

Publications, January – April 2007

General

CONCORD FDR group produced a reader on the EC grant standard contract

This is a very useful document for all NGOs staff persons who have to manage a grant contract with the European Commission as it provides the best possible interpretation of the rules based on exchanges and discussion with the Commission. For example, it can be particularly helpful in case of divergence of views with EC delegations on certain rules.

However, as stated by the new head of Unit F3, Mr. Salord, in a letter welcoming the publication of the reader, **it has an informal character and can not be seen as a legally binding document. The EC staff in delegations or in Brussels has no obligation to stick to it but it can help NGOs to feel more secure when presenting and defending their case.**

The reader presents the standard contract, article by article, in a table with the text of contract in the first column and explanations on the way it should be interpreted in the second. In the third column, differences with the previous standard contract (version 2000) are mentioned whenever relevant.

The FDR sub-group is now looking at possible differences between the 2003 contract version and the new one that entered into force in 2006.

Note that a new version of the standard contract is in preparation and should be released around May or June 2007 after the entry into force of the new Financial Regulation (that is the document regulating all EC expenditures). The FDR will of course try to make sure that the revised standard contract represents an improvement compared to the present one.

Explanation of the standard contract for external action (reader 2003, now a new one is used: 2006), prepared by the Concord working group on Funding for development and relief:

[EuropeAid Grant - Explanation of the standard contract for external action \(reader 2003\)](#)

http://www.concordeurope.org/Files/media/extranetdocumentsENG/NavigationPrincipale/01.Home/01_1_Wats_new/readerlayout20033.pdf

<http://www.concordeurope.org/>

Universal Human Rights Index

The Universal Human Rights Index provides instant access for all countries to human rights information from the United Nations system. The index is based on the observations and recommendations of the following international expert bodies:

- the seven Treaty Bodies monitoring the implementation of the core international human rights treaties (since 2000)
- the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council (since 2006)

You can access the information by country, by rights and by body.

<http://www.universalhumanrightsindex.org/>

newsletters:

The **VAW Monitor** is a free, monthly newsletter sent out on the first of each month

To subscribe to The VAW Monitor, http://www.stopvaw.org/The_VAW_Monitor.html

The Stop Violence Against Women website (STOPVAW) is a forum for information, advocacy and change. Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights developed this website as a tool for the promotion of women's human rights in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the former Soviet Union (FSU), Mongolia, and the U.N. Protectorate of Kosovo.

bi-monthly e-journal produced by the **Association for Participatory Democracy "ADEPT"**,
Democracy and governing in Moldova
e-journal, year V, issue 90, February 17 – March 4, 2007
<http://www.e-democracy.md/en/e-journal/20070304/>

Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, the biweekly journal of the [Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program Joint Center](#).
<http://www.cacianalyst.org/newsite/>

annual reports:

Human Rights in the OSCE Region: Europe, Central Asia and North America, Report 2007
(Events of 2006) - ENGLISH VERSION

http://www.ihf-hr.org/documents/doc_summary.php?sec_id=3&d_id=4387

Human Rights in the OSCE Region: Europe, Central Asia and North America, Report 2007
(Events of 2006) - RUSSIAN VERSION

http://www.ihf-hr.org/documents/doc_summary.php?sec_id=3&d_id=4388

Organisational Capacity Building in Central Asia: Reflections from Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan *Praxis Paper 15*

By Lola Abdusalyamova with Hannah Warren

Civil society in Central Asia has developed significantly since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. A more open and enabling environment, and the urgent need to plug gaps in social service provision caused by withdrawal of state support, has led to the mushrooming of civil society.

<http://www.intrac.org/pages/PraxisPaper15.html>

CCME [Trafficking in Human Beings - new challenges , new partnerships](#).

Volume III: Trafficking in human beings – new challenges, new partnerships

Christian Action and Networking Against Trafficking: Action oriented guide for awareness- raising and social assistance

The booklet, which is volume number three of CCME's guides on Christian action trafficking, contains reflections on new challenges in the fight against human trafficking, e.g. possibilities of activities against newly visible forms of trafficking such as labour exploitation.

Copies are available at: www.ccme.be/secretary/NEWS/index.html , hardcopies can be requested at info@ccme.be

<http://www.ccme.be/secretary/NEWS/CAT%20III%20brochure%20final.pdf>

Toolkit to combat trafficking in persons

Using principles of human rights to tackle the trafficking industry

Global Programme Against Trafficking in Human Beings / United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 2006

This toolkit presents a selection of conceptual, legislative and organisational tools used to fight the problem in different parts of the world. It is based on the premise that the problem, whether at the national or local level, can only be addressed effectively through comprehensive strategies based on human rights principles.

The guide aims to increase awareness and to help policymakers in governments, criminal justice systems, law enforcement agencies, NGOs and inter-governmental organisations to understand and respond effectively to trafficking in persons.

