

## **International projects – Media for Democracy**

### **Idea**

Most of Polish local newspapers were established after 1989 by the founders who have previously been a part of opposition to the non-democratic government of one party. They have been a part to the great movement of Solidarity which has succeeded and ended up with the change of the totalitarian regime in Poland by the parliamentary democracy.

They are the ones daily and efficiently building independent local media – an indispensable pillar of democracy in Poland.

Local Newspapers Association (LNA) has among its publishers the editor-in-chiefs and journalists ready to serve with their unique experience. First of all - the experience of working in local media, which as we go professionally week by week contribute to the building of democracy in Poland. Secondly - the memory of the old regime and the experience of transformation after 1989.

Already since 1995 LNA members work as experts in the projects led in Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kirgizstan, Tadjikistan, Tunisia and Birma and invite their colleagues from all over the world for internships or study visits.

### **Program assumptions:**

In the framework of Media for Democracy program LNA leads the projects supporting the development of the local media. The program is accomplished mostly beyond Poland, in the countries where dictatorship rules or has been abolished.

LNA is open to all the countries notwithstanding their geographical location, cultural differences and the color of regime. LNA executes projects itself or in partnership with other organizations.

All the members and supporters of LNA are invited to create the MfD program, as well as to participate in the performed projects. The decision on the courses of actions and specific projects are taken by the LNA Management Board at the request of the director of the Media for Democracy program.

### **In 2015 LNA executes journalists support projects in Tunisia, Tadjikistan, Moldova and Ukraine**

“Tunisian journalist in action 2015” project is funded in the framework of the Polish development cooperation program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2015 by the International Solidarity Foundation, “Democracy Support” Program.

“Hope Leaders. Young Journalists Clubs in Tajikistan” Project is funded in the framework of Polish development cooperation program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2015, “Democracy Support” Program as well as in the framework of Polish-American Freedom Foundation “Changes in the region” – RITA, accomplished by Education for Democracy Foundation.

“Moldovan editorial office in local action” project has been financed in the framework of Polish-American Freedom Foundation “Changes in the region” – RITA, accomplished by Education for Democracy Foundation.

“Free Media School” project has been financed in the framework of action “With the help to Ukrainian students and Ukrainian media” by the Agora Foundation.

**In 2014 LNA carries out journalists support projects in Tunisia and Moldova**

“Tunisian journalist in action” project has been funded in the framework of the Polish development cooperation program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2014 by the International Solidarity Foundation, “Democracy Support” Program.

“Choose media! Moldovan local newspapers in times of elections” project has been financed in the framework of Polish-American Freedom Foundation “Changes in the region” – RITA, accomplished by Education for Democracy Foundation.

**In 2013 LNA accomplished journalists support projects in Tunisia and Tajikistan**

“Polish media for local journalism development in Tunisia” project has been funded in the framework of the Polish development cooperation program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2013 by the International Solidarity Foundation, “Democracy Support” Program.

“Young journalists club development in Pamir” project has been financed in the framework of Polish-American Freedom Foundation “Changes in the region” – RITA, accomplished by Education for Democracy Foundation.