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I. PREFACE

Marnix van Rij – Chairman Eduardo Frei Foundation

As a result of the Arab Spring and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs' adjusted grant framework, the EFF in 2012 initiated programmes in the following non-European countries: Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan. The EFF will extend said programmes to Libya and Egypt at a later date. Training courses were held in the first three countries in 2012. A delegation of Egyptian politicians was invited by the EFF to visit several political and governmental organisations in the Netherlands. And a group of Libyan women members of Parliament visited Tunisia to attend a training course about which you will read more in this Annual Report.

In addition to these new activities, the EFF carried on with its indispensable programme as usual in Europe. In Georgia parliamentary elections were held. Saakashvili's party lost its majority after having been the ruling party for years and had to make way for a newly sprung liberal party. The international community has voiced its concern about the progress of democracy. In Ukraine Yulia Timoshenko remains incarcerated in health-harming conditions and faces an ever growing list of indictments. And in Belarus members of opposition parties are arrested when caught protesting. Fair elections, a well-functioning democracy and a trustworthy rule of law require constant scrutiny. The MATRA programme and its trainers have worked toward these goals in 2012.

In 2012, the EU strongly encouraged a dialogue be held between Serbia and Kosovo on practical collaboration on several issues between these two nations. Although Serbia does not recognise Kosovo as a sovereign nation yet, it is a positive sign that such a pragmatic approach to cooperation has begun. Mutual cooperation in the Balkan is important, and the EFF hopes that it has been able to contribute to said cooperation in 2012.

The EFF Board is grateful to the CDA Foreign Affairs Committee, the CDA Scientific Institute, the Steenkamp Institute, the CDA's parliamentary parties in The Hague and Brussels, the CDAV (Women's Appeal), and the CDJA (Youth Appeal) for their contribution and commitment. Last but not least, our thanks go out to the various Royal Netherlands embassies for their assistance and in particular to those colleagues in the Arab region where the EFF has initiated activities for the first time in its history.

Our compliments go to the EFF trainers who admirably and voluntarily devoted themselves to promoting Christian democracy in Central and Eastern Europe in 2012. Without their efforts and support, the EFF could not exist.

II. THE EDUARDO FREI FOUNDATION

Introduction and goals of the Eduardo Frei Foundation

In 2012, the CDA Foundation for International Solidarity “Eduardo Frei” was able to carry out projects on behalf of the development of Christian democracy in Central and Eastern Europe as well as in a few countries in the Arab region for the first time in its history. This takes place based on the Societal Transformation Programme (MATRA) subsidy scheme.

Below follows an introduction to the EFF’s working procedure subsequently followed by in-depth accounts of the activities and results of the past year.

The EFF has set out three goals:

- Advocate Christian democratic thinking with regard to international cooperation in general and especially that of development cooperation and human rights;
- promote continuous awareness in abovementioned fields among CDA members and affiliated organisations; and
- develop and support initiatives, especially in Central and Eastern Europe and developing countries, aimed at promoting Christian democratic thinking.

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 (2010-2013) as well as an annual plan and works mostly with established partners in the target countries. The EFF Board convened five times in 2012.

The EFF secretariat receives project proposals from sister parties in Central and Eastern Europe and the Arab region. For each project a goal description, a draft programme and a budget proposal have to be submitted. The proposals are then assessed by the Board. After the programmes have ended, evaluations are submitted by the trainers.

If, in any one country, several political parties share a Christian democratic ideology, then these aligned parties will be grouped together during the training where possible. Moreover, in the Balkan several project participants are selected to encourage cooperation. Nonetheless, it remains apparent what difficulties the participants encounter when trying to forego national perceptions.

Projects in Central and Eastern Europe

In order to facilitate collaboration with political parties in Central and Eastern European countries and countries in the Arab region, the EFF Board has determined six categories in which projects can be classified: education and training courses; conferences and congresses; regional projects; technical assistance; student exchanges; and orientation visits.

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Democracy Starts With You!

Together with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the EFF started the “Democracy Starts With You” project in the Southern Caucasus. Together with partners in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, educational material on democracy for secondary school students in the Southern Caucasus region is put together. During the span of this three-year long project that was started in 2010, a total of 5,400 secondary school students, 180 teachers and 225 members of political youth organisations will attend training courses on democracy. Students who excel will advance to the Southern Caucasus Youth Parliament. The aforementioned training course will be repeated each year at schools in predominantly remote areas.

