

Appendix

The expert network of the project: brief description

The research project «Arbitrariness in the law enforcement: roots and typical practices» was carried out by a network of NGOs in ten regions of Russia.

The expert network was created by the Moscow Helsinki Group, the Demos Center and their partners with the aim of carrying out researches on issues of public interest as well as other analytical activities such as elaborating recommendations for the solution of the problems highlighted.

NGOs at regional level played a key role within the network. The participation of regional NGOs was essential for the study and assessment of social processes taking place in different parts of the country.

The activity of the network follows the principle of transparency and therefore involves public discussion of the findings of the research.

The expert network endeavors to meet a high professional standard. The participants of the network have experience in research work and known for their analytical publications.

Below you may find a short description of the organizations — members of the network.

1. Human Rights Organization «Bastion» — Altai Krai

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The organization «Bastion» was created in April and registered in May of 1997 by the Altay Region Department of Justice.

«Bastion» actively participates in the research of the problems affecting human rights, focusing in particular on the analysis of regional legislation and law enforcement practices.

An essential element of its activities is providing free legal consultations to the local population, lodging appeals before the competent bodies in case of human rights violation as well as the organization of informational and training activities on human rights issues.

As for research projects, Bastion cooperates with Demos centre as well as with other regional organizations: the NGO «Human Rights Action» and the Foundation for Social Support and Civil Initiative

2. «Memorial» Commission for the Protection of Human Rights — the Komi Republic

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The Commission for the Protection of Human Rights in the Komi region has been created in November 1996 within the framework of the International Historical-Enlightenment Human Rights and Humanitarian Society «Memorial». In June 2002 it has been registered as an independent structure.

The main goal of the Commission is performance of public control over closed state institutions such as penitentiary facilities, police departments, orphanages, psychiatric institutes and the like.

The organization's activities include: legal aid to those protecting their rights against undue restriction by a state body; regular human rights monitoring, including monitoring of special issues (rights of prisoners and rights of mentally ill, social rights, electoral rights, national and religious minority rights, rights of individuals as regards to the police); carrying out public actions for example actions aimed at drawing attention on the war in Chechnya and human losses related to the war, or action of mass cancellation of nationalist posters in the city of Sytkykar.

3. Public committee for the protection of human rights — Krasnoyarsk Krai

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The Committee for the Protection of Human Rights of Krasnoyarsk Krai was created in 1997. Its members are essentially teachers and students from the law and sociology faculty of the Krasnoyarsk State University.

The main activities of the organization include legal aid to disadvantaged groups of the population and the protection of people from torture and inhuman and degrading treatment by police forces. The members of the Committee give oral and written consultations on human rights issues, represent the interests of people before courts in criminal, labor, civil and family cases.

Since 2002 the Committee has been working on the project «A first Step» aimed at facilitating social rehabilitation of young offenders. The members of the Committee also take part into interregional research and monitoring projects.

Among the organizations which cooperate with the Committee are: the Legal Clinic of the Krasnoyarsky University, the Moscow Helsinki Group, the Penal Reform International and other NGOs.

4. South Russian Independent Institute for Social Research — the Republic of Adygeya

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The South Russian Independent Institute for Social Research was created in 2001. The organization's team includes experienced professionals as well as students and other socially engaged citizens.

The main goal of the organization is supporting the development of civil society and improving the relationship between the state and its citizens.

For this purpose the Institute carries out researches, organizes public discussions, publishes articles on the media and is involved in other project of social importance.

At present the institute focuses its activities on two main goals: analyzing the social and political situation in south regions of Russia and monitoring of human rights.

The institute cooperates with several Russian and international NGOs and research centers.

5. Perm Civil Chamber and Perm Human Rights Center

Perm Civil Chamber

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The Perm Civil Chamber is a regional non profit organisation created within the framework of the Perm Human Rights Centre in 1996 with the aim of supporting and developing the non profit sector in the Perm Region.

The Perm Civil Chamber cooperates with a whole set of nongovernmental organisations, experts and mass media in the region for the support and development of the principles of civil society and the development of civil initiatives in the region.

The Chamber's activities include:

- juridical consultancy to people;
- support of civil initiatives; expertise on legal acts;
- development of civil expertise, participation and control;
- consulting NGOs on management issues;
- support of socially disadvantaged people;
- informational and training activities in the field of human rights.

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Chairman: Isaev Sergej Vladimirovich

The organisation was registered the 31st of January 1995 by initiative of the Historical-Enlightment Human Rights and Humanitarian Society «Memorial». the «Democratic Choice of Russia» Party and the «Russian Social Democrat» Party. At present the organization counts about 30 members.

