

# Annual Report 2007

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### 'Country in the Spotlight' programme

Romania entered the European Union in 2007. For this reason, the EFF decided Romania to be "Country in the Spotlight" of 2007. The EFF organised some additional activities, including a debate night on Romania which was held in The Netherlands. Ms. S. Barbu, the then Minister of the Environment and Water Management and member of the Romanian Democratic Party was in attendance.

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# **1 | Preface**

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*Dr. Jan P.R.M. van Laarhoven  
Chairman Eduardo Frei Foundation*

This annual report provides an overview of the activities of the Eduardo Frei Foundation (“EFF”) - the foundation for international solidarity of the Christian Democratic Appeal (“CDA”).

The EFF has set out three goals:

Advocate Christian democratic thinking on the subject of international co-operation in general and especially that of development co-operation and human rights; promote continuous awareness in above-mentioned fields among CDA members and affiliated organisations regarding the above-mentioned topics; and develop and support initiatives, especially in Central and Eastern Europe and developing countries, aimed at promoting Christian democratic thinking.

In 2007 the EFF was able to carry out a number of activities with several sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe as a result of its participation in the Societal Transformation Programme (“MATRA”) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As of 2005, the new strategic plan 2005-2008 is in effect. Between 2005 and 2008, a deepening and broadening of policy content in order to successfully meet and/or improve EFF goals is key. The EFF strives to develop activities that are geared toward policy and ideology, especially in countries where the EFF has organised general skills training courses in the past. Over the years, requests from EFF partners in Central and Eastern Europe have changed from general skills training to topic-oriented, policy content or ideologically based requests. The demand for general skills training remains significant as attention is shifting to candidate member states and (new) EU neighbouring countries. The EFF regards this as a run-up to mutual collaboration, but content-rich requests - from (new) EU neighbouring countries - will remain the EFF’s priority.



The greater part of the goals as set out in the Annual Plan 2007 has been met. As was the case in 2006, the EFF in 2007 has initiated more projects in the Ukraine and the Balkan countries. In September, a two-day event called “Partner Day” was organised for EFF partners from Eastern Europe and EFF trainers. During this two-day event, a multi-year strategy was drafted in keeping with the new MATRA guidelines. The EFF again in 2007 co-operated intensively with the Robert Schuman Institute. Following Romania’s status of “Country in the Spotlight” – said “Country in the Spotlight” programme was started in 2005 - more projects were initiated with the Democratic Party than was the case in previous years. It needs mentioning that the Christian democrats in Moldova – supported by the EFF for a number of years - have been successful in both local and regional elections in June. The Christian democrats now have more elected municipal councillors and mayors. In the fall, these newly elected representatives attended training courses in order to attain relevant skills and knowledge.

The Institute for Multi-Party Democracy (“IMD”) is the EFF’s second main interest. The CDA is in charge of the IMD’s interests in the following countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Mali, Surinam, and Zambia.

The EFF Board is grateful to the CDA Scientific Institute, the Steenkamp Institute, the CDAV (Women’s Appeal), the CDJA (Youth Appeal), and the CDA Foreign Affairs Committee for their contribution and commitment. Our compliments must be extended to the EFF trainers who admirably and voluntarily devoted themselves to promoting Christian democracy in Central and Eastern Europe in 2007. Without their efforts and support, the EFF could not exist.

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# **2 | The Eduardo Frei Foundation**

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## Introduction

2007 was a productive year for the CDA Foundation for International Solidarity “Eduardo Frei”. As in previous years, the EFF in 2007 was able to carry out projects on behalf of the development of Christian democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. This takes place on the basis of the subsidy scheme “General Training and Education of Political Officers in Central and Eastern Europe” of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This subsidy scheme forms part of the Societal Transformation Programme (“MATRA”) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which encourages and supports building up democracies in Central and Eastern Europe. The Dutch political parties receive funds based on this subsidy scheme to support sister parties. The extent of the funding is based on the number of seats of said political parties in the House of Representatives. In addition, the programme of the Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, in which the CDA participates, has expanded in 2007. Furthermore, the EFF has initiated two NCDO funded projects in 2007.

Below follows a short introduction to the EFF’s working procedure within these fields, after which, in subsequent chapters, a more detailed report is presented of the activities and results of the past year.

## Central and Eastern Europe: working procedure

The EFF Board of Directors acts on behalf of the CDA as receiver and custodian of the funds received. The EFF has a strategic, long-term policy plan (2005-2008) as well as an annual plan for 2007 in which priorities and policy have been set out. Representatives of all CDA affiliated organisations are on the Board (Steenkamp Institute, CDA Scientific Institute, CDA Society of Municipal and Provincial Council Members, CDA Women’s Council, CDA Youth Appeal) as well as members of the CDA delegation in the EPP Parliamentary Party. In addition, the EFF is guided by the foreign policy as advised by the CDA Committee on Foreign Affairs and as determined by the party’s Executive Committee. In 2007, the EFF Board convened five times.

Pursuant to the conditions of the subsidy scheme, political parties from the following countries are eligible for subsidised schooling activities: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Jordan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco,

Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and White Russia (Belarus). The EFF secretariat receives project proposals from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe. For each project a goal description, a draft programme and a budget proposal have to be submitted. The proposals are either approved or rejected by the Board depending on the content, the goals and the budget. The Audit Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs subsequently requests extensive financial accounts.

At least once a year, a consultation takes place between staff members of the so-called Eastern Europe foundations that are affiliated with Dutch political parties (including the EFF) and staff members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, the EFF is in touch with foundations for international solidarity which are affiliated with EPP member parties. This association is co-ordinated by the EPP working Group for Central and Eastern Europe. Where possible, foundations collaborate and, in certain situations, a focused policy may materialize.

## Projects in Central and Eastern Europe

In order to facilitate collaboration with Christian democratic parties in Central and Eastern European countries, the EFF Board has determined six categories in which projects can be classified.