III. MATRA PROJECTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

In the preceding chapters the EFF working procedures were highlighted as well as in which countries the EFF carries out its activities. This chapter and the following chapters provide a breakdown and project briefs of all activities that were carried out in 2012 in each country.

III.1 – Albania

Partner: Civitas

Participating party: Democratic Party of Albania

Trainer: Annet Doesburg

Three training courses for women

In April 2012, three training courses were held in Korça, Lezha and Durrës for approximately 25 women of the Democratic Party's local districts. The training courses comprised three sections: a political party's organisational structure and the position of women within the party; how to effectively organise an influential women's wing within a party; and how to foster women's personal motivation to become politically active and explore the Christian democratic ideology more profoundly.

Conclusion

The training course – and its set-up - was a unique event for the DP party's women's wing. In a short time span, a great deal of information was relayed. This particular target group was able to take part in a training course for the first time.

III.2 – Bosnia Herzegovina

Partner: Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and the Centre for Regional Initiatives

Participating parties: the Party of Democratic Action (SDA), the Croatian Democratic Party of BiH – HDZBiH (and HDZ 1990) and the Party of Democratic Progress (PDP)

Trainers: Janne Nijman and Jan Schinkelshoek

Conference on promoting European values: the role of the Centre Right

On August 31 and September 1, a conference was held in Mostar for the above-mentioned four political parties. Three topics stood central during the conference: encourage dialogue between the four parties; seeking similarities in the different campaign messages for the upcoming local elections; and identifying central and shared values in said messages.

The goal of the conference was reached by first spending time on value-driven politics, the importance of ideological policy research, developing a true political identity as well as how to develop and market a campaign strategy.

Conclusion

The conference resulted in a surprisingly candid exchange between participants and the parties. This exchange was much needed and should result in more cooperation on a practical level by 2013 when a follow-up event will be held to keep up the momentum.

III.3 – Kosovo

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

Participating party: LDK - Kosovo

Trainers: Aart van Bochove, Heidi van Haastert, Pieterjan Rozenburg and Hester Tjalma

Workshop – improving the LDK’s parliamentarians’ work

A two-day workshop was held for the LDK parliamentary group from June 16 to 17. The workshop was set up in order to improve the LDK party’s performance. The first day was dedicated to show how the Dutch CDA parliamentary party is set up. On the second day, local and regional party officials joined the workshop. The LDK party, a mostly centrally governed party, should ideally liaise more with its own party’s branches to become more effective in decision making processes.

Seminar on ideology

The seminar was held on November 3 to 4 in Prishtina. The seminar honed in on the LDK party’s renewal process. Central to the seminar were the following topics: election procedures in Kosovo (the LDK’s ideological home); and how to develop a political party programme on a local level. The EFF’s input focused on how to set up a party programme on a local level and was meant to encourage political entrepreneurship by developing new strategies and ideas with new people.

Women participation in the LDK

This new project comprised three training courses, for approximately 30 local LDK women each, held in Prishtina, Prizren and Mitrovica. Most participants were not familiar with training courses on the rudimentary aspects of communication in the political arena. With that in mind, the practical training courses focused on the personal development of the participants with regard to communication and presentation skills.

Conference on party democracy

On November 14, a conference was held on internal party democracy in Kosovo in the presence of representatives from the LKD and the governing PDK party. A publication from the Kosovar CRPM study centre stood central during the conference as it showed the position of political parties in Kosovo in relation to other political parties in neighbouring countries. This publication shows that most parties are similar: they are governed centrally, focus on a small group of people and do not allow for much input from members or voters. In general, most Kosovar parties have a dismal record on party democracy, which has consequences for establishing and maintaining local party branches, forming coalitions, as well as on producing local and regional party programmes. The conference allowed for much discussion on said publication.

Conclusion

The LDK is undergoing an internal renewal process that was initiated in 2011. The training courses have in part facilitated this process. The LDK Board fully supports this renewal process as well as the training courses. In 2013, the EFF will introduce a specific focus on one single topic or hone in on one single group within the party.