Each of the 10 chapters in the toolkit addresses the need to take some specific action to combat the problem. They deal respectively with the following:

international legal framework

problem assessment and strategy development

legislative framework

international criminal justice cooperation

law enforcement and prosecution

victim identification

immigration status of victims and their repatriation and resettlement

victim protection and assistance

prevention of trafficking in persons

monitoring and evaluation.

http://www.unodc.org/pdf/crime/human_trafficking/trafficking_toolkit_oct06.pdf

A Health Handbook for Women with Disabilities

by Jane Maxwell, Julia Watts Belser, and Darlena David

384 pages, illustrated

English ed. ISBN: 978-0-942364-50-7

Women with disabilities often discover that the social stigma of disability and inadequate care are greater barriers to health than the disabilities themselves. *A Health Handbook for Women with Disabilities* will help women with disabilities overcome these barriers and improve their general health, self-esteem, and abilities to care for themselves and participate in their communities.

http://hesperian.hostasaurus.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=HB&Product_Code=B150&Category_Code=ENG

“Training Guide on Human Rights in European Neighbourhood Policy Instruments”

<http://www.euomedrights.net/pages/2/page/language/1>

French and Arabic versions of this guide will be ready on Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network website by the end of March

Le « guide des droits de l’Homme dans les Instruments de la Politique Européenne de Voisinage » est disponible sur notre site internet en anglais. Vous pouvez dès maintenant le télécharger sur <http://www.euomedrights.net/pages/2/page/language/1>

Les versions françaises et arabes de ce guide seront disponibles sur notre site d’ici la fin mars

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Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network.

<http://www.euomedrights.net>

Human rights impact assessment in practice - Conference report

The conference report “Human rights impact assessment in practice” presents the main findings of the conference on Human Rights Impact Assessment, organised by the Humanist Committee on Human Rights, which was held on 23 and 24 November 2006. The report gives an overview of the presentations and discussions that took place during the conference. It presents results and findings of the plenary sessions as well as the thematic workshops. The themes dealt with in these workshops are:

- Business and human rights

- Human rights based approaches and human rights impact assessment

- Measuring human rights and strategy development
- HRIA and the right to health

For more information about the Human Rights Impact Assessment project by HOM:

<http://www.humanrightsimpact.org>

download the report of the conference:

http://www.humanrightsimpact.org/fileadmin/hria_resources/Conference_report/Conference_report_2006_final.pdf

Migration and Remittances: Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.

This report traces the trends of international migration and remittances in the region since the transition and their determinants. Authors: Ali Mansoor and Bryce Quillin. Published by the World Bank, January 2007.

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTECA/Resources/257896-1167856389505/Migration_FullReport.pdf

The Wider Black Sea Region: an Emerging Hub in European Security

The report delivers a set of policy recommendations for the development of a regional EU strategy towards the Wider Black Sea Region. Author: Svante E. Cornell et al. Published in December 2006 by the Central Asian Caucasus Institute.

http://www.silkroadstudies.org/new/docs/Silkroadpapers/0612Blacksea_P.pdf

Review of the History of Rise and Development of the NGO Sector in Kyrgyzstan

This study focuses on the history of NGO development with an attempt to reveal better knowledge of the fundamental aspects of the non-for-profit development in Kyrgyzstan.

Full report in English can be found by the following link:

http://src.auca.kg/images/stories/files/monography1_eng.pdf

Full report in Russian can be found by the following link:

http://src.auca.kg/images/stories/files/monography1_rus.pdf

The State and NGOs in the EU Accession Process in Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina: through partnership to success

Authors: Vedran Horvat (Zagreb), Vladimir Todoric (Belgrade), Irham Ceko (Sarajevo)

<http://www.acips.ba/TheStateandNGO.pdf>

Serbian Refugee Council, Belgrade, Serbia, recently published its reports on **integration as a durable solution for refugees and IDPs in Serbia**, on **the right to asylum in Serbia**, on **repatriation of Serb refugees to the Republic of Croatia** and on **access to rights for IDPs from Kosovo**.

All reports are available both in English and in Serbian, and are free to download from the following links:

Integration: <http://www.ssi.org.yu/content/blogcategory/16/37/lang,en/>

Asylum: <http://www.ssi.org.yu/content/blogcategory/15/37/lang,en/>

Repatriation to Croatia: <http://www.ssi.org.yu/content/blogcategory/17/37/lang,en/>

Access to Rights for IDPs: <http://www.ssi.org.yu/content/blogcategory/18/37/lang,en/>

For further information and queries, please contact: dic@ssi.org.yu

‘Churches, Civil Society, Multinational Companies and Corporate Responsibility in Central and Eastern Europe – Workshop Report & Resource Book’

A new **workshop report and resource book on how churches and civil society can influence corporate responsibility in Central and Eastern Europe** is published today by the **Ecumenical Academy Prague (Czech Republic), the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (UK) and the Work & Economy Network in the European Churches (Czech Republic).**

The publication, which was written and compiled by **Tony Addy**, can be downloaded from www.ecgnet.cz
http://www.ecgnet.cz/files/CSR_final_publication.pdf

Reclaiming Democracy: Civil Society and Electoral Change in Central and Eastern Europe

Pavol Demeš, Joerg Forbrig, Robin Shepherd

The German Marshall Fund (GMF) has published a book charting the recent post-Communist transitions in Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Georgia and Ukraine, using case studies and comparative analyses to illustrate the central role played by civil society.

This new GMF book analyzes the remarkable wave of democracy that has swept through Central and Eastern Europe in recent years. Variouslly labeled "color revolutions," "transitions from postcommunism," or "electoral breakthroughs," these changes have fundamentally altered the prospects for democracy in Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Georgia, and Ukraine.

http://www.gmfus.org/publications/article.cfm?id=273&parent_type=P

Migration Challenges in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood

Centre for Eastern Studies

Marta Jaroszewicz

Leszek Szerepka

http://osw.waw.pl/files/Raport_migracje_e.pdf