### *1. Education and Training Courses*

According to the EFF Board, Education and Training Courses is the most important category. It includes training courses (ideology, policy content, communication) which are carried out by CDA experts in Central and Eastern European countries. The trainers are informed extensively beforehand with regard to the specific local situation.

### *2. Conferences and Congresses*

Conferences and congresses are meant to contribute to the development of the Christian democratic idea in Central and Eastern Europe. It includes activities that are organised together with foundations for solidarity and sister parties.

### *3. Regional Projects*

Regional projects represent a cross-border regional image, including, for example, the annual (financial) EFF contribution - by EFF trainers - to the Robert Schuman Institute in Budapest.

*4. Technical Assistance*

Technical assistance on the one hand consists of direct and focused advice to a sister party in a certain country and, on the other hand, of composing or translating documents that could be of importance to the sister party. Direct financial support or other means of material support are not provided.

*5. Exchanges*

For individuals or groups, the EFF can organise a study tour to the Netherlands. During such a visit, one immediately observes the local existing structure, the functioning of society and the Christian democratic contribution thereto.

*6. Orientation Visits*

Orientation visits by the EFF are meant to gain insight into a country's political situation and the significance of Christian democracy in said country. Such a visit is usually in preparation of new collaborative efforts or projects.

**Institute for Multi-Party Democracy (“IMD”): working procedure**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs founded the NIMD (Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy) in April 2001 with the aim to support worldwide the democratisation process in young democracies. The NIMD's premise is that through reinforcement and development of political parties, a contribution is made to the democratisation process in developing countries. All political parties in the Netherlands support the foundation in order for non-partisan collaboration to take place with political parties in developing countries and that exchange of knowledge and experiences can take place with regard to functioning in a multi-party democracy.

The NIMD programme falls under the CDA affiliated Eduardo Frei Foundation for International Co-operation. The countries supported by the NIMD however do not correspond with the countries eligible for support from the MATRA (Eastern Europe) programme. The NIMD mainly focuses on Africa, Asia and Latin America. Each political party has been allocated a number of countries where to head the NIMD programme. The following countries have been allocated to the CDA: Bolivia, Ecuador, Mali, Surinam, and Zambia. Two political party co-ordinators act as administrator and contact person for the NIMD projects.



*Frank Pynenburg at a training in Macedonia*

### **EFF Board of Directors**

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# **3 | Projects in Central and Eastern Europe**

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES

### Belarus - Jaunieji Krikscionys Demokratai (“JKD”)

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: JKD (Lithuanian Christian democratic party).

Participating political parties: The Belarusian Popular Front Party, Youth Christian Social Union, Young Democrats, Malady Front, and the Belarusian Association of Young Politicians.

Due to the perilous situation in Belarus, training courses for Belarusian members of the opposition are held in Lithuania. Said training courses are organised together with the JKD with which the EFF has collaborated for many years. The JKD itself has participated in MATRA-based EFF training courses and, as a result, now heads training courses for Belarusian opposition members. The projects were carried out according to plan which included an additional Round Table conference. In 2008 collaboration will be continued and shall include tailored training courses geared toward the imminent elections in Belarus.

*Project: ‘strategic management training’ - training course for Belarus’ opposition (September 2007)*

In 2008 parliamentary elections will be held in Belarus. Belarus is referred to as the last dictatorial state in Europe. The opposition cannot gain a firm foothold as the present government suppresses any form

*Group of participants at a training in Macedonia (in co-operation with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)*



of opposition as soon as it manifests itself. As a consequence, Belarusian youth who side with the opposition cannot organise events. They lack much needed strategic skills and have had no training in organising events. Therefore, the EFF and its Lithuanian sister party JKD have organised an event for said Belarusian youth opposition. In addition to communication skills, management skills were taught as well.

*Project: 'ethnic and religious minorities' – round table conference (December 2007)*

Not only the opposition in Belarus experiences obstruction; ethnic and religious minorities have to contend with the same problem. Neither group has room to maneuver in Belarus. Despite the foregoing, both groups are potential pro-democratic actors in Belarus. The EFF together with its sister party JKD held a round table conference for Belarusian representatives of the opposition as well as representatives of several ethnic and religious minorities. In addition to the exchange of ideas with representatives from Lithuania, Poland and the Netherlands, an action plan was drafted outlining how the afore-mentioned groups can best unite.

*Project: technical support for the opposition's website*

Opposition parties stand no chance during elections as Belarus is the last dictatorial state in Europe. Despite all this, the opposition has united itself in the United Democratic Forces. This group has published a website that provides trustworthy and accessible news items. In 2007 the EFF assisted in building said website.

### **Bosnia Herzegovina – Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation (“KAS”).

Participating political parties: Democratic Action (“SDA”), Croatian Democratic Party of BiH (“HDZBiH”) and the Party of Democratic Progress (“PDP”).

For a number of years, the EFF has collaborated successfully with the KAS in Bosnia Herzegovina. The activities have been executed according to plan and collaboration will be continued in 2008. The Political Academy has become a successful annual fixture for youth of several

parties. These parties are affiliated with the EPP. The Political Academy's success lies in the factual topics that are addressed and which touch upon collaboration among youth thereby bridging the gap between several parties.

*Project: 'Political Academy' – youth seminars for EPP affiliated parties in Bosnia Herzegovina (April-October 2007)*

More than ten years after the war, Bosnia Herzegovina still struggles with the process of reforms. Said reforms are necessary in order to meet European standards that will allow Bosnia Herzegovina to start negotiations with the EU regarding accession. Youth play a crucial role in the reform process. However, young up-coming politicians have few means to attend training courses in Bosnia Herzegovina. Therefore, the KAS and the EFF again in 2007 have set up a Political Academy for EPP affiliated youth for the fifth year in a row. The following topics were discussed: political responsibility, institutional reforms, campaigning, and communication skills.

