnistrian region through 5 thematic leaflets focused on human rights issues developed by RDCT and distributed among transnistrian region inhabitants (project beneficiaries) within this project implementation; Increased awareness of the relevant decision-makers and public opinion about the human rights situation in the Transnistrian region through thematic articles and statements issued by Promo-LEX. Promo-LEX managed to draw officials' and public' attention on the situation of the detained persons in the region, violation of the electoral rights in the region, freedom of movement rights, social rights and other issues; 72 NGO and initiative groups representatives and youths from the Transnistrian region participated in the round tables held by RDCT focused on electoral rights and detainees rights. 66 members of NGOs and initiative groups participated in the series of trainings held by RDCT focused on the NGO management issues; 4 NGOs from the region benefited from RDCT Mini Grants Program. Thus, these organizations increased their level of capacities in drafting project proposals, implementing and reporting on projects; over 160 members of NGOs and initiative groups participated in the NGO Forums organized by Advocacy and NGO Departments.

4. Capacity of the organization: personnel and management bodies of the organization

Please specify the executive structure of the organization and the decision making process within the organization.

The main decision-making body is the General Assembly. General Assembly consists of nine members. The General Assembly takes place once a year or can be convened by the Executive Director, President or Audit Committee in extraordinary session.

General Assembly

1. approves the Association Statute;
2. determine and approves the main directions of activity and the draft budget of the Association;
3. approves the annual reports of the Executive Office, Audit Committee and the annual balance sheet of the organization;
4. Elects the President, Executive Director, Executive Office and Audit Committee for a period of 5 years.

The President represents the organisation in the country and abroad. The President makes decisions about the management and the expenditures of the organization, decides principle questions related to the execution of the projects and programs, manages the assets of the organization and prepares Annual activity and financial Reports for the General Assembly.

The Executive Director is elected by the General Assembly for a period of 5 years. The Executive Director coordinates the activity of the Executive Office between the General Assembly meetings. The Executive Office provides operational leadership of the Association. The Executive Director is responsible for administration and staff supervision and executes the tasks set by the Association Statute and the General Assembly. He is responsible for drafting the Regulation of the Association and subordinated units.

Audit Committee is responsible for the internal financial control (audit) of the Association and prepares reports for the General Assembly.

Published materials in the last year:**Yes No**

If "yes" please describe it:

1. Report General Overview of NGO Situation in the Transnistrian Region
2. Final Report Electoral Process Monitoring in the Transnistrian Region of Moldova / Parliamentary Elections 2009
3. Final Monitoring Report For Early Parliamentary Elections of 29 July 2009 Monitoring period: June 16 – July 29, 2009
4. Study „Liberty and security of the person in regions of conflict”
5. Human Rights and Democratic Institutions in the post-election period in Moldova/ April 6th - July 1st, 2009
6. REPORT Monitoring of the mayoral by-elections in the villages of Ștefănești and Semionovca, in the district of Ștefan Vodă, carried out on November 15, 2009
7. Report Human rights in Moldova / 2007-2008
8. Study on the right to property in the Transnistrian region

all publications available in English language here :

<http://www.promolex.md/index.php?module=publications>**5. Equipment and other resources**

Office?	Yes	No
IT equipment: 1. PC - 12 2. LCD projector + screen - 1 3. Copy machines - 3 4. Phones - 6 5. Scanners - 2 6. Printers - 3	2 offices in Chisinau - rented	

Financing of the organization

Source of financing	Amount 2009
<p>Promo-LEX Donors in 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Endowment for Democracy ● Open Society Institute ● Civil Rights Defenders (former Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights). ● The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation / a project of the German Marshall Fund. ● The Balkan Trust for Democracy / a project of the German Marshall Fund. ● US Embassy in Moldova ● Embassy of Lithuania in Moldova ● Czech Foreign Ministry ● National Democratic Institute ● Eurasia Foundation ● People In Need ● Royal Netherlands Embassy / Matra KAP ● OSCE Mission to Moldova 	<p>Total amount for 2009: \$265,530.00 + 36,832.00 Euro</p>