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Launch of the project "Access to information and investigative journalism for better informed citizens" and opening of the Grand training

On September 27, 2018, at 10 AM in Ani Hall of Ani Plaza Hotel (address: 19 Sayat-Nova Ave., Yerevan) "Freedom of Information Center" NGO organises the launch of the project "Access to information and investigative journalism for better informed citizens", which is co-funded by the European Union and is implemented in cooperation with the Maastricht-based European Journalism Center. The project launch will be accompanied with the opening of the Grand training session.

Opening speeches will be delivered by the EU Ambassador to Armenia Piotr A. Świtalski and the President of the Freedom of Information Center Shushan Doydoyan. International journalists from the European Journalism Centre, as well as representatives from the EU, civil society organizations and media companies will participate in the event.

At the opening of the Grand training, the experts involved in the project will deliver opening speeches presenting the general content of their regional training courses.

At the end of the event, the representatives of CSOs and media companies will have an opportunity to have a discussion and Q&A session with the speakers on issues related to the project. The national budget is one of the most important government tools to implement its government policies. However, many Armenian citizens - and particularly young people – do not know how the national budget is spent. The project "Access to information and investigative journalism for better informed citizens" seeks to

ensure that journalists and civil society organizations (CSOs) produce and share easy-to-understand information, news articles and contributes to a real debate about budget allocations and spending in Armenia.

The project aims to strengthen the watchdog capacity of civil society, particularly regarding the oversight of the state budget in sectors relevant for EU-Armenia relations, as well as to promote investigative journalism among youth.

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