



EURASIA FOUNDATION

About EF

Eurasia Foundation In Brief

Engaging Citizens, Empowering Communities

At Eurasia Foundation (EF), we believe that societies function best when citizens take responsibility for their own civic and economic futures. That is why we are committed to providing individuals and institutions with the

We helped establish the only western-style MBA program in Belarus; created the first independent loan program in Armenia; and opened the only independent media outlet in southern Kyrgyzstan, to name a few.

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Through cooperation based on mutual respect our programs equip citizens to define and achieve outcomes of enduring benefit to their communities.



Our Programs

Today, Eurasia Foundation operates targeted projects as well as grant programs. To maximize our impact, we choose highly promising grantees and build their capacity by sharing and identifying best practices and knowledge across regions. Many of our current programs focus on five key areas.

Corporate philanthropy

EF helps companies define their philanthropic goals and develop strategic social investment initiatives. In Ukraine, EEF promotes social responsibility through a popular website and weekly e-publication targeted at businesses, NGOs and donors. EPF-driven needs assessments conducted in Armenia and Azerbaijan

Democracy requires faith, commitment and patience. I believe the Eurasia Foundation's support of local citizen initiatives in the Eurasia region is helping raise up a new generation with these very qualities.

Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State

tools to cultivate their own development. Our method of delivering assistance and our history of successful interventions are pioneering: we provide local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) with financial resources and the technical assistance necessary to ensure that those resources are handled transparently and effectively.

Our work has supported private enterprise growth, public administration reform and civil society development throughout the Eurasia region.

demonstrated the need to introduce the concept of social responsibility to businesses; projects are underway to build this understanding in both countries.

Independent media

The Russian Independent Print Media Program trains editors, journalists and managers of independent newspapers to increase their credibility, efficiency and financial stability. EF's

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Media Distribution Program in Armenia grows media distribution channels by creating press offices in areas outside of Yerevan.

Labor migration

Network programs focus on job identification, legal rights education and technical assistance to labor migrants. Both EFCA and EPF in Armenia support resource centers which help labor migrants and returnees. EFCA also works with Kazakh journalists to increase their understanding of migration issues. FNE developed a methodology for monitoring migration and migration trends, and is collaborating with the Federal Migration Service to examine Russia's federal migration program.

Eurasia Foundation's impressive track record of gathering and bringing the best practices of international organizations to the Eurasia region assures us that we have chosen an excellent partner.

Jan Kubis, former Secretary General, OSCE

Small business development

EF trains entrepreneurs and helps them access capital and remove government barriers to business. EFCA helped create university and business links to train business executives and entrepreneurs as well as professors and college graduates in the region. In Ukraine, the Local Economic Partnership program matches municipal resources to articulated needs to build strong public-private partnerships.

Youth activism

In the South Caucasus, EPF's YouthBank program not only funds youth-created and implemented projects that benefit their local communities, but goes one step further by providing them with networking opportunities across the region. In Russia, FNE promotes the Russian community schools movement and democratizing school education.

Localizing EF's Work

In 2001, EF initiated an effort to establish local, self-sustaining institutions. This decision acknowledged the fundamental political, economic and social changes taking place in the region and the Foundation's need to adapt its operations adequately to address those changes and continue to provide locally responsive support.

EF began transferring board governance, program strategy and financial management responsibility to its regional offices. In 2004, EF launched the New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) in Moscow. FNE is registered in Russia, headed by a Russian citizen and governed by an international board.

The second local foundation created was Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA), which launched as an autonomous, locally registered entity in 2005. With offices in Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bishkek and Osh, Kyrgyzstan; and Dushanbe,

Tajikistan, EFCA mobilizes public and private resources to help citizens participate in building their futures, strengthen their communities and improve their civic and economic well-being.

East Europe Foundation and Eurasia Partnership Foundation, both launched in 2007, complete the constellation of citizen-focused entities working in the region.

These four new foundations have joined with Eurasia Foundation, their American counterpart, to form **Eurasia Foundation Network**. Working together enables the Network to improve the quality of programs, increase interaction among local and international institutions throughout the region, and multiply donors' social return on their investment.

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