III.4 – Croatia

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Participating party: the Croatian Democratic Party (HDZ)

Trainer: Monique Vogelaar

Training course: women and the opposition

From October 12 to 14, a seminar was held for women from the HDZ party in Dubrovnik. The seminar dealt with basic topics only – such as the role of the opposition party - as many new members had joined. The speakers discussed value-driven Christian democratic politics, political involvement and in particular the role of women in politics. The second day of the seminar saw the participants attend a practical training course on communication skills. With the aid of a camera, all participants received personal feedback later on their recorded performance.

Conclusion

The seminar helped transfer political awareness and knowledge to HDZ's women members. The EFF trainer highlighted the international aspect during the seminar. The EFF will no longer carry out projects in Croatia as said country will accede to the European Union in 2013.

III.5 – Macedonia

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Participating party: the Conservative Party (VMRO-DPMNE)

Trainers: Maarten Haverkamp, Hillie van de Streek, Hester Tjalma and Willemijn Westerlaken

Political Academy: profiling political leaders

A two-day seminar was held in December for the VMRO-DPMNE's parliamentary party. On the first day the parliamentary party received training in how to collaborate effectively. The training course served as the concluding event to a series of meetings on effectiveness. The training course resulted in a so-called parliamentary party's regulation based in part on the translation of the CDA's own regulation. On the second day, the assistants of the regional and local parties received training on mutual cooperation and communication with the aid of practical examples from the Netherlands. This information is important to the party as most of the party's job profiles are not available and the communication between the national and local parties is dismal.

Seminar on ideology

On May 18 and 19, a seminar was held for the VMRO-DPMNE youth on internal party democracy and ideology in general as well as on how to identify ideas and local interests that match the party's ideology. An eager group of VMRO-DPMNE youth took part and spoke freely on the topic of internal party democracy.

Training course for the VMRO-DPMNE's women's wing

From June 7 to 9, three training courses were held in Tetovo, Berovo and Kavadarci for women of the VMRO-DPMNE's local factions. The interactive training course was meant to encourage women to become politically active. As a result of the gender quota, 30% of all members of Parliament are now women. But, this quota has not yet increased the awareness that women should be able to hold public office. As a result of the training course, during

which role stereotypes were discussed, the participants are now aware of the possibilities for women in society and in politics. The training course focused also on interactive dialogue, networking and self-awareness.

Conclusion

In 2012, the training courses aimed to improve the VMRO-DPMNE's internal party structure from a democratic angle and in particular the influence of women and youth within the party. Information was given on internal party democracy, the party's ideological position, the influence of women and the parliamentary party's functioning. The VMRO-DPMNE enjoys great popularity as the country's governing party, but its internal organisation requires a "sustainability check".

III.6 – Montenegro

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Participating parties: all of Montenegro's main political parties

Trainers: Heidi van Haastert and Margriet Keijzer

Three training courses for women politicians

In 2012, three training courses were held for approximately 25 participants from Montenegro's main parties. The first two training courses focused on party ideology, women's participation and the elections that were held in the fall of 2012. The course also focused on communication and campaign rhetoric skills. The final training course was held in December and focused on European and Transatlantic integration. Now that Montenegro is in line for accession to the EU, true reforms now more than ever are required.

Conclusion

In 2012, three seminars contributed to knowledge development and personal skills of politically active women. Additionally, the seminars also turned out to serve a need for exchanging ideas on politics, networking and personal development within the party for the individual participants.

III.7: Robert Schuman Institute

Partner: the Robert Schuman Institute (RSI)

Participating parties: several EPP-affiliated parties from Central and Eastern Europe

Trainers: Nic van Holstein, Wijnand Marchal, Peter Noordhoek and Gerard van Wissen

Young Leaders (three training courses)

Three one-week long training courses on a great variety of topics were attended by approximately 20 participants from Armenia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. In January, the first training course of 2012 was held on social and economic challenges. In addition, the participants attended a week-long course on globalisation, the EU's financial crisis, state reforms on education, finance, and health care, and the role of civil society.

The second and introductory training course on the basics of democracy was held in September. In addition, the participants received in-depth training in democracy, civil society, human rights, the role of politicians in society, the rule of law, gender politics and the role of Christian democratic parties in Europe.

The final course was held in November on international and security issues with a focus on NATO, the UN, the EU, crisis management, energy safety, fundamental human rights and the USA's foreign policy.