*Project: conference for regional Parliamentarians (December 2007)*

The EFF's partner in Bosnia Herzegovina ascertained that members of Parliament required education with regard to the specific role members of Parliament must fulfil and how to become an effective representative. In consultation with the KAS, the EFF decided to organise a three-day conference for 60 young members of Parliament. Integration in the EU formed part of the debate. Participants from Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia attended the conference. The fact that participants from neighbouring countries attended the conference facilitated a discussion with regard to shared problems and experiences and cemented relations.

*Project: seminar on communication for youth (April-July 2007)*

Twenty percent of Bosnia Herzegovina's population are youth. Still, youth are dismally represented on national, regional and local levels. In light of the upcoming local elections in Bosnia Herzegovina (2008), four training courses have been held in 2007. Specifically, the training courses were designed for youth of several political parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The training courses aimed to acquaint youth with running a campaign and how to deal with the media during a campaign.

## Bulgaria – Agrarian People’s Union (“BANU”)

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: BANU.

Participating political party: BANU.

The EFF and BANU have collaborated for several years and many training courses have been held as a result. Nonetheless, BANU has lost ground in the Bulgarian political landscape. In 2007 BANU’s party leader resigned which caused significant unrest within the party. This has led to a decline in the party’s operational structure and resulted in the cancellation of planned events. The party is seeking a new platform that will attract more voters. In the years to come, tailored training courses will assist the party in establishing its political platform.

### *Project: conference on ethnic and cultural topics (March 2007)*

On 1 January 2007, Bulgaria acceded to the EU. In Bulgaria a lively political debate is ongoing about ethnic and cultural matters, what role Bulgaria should play in the EU and how it can guard its culture being a relatively small country. A seminar will be held in order to find answers to these questions as well as the role of the BANU party and national politics in general.

*Annet Doesburg lecturing at a training at the Robert Schuman Institute (Women in Politics trainingcourse)*



### Georgia – the CDUG’s Youth Organisation (‘SAQDA’)

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: SAQDA.

Participating political party: CDUG.

The EFF’s role in Georgia is two-tiered. The EFF has set up training courses for the Christian democratic CDUG’s youth for a number of years. These courses are specifically tailored to youth. In addition, the EFF together with sister parties from the PvdA and the VVD organises extended leadership training for youth of several parties. With the exception of the VVD/PvdA/CDA leadership training, all activities were carried out according to plan. The leadership training will be carried over to 2008 due to logistical reasons.

*Project: ‘Christian democracy’ - two seminars and debate nights (March-November 2007)*

The EFF has carried out a number of successful training courses in Georgia together with the SAQDA youth over the past two and a half years. In 2007 the topic of Christian democracy’s ideology was more closely examined. The first seminar focused on Christian democracy and its role within the EU. The second seminar focused on Christian democracy and ideological differences among political currents.

In addition to that, the EFF and the SAQDA organised a series of debate nights. Members, students and the general public were welcomed to these debate nights over a one-year period. Each night, a new topic stood central that was highlighted from a Christian democratic viewpoint: education, ethnicity, international organisations, and human rights. The SAQDA provided the topics and arranged the debate nights. Each night, a scientist gave an introduction to that evening’s chosen topic after which participants could join the debate. A couple of debate nights were attended by EFF representatives (as well as other events) who were impressed by the debate nights’ packed venues.

*Project: debating techniques training (December 2007)*

In the run-up to Georgia’s 2008 elections, a course on debating techniques was arranged for SAQDA members. The course taught the



*Jan Mulder gives a training on Foreign Policy and NATO in Sinaia, Romania*

members the principles of debating and how a message or account can be conveyed in a concise and convincing manner.

### **Croatia – Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Participating political party: Croatian Democratic Union (“HDZ”).

The EFF together with KAS arranged for training courses to be held for the HDZ party. It proved effective to collaborate with KAS on these courses as the political landscape proved problematic. In 2007 elections were held in Croatia and HDZ emerged as the winning party. The courses’ content responded to the HDZ’s requests to include course matter on elections. The activities were carried out according to plan with the exception of the envisioned publication due to the pressure surrounding the elections. The publication will be distributed in 2008. In the years to come, the courses’ content will focus on how to build a political academy (for HDZ).

*Project: two training courses on communication for Christian democratic youth and one seminar for the HDZ youth organisation in Croatia (February-June 2007)*

Croatia youth organisations are not well versed in political communication as schooling on this subject is not provided. To that purpose, the EFF together with KAS have set up five seminars on this topic. The courses are meant to show how youth organisations can catch the media’s attention, recruit new members and how a message should be conveyed to ethnic groups in a relevant manner. Said skills will enable youth to better communicate a message and engage other youth (from different backgrounds) in politics. The courses’ resounding success prompted the EFF to approve a new series of courses to be held on the same topic in 2007.

*Project: summer conference on political values for political parties, policy officers, civil servants, and scientists (August 2007)*

The KAS together with the EFF arranged for an international summer conference - on the topic of “The Rule of Law in Context of EU

*Gijs Weenink explaining the rules of debating at a debate training*





and NATO accession” - to be held for young regional politicians from government agencies, political parties, universities, and NGOs. The summer conference was held for the fifth year in a row.

### **Macedonia – Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Participating political parties: Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity (“VMRO-DPMNE”) and the Democratic Party for the Albanians (“DPA”).

In 2007 the very first courses for Macedonian youth were held after the EFF had completed its fact-finding mission in 2006. The courses had a successful run and therefore shall be continued in the future. It was apparent that the course facilitated networking between the two parties’ participants. Additional networking venues for members of both parties are virtually non-existent. The participants indicated their appreciation of said courses. The project was carried out according to plan.

