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*Welcome to the EU Newsletter. This Newsletter will keep you abreast of all important developments in the EU and its relations with Kazakhstan.*

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- against the spread of HIV/AIDS and TB in women's prisons
- Regional PPP training is being implemented by the Kazakhstan PPP Center with the EU support
- A training of trainers (TOT) was conducted on "Contemporary Methods and Approaches to hold an informational campaign and assess its effectiveness"
- Kazakhstan needs a law on the comprehensive protection of personal data and the right to privacy, believe experts from the EU-funded project
- Meetings to be held in Astana on three Kazakhstan-OECD projects co-financed by the European Union

### **Local authorities will summarize the results of the first year of EU project against the spread of HIV/AIDS and TB in women's prisons**

On 21 November 2011 the coordination meeting of representatives of state officials and public organizations of Karagandy oblast was held in the conference-hall of «Dostar-Alem» hotel. Penal Reform International in Central Asia with the financial support of the European Union is implementing the project for women's prisons in Kazakhstan "A model programme against the spread of HIV/AIDS and TB in women's prisons". [Press-release](#)

### **Regional PPP training is being implemented by the Kazakhstan PPP Center with the EU support**

On November 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> a regional training program aimed to educate Kazakhstan's regional government officials on the main principles and practical aspects of Public-Private Partnerships was piloted in Ust-Kamenogorsk for the East Kazakhstan government officials. This regional training program is the outcome of the training of trainers (TOT) program implemented by the EU project to develop capacity within Kazakhstan's PPP Center to cultivate and to disseminate the PPP methodology and best practices across the regions of Kazakhstan without additional assistance from the external consultants. The EU project PPP advisor accompanied the PPP Center during the first three regional training seminars through the end of the year. [Press-release](#)

### **A training of trainers (TOT) was conducted on "Contemporary Methods and Approaches to hold an informational campaign and assess its effectiveness"**

From 31 October to 1 November 2011 in the framework of the project "National Plan for Human Rights Action in the RoK for 2009-2011: increasing public awareness and monitoring the implementation thereof", a training of trainers on "Contemporary Methods and Approaches to hold an informational campaign and assess its effectiveness" was conducted in Almaty with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to the

Republic of Kazakhstan in the amount of 274,453 EUR (more than 55 million KZT). [Press-release](#)

**Kazakhstan needs a law on the comprehensive protection of personal data and the right to privacy, believe experts from the EU-funded project**

The legislation must provide effective measures to protect individuals from an excessive collection of personal data and private life information as well as measures to control the duration of periods of retaining such information, methods of, and limits on, the use thereof. Such proposal was made in the regular expert review on the effectiveness of the implementation of measures in the area of protecting civil and political rights and freedoms of Kazakhstanis envisioned by the National Plan for Human Rights Action for 2009-2012. [Press-release](#)

**Meetings were held in Astana on three Kazakhstan-OECD projects co-financed by the European Union**

Within the OECD Sector Competitiveness Strategy (OECD SCS) project, three public-private working group sessions on Agri-business, Human Capital for ICT and Investment Policy and Promotion were held with the support of the OECD between 29 November and 1 December 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan, to provide their quarterly updates. Two new projects on regional competitiveness and regulations will also pre-launch their operations. All of these projects are co-financed by the European Union. [Press-release](#)

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