Conclusion

The Robert Schuman Institute and the EFF jointly offer intensive and in-depth training courses. By means of the wide variety of course topics, the participants are capable of truly linking ideological values and communicating those to a wider audience. A great number of bygone participants have moved on to a career in politics. Some have taken seat in municipal councils, in (local) Parliament(s) or have even become government ministers. Some of the participants focus on so-called "train the trainer" activities and thereby share their own skills with their colleagues.

III.8: Serbia

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) - Belgrade Open School

Participating parties: DSS and G17PLUS

Trainer: Jan Jaap van Halem

The Regional Democratic School - Serbia

A one-week long training course for 23 participants on democracy and political parties in the Balkan was held from July 23 to 27 in Vrnjačka Banja. The five-day long programme saw Serbian trainers discuss different political systems, the division of power, European integration, party ideology and internal party democracy. Additionally, skills training was offered on teamwork, communication and social media for the participants from Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

Campaign training course

In April, a three-day training course was held on new campaign techniques for members of different Serbian parties. Only the main Serbian parties had been familiar with these new campaign techniques. The training course comprised three sections and focused on the different social media platforms and their impact, prevalent media trends from the USA and the Netherlands followed by practical exercises.

Conclusion

The EFF is adamant to remain active in Serbia. Taking into account the presence of The Yugoslav Tribunal in The Hague, the EFF wants to organise future activities in Serbia. The training courses have facilitated the exchange of information between participants from western Balkan countries.

III.9 – Turkey

Partner: International Republican Institute

Participating parties: the AK Parti (AKP) and various, EPP-affiliated parties from Eastern Europe

Trainers: Coskun Coruz, Peter Noordhoek, Ingeborg Oostlander and Herman de Vries

Two training courses for the AKP youth wing

The three-day long training courses in Turkey focused on communication skills coupled with a more in-depth focus on subjects such as the role of civil society on society at large and on politics. Additionally, a second aspect of the courses saw the participants join a mock council

meeting where a public planning project was discussed and the involvement of civil society groups in said project.

Conclusion

An important aspect of this training course is the actual composition of the group of participants from both Turkey (50% of the participants) and from the following Balkan countries: Albania (Democratic Party); Bulgaria (GERB); Bosnia Herzegovina (SDA, PDP); Croatia (HDZ); Macedonia (VMRO-DPMNE); Montenegro (Movement for Changes); Romania (PD-L); and Serbia (G-17Plus en DSS). A great deal was gained by having the participants meet and learn from each other and discuss ties between politically like-minded individuals.

IV. Matra projects in the Arab region

The EFF in 2012 granted funding for the new “Arab Region” MATRA project in the so-called MENA region. Although first the emphasis was on exploring the situation in Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, the decision has now been taken as to what type of activities could be developed.

IV.1: Egypt

Egyptian delegation visit

A five-day long visit by an Egyptian delegation to the Netherlands comprised the following events: a meeting with Dutch members of Parliament; a visit to the offices of the NIMD, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Innovation; and a visit to Brussels for talks with the EPP and ALDE. The delegation consisted of nine members from the following parties: FJP, Al-Nour, Wafd, Tagammu, the Free Egyptians party and one attendant from the Arab-West Foundation. One of the participants, Dr. Amr Darrag - the Secretary-General of the Constituent Assembly that prepared the new constitution - relayed new and relevant information about said new constitution.

Conclusion

The visit by the Egyptian delegation to the Netherlands – which was picked up on by the Dutch dailies Trouw and Volkskrant - was a first for the EFF as it had never interacted with Egyptian political parties before. But, before EFF activities can be carried out in Egypt a mission will explore the possibilities first. The multi-party aspect will form part of future courses.

IV.2: Jordan

Partner: International Republican Institute (IRI)

Participating parties: multiple political parties

Trainers and participants: Heidi van Haastert, Wouter Hoff, Margriet Keijzer, Janne Nijman, Bronne Pot and Marnix van Rij

Fact-finding mission and two training courses

The EFF undertook a four-day mission to Jordan in July. The EFF took part in training courses for women both during the mission as well as later that year. The EFF decided to contribute to the IRI programme of the Arab Women’s Leadership Institute (AWLI) after it had concluded its visit to Jordan. This network initiative brings together women MPs from the MENA region for training courses.