*Project: Political Academy for youth of the VMRO-DPMNE and DPA (April-December 2007)*

In 2006 the EFF held a fact-finding mission in Macedonia. This mission resulted in the set-up of training courses in Macedonia. The EFF together with KAS set up training courses for youth of the VMRO-DPMNE and the DPA which are affiliated with the EPP. The course content touched upon the principles of democracy, the EU’s operational structure, communication skills, and election topics. The courses were taught in six districts. It needs mentioning that Macedonian youth and ethnic Albanian youth mixed freely during the training courses. In practice, said exchanges rarely take place. These training courses allowed for contacts to be made between youth of different backgrounds who live in the same regions.



*Meus van der Poel and his class of students in Macedonia*

### **Moldova – Christian Democratic People’s Party (“CDPP”)**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Foundation for Christian Democracy.

Participating political party: Christian Democratic People’s Party (CDPP).

In Moldova the EFF arranged for training courses to be held for youth of the Christian democratic party. This party made considerable headway in the 2007 elections. As a result, training courses were held for newly elected councillors. More training courses were held for the Christian democrats than originally planned. Also, course content was adapted. The change in course content came about as the collaboration between the EFF contact person in Moldova turned problematic due to personal circumstances. As a result, the Moldovan delegation did not travel to the Netherlands when provincial elections were being held. Also, course content was adapted and now focuses more on the EU than elections in general as this topic became more relevant due to Romania’s accession to the EU.

*Project: strategic planning seminar (July 2007)*

In 2007 local elections were held in Moldova. The Christian Democratic Party (“CDPP”) gained a number of seats (from 6.35% to 9.39%). The CDPP consequently acknowledged the need for a seminar on the party’s future and its political platform. The EFF wholeheartedly supported this seminar financially and sent trainers to Moldova. The elections were evaluated during the seminar as well.

*Project: European Union summer school (July 2007)*

The Foundation for Christian Democracy closely collaborates with the Noua Generation, the CDPP’s youth organisation. This branch holds more than 5,000 members and this makes it the largest youth organisation in Moldova. The EFF together with said Foundation hosted several successful summer schools on a number of topics. In 2006 the Foundation for Christian Democracy has submitted a request for a summer school to be held on the topic of how to organise elections. Youth played an important role during the 2007 elections. The 2007 summer school offered information on a myriad of EU related topics such as Moldova becoming a neighbouring country of the EU due to Romania’s accession to the EU. The summer school’s participants represented young and talented members of the CDPP’s nation-wide youth organisation.

*Project: twelve brief midday seminars (October-December 2007)*

The Foundation for Christian Democracy suggested that a new programme be initiated for active members of the CDPP’s youth organisation. In the fall of 2007, twelve short seminars were held on specific topics. Many topics already had been developed during courses that were held at an earlier stage. The following topics were discussed: “the Relationship between the Party and the Media”, “What is Good Governance” and “Moldova’s Political Landscape and the Role of Christian Democracy”. The afternoon seminars attracted thirty youth each.

*Project: two training courses for local officials (December 2007)*

The EFF together with the CDPP held two training courses for local politicians as a result of the CDPP gaining seats in the local elections

that were held in June 2007. A great number of newly elected young and ambitious CDPP councillors were in need of training as they lacked experience. Two training courses were held on the following topics: communication, transparency in governing, voter’s confidence, and drafting action plans.

### **Montenegro – Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Governmental Gender Equality Office in Montenegro**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partners: Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Governmental Gender Equality Office in Montenegro.

Participating political parties: the Democratic Socialist Party (“DPS”), the Social Democratic Party (“SDP”), the Movement for Change party (“PzP”), the Socialist People’s Party (“SNP”), the Serbian List (“SL”), the People’s Party (“NS”), the Democratic Serbian Party (“DSS”), and the Liberal Party (“LP”).

By means of training courses, the EFF together with KAS is setting up a network in Montenegro for women of several political parties. Together with the Gender Equality Office, the training courses focus on women who are politically active. Women in Montenegro face obstacles when trying to run for important positions within a party. The EFF training courses can assist women in shaping their political careers. The courses were carried out successfully and according to plan; the participants have requested for the continuance of said courses in the future.

*Project: three training courses for politically engaged Montenegrin women (April-November 2007)*

In 2007 the EFF together with KAS and the Gender Equality Office in Montenegro, held three training courses for women from seven political parties. Less than 10% of all Parliamentarians are women, which is indicative of the problem Montenegrin women face in politics. The courses focused on gender equality in general and touched upon “best practices” from the Netherlands. The courses were taught in part by trainers from the CDA’s Women Council.

## Ukraine – the CDU and Our Ukraine Coalition

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Institute for Political Education (“IPE”).

Participating political parties: Our Ukraine Coalition and the Christian Democratic Union.

The EFF together with the IPE arrange courses for local politicians only in the Ukraine. The reasoning behind this is that democracy in the Ukraine is better served by providing training on the principles of democracy and local governance to local politicians. The events were carried out according to plan. An additional winter school was held and financed for those participants who excelled in 2007. They requested and were subsequently granted an in-depth training course.

*Project: seminars on local governance for councillors and seminars for councillors of Our Ukraine affiliated parties (February-November 2007)*

The EFF has collaborated with the Institute for Political Education (“IPE”) for many years. Together with the EFF, the Our Ukraine training institute in 2006 has set up several regional training courses for newly elected local councillors. A recently introduced law stipulates that voters must be registered on electoral rolls. This means that newly elected councillors are inexperienced. In 2007 training courses continued with that specific group in mind. In total, 18 seminars

*A presentation during a training on ‘Women in Politics’*



were held, four of which were financed by the EFF. The seminars' main focus was the development of practical skills.