The main goal of the Centre is the creation of an effective non-state system of human rights protection in the Perm region. Among the Centre's tasks are assisting people

in protecting their civil and political rights and freedoms as well as procedural and socio-economical rights. Particular attention is given to the right to information, prisoners' rights and the rights of the victims of abuse of power by law enforcement bodies.

The Centre's main activities include: consultancy to population on human rights issues, legal assistance (including representation before courts) for cases of particular complicity or importance; elaboration and implementation of legislative initiatives, elaboration and dissemination of efficient methods of human rights protection, human rights advocacy, organization of information and training activities, gathering and analysis of information on human rights guarantees and violations, support to the creation of nongovernmental mechanisms of human rights protection.

6. Kazan Human Rights Centre – The Republic of Tatarstan

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The Kazan Human Rights Centre was created in August 2001 and among its members are specialists with an experience of work in law enforcement bodies.

Since its creation the Centre has implemented more than 20 projects related to protection of human rights from law enforcement bodies' infringements. The projects included research, education, monitoring, publishing and consulting activities as well as public campaigns.

The Centre pays special attention to visiting of prisons and other closed institutions and on informational campaigns. In the focus of the Centre's work is public investigation of human rights abuses. The original method of public investigation was developed and described by the Nizhniy Novgorod Committee against Torture and later carried on by other human rights organizations. This method turned to be particularly effective for the aid given to concrete victims of human rights violations.

The Centre cooperates with several state agencies such as the Prosecution office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Federal Penitentiary Agency.

7. Nizhniy Novgorod Society for Human Rights — Nizhniy Novgorod Oblast

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The Society was created in 1993. At present it counts about 30 members.

Society provided for establishment of the number of specialized human rights organizations: Nizhniy Novgorod Peacemaking Group, the League of Prisoners' Mothers, the Youth Human Rights Centre, Women human rights group, Migrants Assistance Centre, Russian-Chechen Friendship Society, and Nizhniy Novgorod Committee against.

The main goals of the Society is the protection of civil, political, economical, social and cultural rights and freedoms, supporting the civic initiatives related to participation in governance.

The main activities of the organization are related to judiciary reform, reform of the penitentiary system, legal aid and informational and training activities.

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Chairman: Beljajev Sergej Ivanovich

The NGO Sutyajnik, created in 1994, plays a key role for human rights activities in the Ural Region.

The main goal of the organization is supporting the legal protection of the people's rights and interests as well as improving the population's legal consciousness. Among the organization's tasks are the dissemination of legal knowledge among the population, providing free legal aid, the organization of seminars on the most actual legal issues, publication of legal information.

At present the activities of Sutyajnik include challenging unlawful and unconstitutional normative acts, actions and decisions of governmental bodies and public officials; legal assistance before the European Court of Human Rights, the UN HR Committee and other international organizations.

9. Tver Regional Division of the International Historical-Enlightment Human Rights and Humanitarian Society «Memorial» — Tver Oblast

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The organization «Memorial» was created in 1988 and was registered as a juridical person in 1994. In 2000 the organization was re-registered as a regional branch of International Historical-Enlightment Human Rights and Humanitarian Society «Memorial». At present the organization counts 14 members.

The main activities of the Tver «Memorial» include the awakening and preservation of the societal memory about the victims of political repression. «Memorial» also sees as its goals human right protection and charity activities.

Within the framework of human rights protection, «Memorial» implements monitoring programs and is actively involved in interregional research and monitoring projects. In particular, since 2002 the organization has monitored and reported on the overall human rights situation in the Tver Oblast. In addition, specialized monitoring has been carried out on the electoral rights in occasion of the 2000 Duma elections, on the respect of refugees and immigrant rights in the Tver Oblast (2000),

on the conditions of prisoners in Tver Oblast (2002), and on the respect of rights of individuals affected by mental illness (2003).

10. Foundation «For Ecological and Social Justice» — Voronezh Oblast

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The Foundation was created in 2002 as the branch of the International Environmentalist Group «Ekozashita!»

The main activities of the Foundation include: environmental protection, fight against xenophobia, nationalism and clericalism, the promotion of gender equality. Foundation also performed number of projects related to access to information, freedom of association and the fight against abuses in the police forces.

The Foundation focuses its activities in the Voronezh Oblast, however its members participate as consultants and experts, in projects within Vladimir, Nizhniy Novgorod, Sverdlovsk, Samara, Krasnodar and Perm Oblasts as well as in other regions. The members of the Foundation are authors and editors of periodical reports on human rights violations in the Voronezh Oblast as well as of special reports on xenophobia and nationalism and on violations of electoral rights within the same region.

The foundation sponsors the following periodicals: «Nuclear Monitor» (on security issues related to the use of nuclear energy) and «Clean Energy» (on energy sources and their impact on the environment).