During a morning session for six participants, the topic of corruption was discussed, and in particular how to combat corruption by means of practical examples from anti-corruption measures carried out in the Netherlands. Women expect a lot from anti-corruption legislation, but it is important to explain how anti-corruption legislation benefits from a change in culture as legislation alone will not suffice. In October, the EFF contributed to a second training course for thirty women participants on the topic of a common national disability policy. The training course provided information on how the disabled can be assisted in their daily lives through the implementation of a national disability policy.

Conclusion

The most important conclusion the Board reached after its travels is that it will *not* enter into an exclusive working relationship with one single Jordanian party only as political parties in Jordan do not impact society the way political parties do in Europe. Also, the ideological basis of the parties is not entirely clear. Therefore, topic-driven training courses and selecting participants from a number of different parties seems the best way forward. The EFF has already participated in the 2012 AWLI event by means of contributing to three seminars on anti-corruption, a national disability policy and the position of women in politics.

IV.3: Morocco

Trainers: Monique Vogelaar and Annet Doesburg

Fact-finding mission/training course

In December 2012, the EFF paid a visit to Rabat to become acquainted with Istiqlal, Morocco's second largest political party. The third day of the visit saw the EFF hold a training course for members of Istiqlal together with the Dutch delegation. During the four-day visit, the delegation learnt much about the Istiqlal party. Much time was spent on dialogue and a mutual exchange of information. On the third day a training course – separate sharing sessions facilitated the discussion of four separate thematic topics - was attended by high profile delegations on both sides. The topics included the media, the position of women, immigration and integration, and an exchange of information about the Istiqlal and CDA parties.

Conclusion

The exploratory visit to Rabat and the training course was a joint decision of the Istiqlal party and the Dutch delegation. In 2013, the decision will be made which partner will collaborate with the EFF, what type of activities will be undertaken and which group will be targeted.

IV.4: Tunisia

Trainers: Annet Doesburg and Monique Vogelaar

Fact-finding mission/training course

During a four-day visit, a dialogue was held with two different political parties and a number of organisations. A third training course was held in Tunisia in light of the AWLI event (see above) where the delegation met up with the Ennahda party and the more liberal-oriented Republican Party. Following the training course, a meeting took place at the Royal Netherlands Embassy where organisations gathered that promote dialogue and training courses.

During the weekend, a training course was held for approximately 25 women from Libya and Tunisia at the AWLI on the role of women in political reform. The participants are active in politics, the media, or work for NGOs and at universities. The participants were pleased with the EFF component and had many questions that resulted in a spirited debate. The participants voiced varying points of view on how their country should be governed and what type of training courses should be offered.

Conclusion

The women members of the party who attended the training course indicated that they wanted

to learn more about how to build a democratic state, form a political party as well as how to run a campaign, raise funds and effective communication techniques. The EFF intends to cater to these needs by offering training courses.

IV. 6: Thematic initiatives

Publication

In 2012, a publication was prepared on, among other topics, newly initiated activities in the Arab region. The publication focuses on what lies at the basis of Christian democracy, good governance and provides examples of how party ideology works. The publication has been translated into English, Arabic and French and thus reaches a sizeable public. This publication serves as an aid to the training courses and comprises seven chapters:

- The organisation of society
- Political parties
- The modern state
- The relationship between Church and State
- The Christian democratic view of society
- The main principles of Christian democracy
- Examples of ideology and policies of local Dutch politicians

The publication can be downloaded at www.cda.nl/eff

V. Matra - Eastern Partnership Programme

V.1 – Armenia

Partner: the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

Participating parties: ARF Daschnakcutyun, Heritage Party, Hntschakyan (member of the Armenian National Congress), Prosperous Armenia, Orinats Yerkir and the Republican Party of Armenia

Trainers: Wouter Hoff and trainers of the Alfred Mozer Foundation and the VVD

Multi-party training course

In 2012, a multi-party training course lasting three days was held in Armenia. On the first day, the participants took a closer look at ideology. After a general introduction, representatives from each Dutch foundation held workshops on ideological movements, social democracy, liberalism and Christian democracy. On the second day, communication skills stood central. The participants were taught how to develop communication strategies and how to communicate effectively by means of theoretical and practical group exercises. On the third day, personal skills stood central.