*Project: summer school on topics related to Europe in general and government agencies (July 2007)*

In 2007 a summer school was held for youth. The summer school focused on two main topics: Europe and operational aspects of government agencies in the Netherlands and the Ukraine. For a period of six days, youth were taught by Ukrainian and Dutch trainers.

*Project: winter school on political parties and communication (December 2007)*

The EFF together with the IPE organised a winter school for the most talented participants who took part in the 2007 IPE training courses. These intense six-day training seminars allowed for in-depth analysis on the purpose of political parties, ideologies of political parties and teach participants public speaking skills and debating skills. In addition, the participants were invited to visit a number of government agencies in Kiev.

### **Rumania – Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Participating political parties: the Democratic Party and the Christian Democratic People's Party ("CDPP"/ Moldova).

The EFF places a country in the spotlight each year in order to draw attention to that country which may result in the acquisition of additional financial means for said country. In 2007 Romania was in the spotlight. The purpose of the "Country in the Spotlight" programme is to improve the knowledge base and to draw attention to the EFF's work (the MATRA programme) within and outside of the CDA party.

In Romania, the EFF together with KAS facilitates training courses that focus on the Democratic Party ("DP"). The events were carried out according to plan. However, the collaboration with the DP was problematic at times, which caused a less than satisfactory outcome for the "Country in the Spotlight" programme. The visit by Romanian



*Wouter Hoff at a training on political organisation management*

youth to the Netherlands was cancelled as a result. The CDJA however did visit with youth of the Romanian DP party and youth of the Hungarian minority party. Taking the problematic co-operation into account, in the years to come the EFF each year shall focus on closer collaboration with a specific group within the DP thereby enabling a more successful execution of the programme.

*Project: European Elections campaign training for the Democratic Party ("DP") (April 2007)*

In 2007 Romania acceded to the European Union. This year, for the first time, elections were held for the European Parliament. In order to prepare the candidates and campaign staff for said election, the EFF together with KAS held two training courses for the Democratic Party. In total, sixty participants took part.

*Project: 'How do political parties work?' - seminar for the Democratic Party's youth (October 2007)*

In 2005 the Democratic Party allied with the EPP. This meant a substantial change of course for the DP. The DP has to thank its President,

Romania’s former party leader Mr. Basescu, for the DP’s current popularity. On a local level, the party’s structure is less stable and lacks a well-thought-through implemented party manifest. Also, the youth organisation is poorly developed. The EFF together with KAS has set up a seminar for the DP’s youth in order to focus on party ideology, party structure and the role of youth organisations. All leaders of the DP’s youth branches in Romania will be invited to attend.

*Project: ‘How to engage women in politics’- seminar for the Democratic Party’s Women Organisation (November 2007)*

The DP’s women members have united in a women’s organisation. This organisation is relatively new and has to deal with many practical issues. The organisation strives to engage more women in politics. The EFF together with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation held a seminar for the women members of the DP. The CDA together with the CDA Women’s Council has gained relevant experience in this field, which enabled them to constructively contribute to the seminar.

*Group of students busy discussing their group work at a Robert Schuman training*





*Project: 'Christian democracy' – seminar for Moldovan youth who live and study in Romania (October 2007)*

Many Moldovans live, work and study in Romania and other foreign countries. Since 2005, the EFF organises training courses for CDPP youth who study in Romania. The training courses cover several topics on Christian democracy.

*Project: CDJA youth visit to Romania and training courses with youth from the DP and the Hungarian minority party 'MIERT' (July 2007)*

In July 2007 ten CDJA youth visited Romania. The purpose of this visit was two-fold: a) to get acquainted with the Romanian political landscape and b) to attend training courses together with Romanian youth. The CDJA set up the training course. The visit resulted in a mutual exchange of experiences between the CDJA and Romanian youth. The CDA youth together with the DP and MIERT youth attended a two-day seminar. It needs mentioning that both Romanian youth organisations attended the seminar simultaneously. The Dutch youth visited the Royal Netherlands Embassy and held meetings with representatives from the Hungarian minority party and the Democratic Party.

### **Serbia and Kosovo - Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Participating political parties: G17PLUS, the Demokratska Stranka Srbije and the Democratic League of Kosovo ("LDK").

The EFF together with KAS focus on three political parties in Kosovo and Serbia. In Kosovo, the LDK's women and youth organisations attend training courses. The seminars' content focuses on the following skills: effective presentation techniques and drafting political slogans as well as content on ideological thought. Appreciation for these courses is evident as politics in general holds great interest among youth. In the fall of 2007, political unrest resulted in the cancellation of one training course for women. In addition, the envisioned seminars for youth in Kosovo went above budget resulting in shifting the funds to other courses instead. The EFF intends to run both seminars again in 2008 for the LDK women.



*Participants involved in group sessions at one of the EFF trainings*

*Project: regional summer school in Serbia for youth of G17PLUS and DSS (July 2007)*

The seven-day summer school focused on collaboration between two youth organisations: G17PLUS and DSS. The topics were both skill and content oriented: teambuilding and communication on the one hand and party ideology, democracy and Europe in general on the other hand. The summer school positively contributed to the emergence of networking between both parties' youth.

*Project: 'political party composition'- seminar for Kosovoran youth of the EPP affiliated LDK party (July-November 2007)*

The EFF together with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation set up training courses for the LDK youth in Kosovo for the second year in a row. The median age in Kosovo is 40.4 years, which means that the population is disproportionately young. Many Kosovarian youth are politically engaged. The training courses contribute to the youth's skills and knowledge acquisition on political parties and democracy. The three training courses were divided over interactive seminars which focused on political parties and basic skills with regard to political communication.

*Project: 'political party structure' - seminar for Kosovar women of the EPP affiliated LKD party (July 2007)*

The chairperson of the LDK's women organisation requested that training courses for the LDK's women branch be held again in 2007 in order to further the position of Kosovar women in politics and society. The skills imparted on these women (public speaking and political debating techniques) in the training courses are meant to contribute to attaining aforementioned positions in society.

