

Projects from Latvia in EU programme "Europe for Citizens"

Structural support for Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS

Applicant: Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS (LV)

Partners: -

Support measure: Structural support for civil society organizations at European level

Project realisation year: 2010 Grant awarded: EUR 100 000

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Project web page: http://www.providus.lv/public/27284.html

Description:

In year 2010 Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS receive structural grant from European Union programme "Europe for Citizens". Grant was used for work programme, which include activities such as:

- * project "New democratic toolbox for new institutions" about citizens participation in decission-making of Europe Union;
- * project "Young ideas for Europe" about teh role of European Union in decrease of climate change:
- * work on information collection for adding *European Website on Integration* policy documentation, research, news, information about financing, best practise examples about immigrant integration in Latvia:
- * participation in index preparation of immigrant integration policy;
- * policy review preparation about rights of immigrant children and policy in connection with official state language learning and integration trainings for immigrants;
- * regular publishing of analytical and research material in Europe section "Fwd:Eiropa" in web page www.politika.lv;
- * explanation about topical issues from latvian European Parliament deputies (analytical articles in web page www.politika.lv), as well as citizen debates about common agricultural policy with European Parliament deputy participation;
- * monitoring of parliamentary debates, legislation initiatives and mass media in connection with enlargement or reduction of participation opportunities for minorities:
- * conclusion of project "Restorative Justive vs. Juvenile Delinquency: the Baltic States in European Dimension";
- * preparation of policy review about power industry in Latvia, development of informative and knowledge resource web page, as well as exchange of experience with partners from Baltic sea region.

About Applicant:

Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS was established at the end of 2002 by the Soros Foundation-Latvia and several individuals and has since developed as the leading think-tank in Latvia.

PROVIDUS mission is to facilitate comprehensive policy change in areas important for Latvia's development. PROVIDUS also provides expertise to other countries undergoing democratic transformation.

PROVIDUS is both a source of expertise and an "agent of change" in these priority areas:

- **★**good governance, including anticorruption;
- ★criminal justice policy;
- *tolerance and inclusive public policy;
- *European policy.

PROVIDUS activities include: publishing research and policy analyses, providing expertise to the government in the policy-making process, advocacy and monitoring, consultancy services and training as well as promoting public participation in the policy process and holding of an annual Public Policy Forum. PROVIDUS also provides institutional home for the largest on-line policy resource in Latvia – politika.lv.

PROVIDUS – legally, an association – is a non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit organization. In June 2006 PROVIDUS was awarded the status of a public benefit organisation by the Ministry of Finance.