Training course for the RPA's youth wing

In September, a training course was held for youth of the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA). Because of the party's recent accession to the EPP, a training course was held for the party's youth wing on internal party democracy and managing a political party's organisation in order to teach them how western political parties are formed. In total, twenty youth - ranging in age from 25 to 32 years - took part in the training course.

Conclusion

The added value of the multi-party training courses lies in bringing together members of different Armenian parties as it results in breaking down polarisation and fosters mutual learning. After the training course had concluded, the participants had a better view of the meaning and role ideology plays in a political party. In addition, the participants acquired communications skills with regard to political messaging. The training course again facilitated meaningful contact between the different parties, which came as a surprise to the participants.

The second training course for the RPA's youth wing offered content on a political party's organisational structure and internal party democracy. This training course was headed by the EFF for the first time, and the EFF intends to foster long-term cooperation with the RPA together with the KAS.

V.2 - Georgia

Partner: Christian Democratic Movement (CDM)

Participating party: Christian Democratic Movement

Trainers: Jos Denissen, Frank Pynenburg, Eiko Smid and Kilian Wawoe

Two training courses

The training courses were held for twenty participants - ranging in age from 21 to 41 years - in June and August and were geared toward the party's regional campaign leaders and thus honed in on the regional aspects of the party's campaign. Topics such as campaign skills and ideology were coupled with practical information on the upcoming elections.

Multi-party training course

The multi-party training courses headed by the PvdA, the VVD and the CDA foundations bring together a diverse number of Georgian parties, such as the United National Movement, opposition parties and non-parliamentary parties. The Dutch foundations' mutual collaboration shows that it is possible to cooperate despite the fact that these same foundations' parties are each other's opponents during elections. During the first two days of the training course the participants were introduced to three different ideologies, and, by applying said ideologies, asked to solve a problem: to reform Georgia's education system. The rest of the day saw the participants carry out a SWOT analysis of their respective organisation. On the third day, the participants were recorded while practising their presentation skills.

Conclusion

The multi-party training is a standard and much needed training course for Georgia and brings together participants from the governing party and opposition parties. In 2012, the training courses for the CDM took off after its start-up phase that lasted several years. It is regrettable that this party, with its strong decentralisation agenda, was unsuccessful during the elections. The CDM decided to join the European Conservative party, after which the EFF decided to stop its collaboration with CDM.

V.3 – Moldova

Partner: Foundation for Christian Democracy - Moldova

Participating party: Partidul Popular Crestin Democrat (PPCD)

Trainers: Aart van Bochove, Jan Folkert Deinum, Rieneke Gosker, Marcel Migo, Wolter Neutel and Frank Visser

Summer University

In July, two training courses were held for the PPCD NG Summer University programme. Both training days were attended by thirty extremely motivated young members. Both training courses comprised a four-day programme each headed by local and EFF trainers. The participants received training in Christian democratic ideology, communication skills and SWOT analyses.

Conference

To conclude the many years of cooperation, a conference was sponsored for the PPCD NG party in September. Prior to the conference, a training course was held for 18 of its most active members on the following topics: the organisation of a party's youth wing and efficiency and best practices of the CDJA (the CDA party's youth wing). On the second day,

a conference was held for 126 PPCD NG members with a concluding speech given by EFF trainers.

Conclusion

Since 2010, the PPCD has had no elected representatives in Parliament. It is not likely that the party will succeed in reaching the minimum threshold for being awarded a seat (the so-called 5% hurdle) in the national Parliament. Still, the party has a sizeable grass roots movement and an active youth wing. During the past three years, the EFF has contributed to the youth's education and thereby has contributed indirectly to the fact that the party is still represented on a regional and local level. The fact that the party has now left the EPP prompted the EFF to halt its activities in Moldova.

V.4 – Ukraine

Partner: Institute of Political Education (IPE) - Ukraine

Participating parties: parties from Tymoshenko's block and the UDAR, Front Zmin, and Rukh

Trainers: Alfred Evers, Hilde Mulder, Jan van Laarhoven, Jozef Waanders, Sander van Waveren, Christof Wielemaker and Jan Bart van Winsen

Three training courses on local governance

The three, nearly identical, training courses on local governance were held in Lviv and in the Krim region, albeit that the local and EFF trainers did provide specific local content in the different locations. The Dutch trainers focused on community finances, the "checks and balances" system and government transparency. The training course's section rated most useful focused on how local councillors could best exert control.