## Turkey

In 2006 the EFF organised a fact-finding mission to Turkey. This resulted in starting up training courses together with the AK Party. Despite the planned activities for 2007, the training courses did not materialize in Turkey as more preparation time was needed. In 2007 the EFF attended a conference in Istanbul during which contacts were made that will form the basis of the training courses envisioned for 2008. By the end of 2007, agreement was reached on training courses for AK Party youth to be held in 2008.

## Regional Projects

### **The Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe - Budapest**

Collaboration throughout 2007.

Collaborative partner: Robert Schuman Institute

Participating political parties: several parties from Eastern European countries (MATRA countries).

The EFF has contributed to the Robert Schuman Institute's ("RSI") programmes since 1991. The EFF/RSI's programme training courses are very professional and usually last one week. The added value of these courses is evidenced by the presence of youth from several MATRA countries. Making new contacts and collaboration are useful results of these training courses.

As in previous years, the Robert Schuman Institute in 2007 facilitated a series of five course weeks for Christian democratic youth from several Central and Eastern European countries. The students attended the training courses over a 12-month period. Each week, course top-

ics change and the level of difficulty increases as the year progresses. The participants hand in their assignments beforehand. In 2007 the EFF supported a number of said courses. That same year, the courses' topics were as follows: "democracy and young leaders", and "media and politics". Youth from mainly EPP affiliated parties from Eastern European countries took part in the training courses.

In total four training courses were held, which is more than the envisioned two training courses. The training courses addressed a myriad of topics such as "principles of democracy" and "economic and social challenges in building up democracies in Eastern Europe". The training course titled "Media and Politics" focused on media with regard to campaigning and conflict handling approaches.

**European Ideas Network Conference (May 2007) – CDA Committee on Foreign Affairs**

In May 2007 the EFF co-sponsored the European Ideas Network ("EIN") conference on social policy in The Hague. The EIN forms part of the EPP and serves as a platform for all affiliated political parties. Specifically, the conference addressed reforms in healthcare and the challenges of population ageing. Aforementioned topic of population ageing shall manifest itself within a short time-span in several Eastern European countries. Participants from said region welcomed the fact that said challenges were addressed.

**CDJA - youth of the European People's party - seminar (January 2007)**

In January 2007 the EFF took part in a seminar in Rotterdam for EPP youth members. Participants from more than 35 countries (among which Southern and Eastern Europe) attended the seminar. The seminar contributed to further developing a European policy framework on transportation networks and improved logistical access to Eastern European countries. The EPP youth members reached a mutual conclusion that will be introduced in its European network.

Please refer to the CDJA's study visit to Romania. In order to better highlight the "Country in the Spotlight" programme, the study visit was redirected to Romania (instead of Serbia) in light of said country's accession to the European Union. Youth from the Netherlands

and Romania agreed that this was a good opportunity to exchange expectations and experiences.

### Fact-finding Missions

In 2007 the EFF undertook two fact-finding missions, one of which was a mission destined for Armenia. The second fact-finding mission went to Berlin. Collaborative projects in Eastern Europe were discussed with the KAS as well as future projects for said region.

### Armenia

In 2007 a fact-finding mission travelled to Armenia. During the mission, delegates held extensive talks with several organisations and political parties such as “Prosperous Armenia Party”, “Country of Law Party” and the “Heritage Party”. In particular, contacts were established with the International IDEA’s office which facilitates political training courses in Armenia. As a result of this visit to Armenia, Armenian political youth organisations will receive support as a substantial need for political framework building was evidenced. Which parties will be chosen for this collaboration scheme will be determined in 2008.

### Konrad Adenauer Foundation - Berlin

A working visit to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation’s offices in Berlin took place in 2007. During this visit, the topic of collaboration in certain countries was discussed. In particular, programmes in the Balkan countries were discussed and evaluated with regard to proper working methods. As a result of this working visit, new working agreements were reached.

### Additional Events

‘Country in the Spotlight’ programme

In 2007 Romania was the EFF’s “Country in the Spotlight”. Please refer to the chapter titled “Romania” where a detailed programme with regard to said country is described. In addition, a debate night on Romania was held in the Netherlands. Ms. S. Barbu (member of the Romanian Democratic party), the then Minister of the Environ-

ment and Water Management, was in attendance. Sixty participants in total attended the debate night.

*Trainers Meeting*

The Annual Trainers Meeting took place in September 2007. Although this day is dedicated to EFF trainers only, the EFF Board decided that this year all EFF partners should be invited and travel to the Netherlands. Mutual collaboration is very important and therefore warrants an alternative occasion – such as the Trainers Meeting - in order to discuss content, expectations and obstacles. Commitments were reached during the EFF Partner/Trainers Meeting with regard to the multi-year collaboration between the EFF and its partners in keeping with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs subsidy scheme of the MATRA programme. All EFF partners had submitted their multi-annual plans before the Trainers Meeting took place. Said multi-annual plans were studied by the EFF Board members and subsequently discussed with the respective EFF partners during the Trainers Meeting in order to further hone the multi-year plans. The EFF Partner/Trainers Meet-

*Study visit of CDA youth to Romania, which included a two-day training with youth of the Romanian parties PD and MIERT*



ing was deemed both useful and successful and the EFF intends to organise annual EFF Partner/Trainers Meeting days.

### *Translation of the CDA Party's Manifest*

The 2006-2011 CDA Party Manifest has been translated into English as demand for professionally drafted manifests in general is substantial. The translated manifest is used in training courses where participants each receive a copy.

### *EFF Annual Reports*

The EFF annual reports serve to generate interest in the EFF's work. These annual reports are distributed in Southern and Eastern Europe as well as other countries. Also, the annual reports are sent to Royal Netherlands embassies in countries where the EFF is present.

