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### **Armenian-Georgian partnerships report on their achievements in implementing joint grant projects**

*The Armenian-Georgian partnerships will gather together on the 21st of July in Tbilisi (Georgia) and on the 26th of July in Yerevan (Armenia) to get acquainted the national and local authorities, international donors and mass media with achievements in implementation of joint cross-border grant projects.*

The outreach events in Tbilisi and Yerevan offer an opportunity for the project-implementing teams to present preliminary results of joint activities and highlight projects' impact on the various aspects of local development of neighboring regions in Armenia and Georgia.

The EU-funded Armenia-Georgia Territorial Cooperation Grant Programme (EaPTC) has been in operation since September 2015. It comprises altogether 9 joint cross-border projects between Armenian and Georgian partners focusing on local economic development, environment protection and people-to-people contacts in culture, education and sports.

The mass media are invited to take part in the outreach events to be held on **July 21** at 14:50 in the Best Western Hotel, (A.Apakidzest. 11, 0171 Tbilisi) and on **July 26** at 14:50 in the Hilton Doubletree Hotel (Grigor Lusavorich 4/2, Yerevan).

**Background:** the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme's (EaPTC Support Programme) goal is to create a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders of Moldova – Ukraine, Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia and Belarus – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area. It is as well aimed at strengthening the capacity of local and regional state and non-state actors to jointly develop and implement cross-border projects. The overall EU contribution to EaPTC is 12.5 million EUR.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a European Union initiative directed at six countries of Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The initiative aims at closer relations between the EU and the Eastern partners, deepening their political co-operation and economic integration.

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