Training course on cross-border cooperation

In May 2012, a training course on cross-border cooperation was held in Uzghorod. Participants from mostly local governments and those involved in cross-border cooperation projects took part in the three-day programme. The training course's programme comprised the following: the EU's and the Council of Europe's current cross-border cooperation policy; examples of cross-border cooperation in the Zakarpatya region; the Ukrainian policy toward regional cooperation; and practical workshops on how to apply for subsidies.

Conclusion

As was the case in 2011, the EFF has decided, due to its recently downsized budget, to approach projects from a local perspective. By means of training courses, the EFF was able to impart knowledge on local politics and collaboration.

V.7: Belarus

Partner: Educatio

Participating parties: (1) The Belarusian Popular Front Party, (2) Youth of Christian Social Union-Young Democrats, (3) Malady Front, and (4) the Belarusian Association of young politicians

Trainers: Rijk van Ark, Femmy Bakker, Nico van Buren, Michiel van Butselaar, Wim Eilering, Wytse de Pater, Christiaan Prins, Marc Vogelaar and Klaas Jan de Vries

Five training courses

In this series of training courses, next to actual content, the main aim was to bring together as

many members as possible from different parties in order to foster mutual collaboration. The number of participants reached approximately 30, and each training courses lasted one to two days. During the first and second training courses the participants focused on acquiring campaigning skills and learning more about human resources policies and day-to-day management of a political party. The third training course focused on how to put together a party programme based on ideology. The fourth and the final training courses combined media training, public speaking skills and how to convey an ideological message.

The participants were enthusiastic and surprised by the shared values after the training courses had ended as, according to them, it offers a basis for future cooperation. They also indicated that they learnt about structuring, formulating and simplifying political messages, how to value a political ideology as well as have been given the tools to set up a campaign and communicate and present political ideas.

VI. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012

Statement of financial performance 2012

The following statement of income and expenditure has been derived from the audited financial statements for the year 2012 of the Eduardo Frei Foundation. Mazars Paardekooper Hoffman N.V. expressed an unqualified (confirmative) opinion on these financial statements.

EDUARDO FREISTICHTING

JAARREKENING 2012

STAAT VAN BATEN EN LASTEN OVER 2012

Bedragen x 1 euro	2012 werkelijk	2012 begroot	2011 werkelijk
BATEN			
Bijdragen derden			
Subsidie BuZa Zuid-Oost Europa	179.584	141.300	344.988
Subsidie BuZa Oostelijk Partnerschap	176.631	140.000	-
Subsidie BuZa Arabische Regio	70.720	68.700	-
Bijdrage CDA t.b.v. Matra	9.927	-	8.611
Bijdrage NMD	-	-	15.665
Totaal bijdragen derden	436.862	350.000	369.264
Overige baten	-	-	82
Totaal baten	436.862	350.000	369.346
LASTEN			
Apparaatskosten	81.083	82.000	67.076
Personeelskosten partijcoördinatoren	-	-	14.780
Projecten Matra	355.779	268.000	287.490
Totaal lasten	436.862	350.000	369.346
Saldo van baten en lasten	-	-	-

Please note that the Statement of Financial Performance was provided in Dutch by the auditors. Please contact the Eduardo Frei Foundation in case you require a translation of said Statement of Financial Performance.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Since its founding in 1990, the EFF has published several journals and articles, which are used for education and training purposes. A summary of these works that have been published since 2005 are listed below:

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

“International Cooperation”, *CDA Foreign Affairs Committee, October 2005*

“Election Programme 2006 – 2011, Confidence in the Netherlands, Confidence in Each Other”, *CDA election programme, 2007*

“Political Party Building in Eastern Europe”, *Jan van Laarhoven in: “European View, Transition to Democracy”, volume 7, number 1, 2008*

“A Plea for Democracy Beyond Borders: Defence, Development, Diplomacy, and Democracy”, *Martin van Vliet, Jan Jaap van Halem c.s., 2008*

“Rapport Over de Dijk, dilemma’s in ontwikkelingssamenwerking”, *Jan Jaap van Halem, Arnold van Velzen, Martin van Vliet, Lizzy Beekman, Bronne Pot, 2009*