## **The EFF and Development Aid Co-operation**

In 2007 co-financing by the NCDO allowed for two events to be held.

### **Activity I:** *Latin America Conference (14-15 May 2007)*

The Netherlands' government is drafting a new policy with regard to Latin America. In light of this new policy, the EFF together with Socires, SID, Cordaid, and the NIMD held a conference on Latin America on 14-15 May 2007, as Latin America has witnessed a decline in interest from the Netherlands' government and Europe after a period of increased interest during the 1970s and 1980s. The Social and Economic Council in The Hague facilitated the exchange of ideas between several speakers from Latin America and Europe with regard to political and economic developments and how Europe and Latin America should co-operate more effectively. More than 200 participants from the business sector, several government agencies, NGOs, and ambassadors from Latin American countries attended the conference.

High on the agenda was the socio-economic dialogue between employers, employees and Latin American governments. The struggling relationship between employers and employees – marked by hostility and general strikes – would benefit from an institutionalised debate on a national level. During the second part of the day, a panel of Dutch journalists focused on coverage in the media. The

political situation in Latin America often is described as the classic battle between left and right. In fact, it deals with democratic and non-democratic developments.

Public speakers and public alike (representing the business sector, several government agencies, NGOs, and ambassadors from Latin American countries) agreed that the Netherlands' government could make significant strides in reinforcing ties with Latin America. In Utrecht on 15 May 2007, the conference headlined the democratic aspects of Latin America. Many students attended this two-day conference. The set-up was somewhat informal in order to attract newcomers to this debate.

**Activity II:** *On the Road to 2015 - Dutch politicians take stock (16 June 2008)*

The conference that was held in Amsterdam facilitated the kick-off of the "Platform Politiek 2015" event. At this conference, politicians, members of political parties and experts debated about development aid co-operation and the Millennium Development Goals ("MDGs"). The conference came about as a result of a unique collaboration between the NCDO, the EFF, the Evert Vermeer Foundation (PvdA), the Christian Union ("CU"), the Foundation for Sustainable Solidarity (GroenLinks), and the international political party platforms of D66 and the VVD.

Seven years after the Millennium Development Goals were drafted; politicians will take stock on 16 June 2008. What has been achieved thus far? What can governments do in order to meet said goals and how should the Netherlands contribute? Several issues were discussed during the conference. Sports in particular was mentioned in relation to development aid co-operation.





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The Transfagarasan Road in Fagarasi Mountains



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# **4 | Publications** **Eduardo Frei** **Foundation**

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Since its founding in 1990, the EFF issued several publications each year, which, for example, are used in education and training projects for like-minded parties in Central and Eastern Europe. A summary is included herewith. Those interested may request publications via the secretariat.

*A. Summary of Publications in English concerning Communication Skills and additions to Seminars and Training Courses*

“A Christian Democratic Party in action; Campaign handbook for a successful Christian democratic election campaign”, *June 1992*

“Workbook: Political Discussion & Programme Development, Internal organisation, activities and finances. Strengthening of contacts with the electorate, social middle groups, and the media”, *September 1993*

“More about Skills, Effective Presentation, Effective Debating, Effective Negotiation, Effective Discussion Techniques”, *December 1994*

“More About Public Relations”, *December 1994*

“How to Survive in Daily Political Life; Handbook for (potential) Politicians”, *December 1994*

“Trainers Handbook”, *December 1995*

“Christian Democracy and Local Politics”, an English language manual, *December 1997*

“The Enlargement of the European Union; who are the Candidate Member States?” *December 2003*

“Election Programme 2006 – 2001, Confidence in The Netherlands, Confidence in Each Other” 2007 (English translation)

*B. Summary of Publications in English concerning Ideology*

“Information regarding the CDA Foundation for international solidarity “Eduardo Frei”, *a leaflet, 1991*

“The national question in Europe, a Christian Democratic approach” (WI/EFF), Report by a special committee of the CDA Scientific Institute in co-operation with the Eduardo Frei Foundation, *September 1992*

“National Minorities: problems and perspectives” (WI/EFF), A report of the seminar organised by the Christian Democratic Academy for Central and Eastern Europe in collaboration with the EUCD/EPP, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the CDA Scientific Institute, the Alcide de Gasperi Foundation, and the Eduardo Frei Foundation, *December 1992*

Gennip, Jos van, “A covenant with the future, Global challenges for international Christian Democracy”, WI/EFF, *February 1993*

“Central and Eastern Europe: Four years after the fall of the wall”, A report containing speeches and discussions of a conference organised by the CDA foundation for International Solidarity ‘Eduardo Frei’ which was held on 3 and 4 December 1993 in Wassenaar, *January 1994*

“Basic Programme of the Christian Democratic appeal”, 2nd edition, *June 1998*

“Essays on civil society, subsidiarity and federalism: A collection of essays”, December 1994, 2nd edition, *November 1998*

“Dignity and Truth, Civil Society and European Co-operation”, report by the WI/EF, (CDA Research Institute), *The Hague: 1996*

“Christian democracy and local politics”, December 1997, 2nd edition, *November 1998*

“You can’t live together on your own”, Summary CDA election programme, 1998 – 2002, *1998*

Gennip, Jos van, “Community and values. The new ideological debate about society”, WI/EFF, *December 1998*

“This is the CDA”, translation by T. Brinkel, *October 2000*

“Christian Thought and Applications on European Politics”, WI/EFF translation into English, *2001*

“Europe - what to do next; a Christian democratic point of view”. Committee on Foreign Affairs, *December 2001*

Gennip, Jos van, “The soft-spoken inspiration; International co-operation and the Christian social tradition”, *2002*

“CDA 2002-2006 Election Programme”, *June 2002*

Fogarty, Michael, “Motorways Merge; The New Challenge to Christian Democracy”, preface by Jos van Gennip, *2002*

Gennip, Jos van, “Education Freedom”, *2003*

Gennip, Jos van, “In a world which has no use for God”, *2004*

Gennip, Jos van, “America Almighty”, *2005*

“International Co-Operation”, CDA Foreign Affairs Committee. Translation by A. van der Schoot, *October 2005*

*C. Summary of Publications in Dutch concerning General Information on the EFF and Ideology*

“The Democratisation Project in Central America”, report on the Democratisation process in Central America conference held by the EFF on 26 September 1992 in Leiden, *September 1992*

“The Environment and Development Aid”, compilation report of five meetings on topics of the environment and development co-operation, organised by the EFF together with ‘De Nationale Commissie Voorlichting en Bewustwording Ontwikkelingssamenwerking’ and CDA Gelderland during 1991-1992, *December 1992*

“Annual Report Eduardo Frei Foundation 1993”, *June 1994*

“Civil society and the role of Societal Organisations”, EFF/NCO report of a conference held on 8 October 1994 in ‘s-Hertogenbosch, *February 1995*

“The Organisation of Daily Life”, report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 24 June 1995 in Zwolle, *October 1995*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 1994, *October 1995*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 1995, *August 1996*

“Civil Society in an International Perspective”, report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 7 September 1996, *December 1996*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 1996, *September 1997*

“Market, Environment and Society”, report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 20 September 1997, *December 1997*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 1997, *November 1998*

“Development and Religion, Church, State, Politics and Society in an International Perspective”, EFF/NCDO conference held on 26 September 1998, *November 1998*

“Development, Religion, Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa”, report of EFF/NCDO conference held on 12 December 1998, *May 1999*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 1999, *July 2000*

“Development Aid in the 21st Century”, report of EFF/NCDO conference held in 2000, *June 2001*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 2000, *August 2001*

“Women and Violence from a European Perspective”, compilation report of EFF/CDAV/NCDO conference held in 2001, *December 2001*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 2001, *December 2002*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 2002, *July 2003*

“The EU Expansion; Who Are the New Member States?”, *December 2003*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 2003, *November 2004*

Eduardo Frei Foundation Annual Report 2004, *August 2005*

“AO, Current Topics: CDA 25 Years”, 2005 (English translation)

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## EDUARDO FREISTICHTING

## TOELICHTING REKENING VAN LASTEN EN BATEN 2007 - MOE PROJECT

	Werkelijk 2007	begroot 2007	werkelijk 2006
<b>LASTEN</b>			
<u>Apparaatskosten</u>			
Apparaatskosten	81.939	87.000	84.126
Bestuurskosten	11.218	5.000	6.344
<b>Totaal apparaatskosten</b>	<b>93.157</b>	<b>92.000</b>	<b>90.470</b>
	=====	=====	=====
<u>Projecten</u>	453.917	463.000	452.351
	=====	=====	=====
<b>TOTAAL LASTEN</b>	<b>547.074</b>	<b>555.000</b>	<b>542.821</b>
	=====	=====	=====
<b>BATEN</b>			
<u>Bijdragen derden</u>			
Subs. Ministerie van Buitenlandse zaken	547.074	555.000	542.821
<b>Totaal bijdragen derden</b>	<b>547.074</b>	<b>555.000</b>	<b>542.821</b>
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<b>TOTAAL BATEN</b>	<b>547.074</b>	<b>555.000</b>	<b>542.821</b>
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Bucharest, view of *Palatul Parlamentului*



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## ACCOUNTANTSVERKLARING INGEVOLGE DE EINDAFREKENING MATRA

Afgegeven ten behoeve van Buitenlandse zaken

### *Oprichting*

Ingevolge uw opdracht hebben wij bijgevoegde, door ons gewaarmerkte, subsidiedeclaratie van de Eduardo Freistichting te Den Haag over de periode 1 januari 2007 tot en met 31 december 2007 inzake de subsidie omtrent het Matra programma van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken gecontroleerd. Deze subsidie is met beschikking DZO-UM/0242/2007 d.d. 21 maart 2007 toegekend door het Ministerie van Buitenlandse zaken.

De subsidiedeclaratie is opgesteld onder de verantwoordelijkheid van het bestuur van de stichting. Het is onze verantwoordelijkheid een accountantsverklaring inzake deze subsidiedeclaratie te verstrekken.

### *Werkzaamheden*

Wij hebben onze controle verricht in overeenstemming met Nederlands recht. Bij de controle is rekening gehouden met de controlerichtlijnen voor Matra projecten van DZO.

Dienovereenkomstig dienen wij onze controle zodanig te plannen en uit te voeren, dat een redelijke mate van zekerheid wordt verkregen dat de subsidiedeclaratie geen afwijkingen van materieel belang bevat. Een controle omvat onder meer een onderzoek door middel van deelwaarnemingen van relevante gegevens.

Wij zijn van mening dat de door ons verkregen controle-informatie voldoende en geschikt is als basis voor ons oordeel.

### *Bevindingen*

Aan de doorbelaste salarissen ligt geen tijdregistratie ten grondslag. Wij hebben de tijdsbesteding van de medewerkers schriftelijk laten bevestigen door de directie.

### *Oordeel*

De subsidiedeclaratie geeft een getrouw beeld van de kosten van het project gedurende de subsidieperiode. In de subsidiedeclaratie van de Matra-bijdrage zijn geen kosten opgenomen, die volgens de aan de bijdrage verbonden voorwaarden en bepalingen niet voor subsidie in aanmerking komen.



## **BDO**

*Overige aspecten- beperking in het gebruik*

De subsidiedeclaratie van de Eduardo Freistichting en onze verklaring daarbij zijn uitsluitend bedoeld voor het Ministerie van Buitenlandse zaken en kunnen derhalve niet voor andere doeleinden worden gebruikt.

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