“Society, Values, Politics, an Introduction to the Debate”, *Jos van Gennip, 2009*

“Religie, een blinde vlek in ons buitenland beleid, een DVD met zeven sprekers over de rol van religie in Ontwikkelingssamenwerking”, *Jan Jaap van Halem, Arnold van Velzen, Bronne Pot en www.wijzinin.nl, 2010*

“Leren participeren in de Zuid-Kaukasus”, in “Develop, kwartaaltijdschrift over Human Resourced Development”, *Tjip de Jong, Bronne Pot en Pieter Jan van Wijngaarden, jaargang 6, nummer 4, winter 2010*

“20 years of International Solidarity, the ongoing need for promoting democracy”, *editor Elisabeth Wunderle, 2010*

“Blik op Ontwikkelingssamenwerking”, *redactie Elisabeth Wunderle, 2010*

“Zenska Strana Parlamenta, Ucesce zena u skupstinskim sazivima 1946 – 2010 u Crjnoj Gori”, *Nada Drobnjak, 2010*

“Civic Education, methodological guidelines for School Teachers”, *Pieter Jan van Wijngaarden, Tjip de Jong, Bronne Pot, 2010 (translations available in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri)*

“Politics Based on Conviction, Taking Responsibility for Society: A Practical Guide to Christian Democratic Values”, *Jos. A.T. Denissen, 2012 (translations available in English, French and Arabic)*

VIII. Programmes and Activities in 2012

The list below provides an overview of the EFF's programmes and activities in chronological order.

January

22 – 27 Young Leaders XVIII-3 (training), Robert Schuman Institute

April

6 – 9 Training for the DP party's women members - Albania
17 – 20 Social Media (training) - Serbia
20 – 21 Women and politics (training) - Montenegro
20 – 22 Training course for members of Belarus opposition parties - Lithuania
26 – 28 Training course for women - Kosovo

May

10 – 12 Cross-border cooperation (training) - Ukraine
11 – 13 Ideology and campaigning (training) - Turkey
17 – 19 Party democracy (training) - Macedonia
17 – 19 Local governance (training) - Ukraine
26 – 27 Campaigning and communication (training) - Montenegro
25 – 27 Training course for members of Belarus opposition parties - Lithuania

June

1 – 3 Ideology and communication (training) - Georgia
7 – 9 Women and politics (training) - Montenegro
14 – 16 Local governance (training) - Ukraine
16 – 18 Training course for the LDK party's parliamentary group - Kosovo

July

5 – 8 Ideology (training) – Moldova
12 – 14 Local governance (training) - Ukraine
12 – 15 Ideology (training) - Moldova
23 – 27 Summer school - Serbia
27 – 29 Multi-party system (training) - Georgia

August

3 – 5 Multi-party system (training) - Armenia
10 – 12 Communication (training) - Georgia

September

1 – 2 Democratic values (conference) – Bosnia Herzegovina
1 – 2 Party democracy (training) - Armenia
1 – 2 Training course for members of Belarus opposition parties - Lithuania
Young Leaders (training), Robert Schuman Institute
28 – 30 Training course for members of Belarus opposition parties - Lithuania
29 – 30 Ideology and political party management (concluding training) - Moldova

October

- 12 – 15 Fact-finding mission and training for women members of Parliament - Jordan
- 12 – 14 Training course for the HDZ party's women members - Croatia

November

- 3 – 4 Devising a political party programme (training) - Kosovo
- 8 – 12 Delegation of visiting Egyptian politicians
- 14 Party democracy (conference) - Kosovo
- 12 – 17 Young Leaders (training), Robert Schuman Institute
- 15 – 16 Fact-finding mission - Tunisia
- 17 – 18 Training course for women members of Parliament - Tunisia
- 16 – 19 Ideology and communication (training) - Turkey
- 23 – 25 Training course for members of Belarus opposition parties - Lithuania

December

- 1 – 2 Euro-Atlantic cooperation (training) - Montenegro
- 1 – 2 Training course for the VMRO-DPMNE parliamentary group - Macedonia
- 13 – 14 Fact-finding mission - Morocco
- 15 Training course for members of the Istiqlal party - Morocco