

PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT

1. Bulgaria

Name of organisation: **Index Foundation.**

Website address: www.index-bg.org

Activities and experience: **Index Foundation** was established in **1997** as a not-for-profit organization with the mission to promote the development of stable civil society in Bulgaria and help strengthen the social safety nets. Index Foundation works in several major areas - education and training, research, healthcare, drug prevention. Index has won a reputation of success in accomplishing high profile international projects with sponsors and partners from the USA and the European Union.

2. Cyprus

Name of organisation: **The Management Centre of the Mediterranean**

Abbreviated name (if applicable): MC-Med

Website address: www.mc-med.org

Activities and experience: MC-Med has previously implemented various research projects related to civil society of which the most recent one was the CIVICUS: CSI Study for Cyprus in collaboration with Intercollege from the Greek Cypriot Community. MC-Med is well experienced in implementing activities such as meetings and workshops with stakeholders, dissemination of information and translation, either verbal or written.

3. Czech Republic

Name of organisation : **Sdružení obrany spotřebitelů České republiky**

Abbreviated name (if applicable): SOS

Website address: <http://www.spotrebitele.info/index.shtml>

Activities and experience: The main aim of SOS is to ensure consumer rights and promote consumer protection issues in the Czech Republic. Active involvement of citizens is essential for this and therefore SOS aims for activation of citizens and its members. EU consumer policy is providing a very good ground for these activities even linked to European dimension of active citizenship.

4. Greece

Name of organisation: **Ευρωπαϊκή Κοινωνία Πολιτική Εκφραση Θεσμοί**

Abbreviated name (if applicable): Εκπεθε-Ευρωπαϊκή Εκφραση

Website address: www.ekfrasi.gr

Activities and experience:

Ευρωπαϊκή Εκφραση promotes the ideas of federalism and civil society, seeking to challenge public debate, to inform and facilitate participation of European citizens in the building of Europe, contributing to the formation of a European identity, inter-cultural understanding, education and solidarity. Some of the recent projects that the organisation has run are: Alkistis(Equal Initiative): Network for the combating the social exclusion of women, 2005-2007; European Competition for the rights of the child (European Commission-Justice and Home Affairs DG),2006; Ekfrassi Euroletter-Electonic Newsletter for European Issues (European Commission- Education and Culture DG),2004-2005; European Expression- Two special editions of our magazine for the European Constitution and the European Elections (European Commission- Education and Culture DG), 2003-2004

5. Italy

Name of organisation: **Cittadinanzattiva**

Website address: www.cittadinanzattiva.it

Activities and experience: Cittadinanzattiva activities aim the promotion of civic participation and protection of citizens' rights in Italy and in Europe. It considers citizens a fundamental resource for democracy who should play a more active role in society opposing to the traditional roles of simply voting and paying taxes. It is a "network of networks" engaged in specific public policies, from health to education working at national and European level, through its programme Active Citizenship Network (ACN)

6. Poland

Name of organisation : **Fundacja centrum Praw Kobiet; (Foundation Women's Rights Center)**

Website address: www.cpk.org.pl

Activities and experience: Advocacy and Educational activity, Drafting of Annual Report on Women's Rights and on Domestic Violence, Editing of a publication on the EU Gender Equality Legislation and Jurisprudence, Editing o the Law magazine of the Women's Rights center, Editing of legal manuals of the WRC under the title "Learn your rights".

7. Romania

Name of organisation: **National Association for Consumers' Protection and Promotion of Programs and Strategies from Romania**

Abbreviated name (if applicable): A.N.P.C.P.P.S. Romania

Website address: <http://www.anpcppsr.ro>

Activities and experience: ANPCPPSR - is a non-governmental organization that defends consumers' rights and promotes products and services of Romania. The purpose of ANPCPPSR is to support and defend the fundamental rights and legitimate interests of consumers, as well as developing at a national level programmes focused on consumer protection and products and services promotion of Romania.

8. Slovenia

Name of organisation: **Pravno-informacijski center nevladnih organizacij (Legal-informational Centre for NGOs Slovenia)**

Website address: www.pic.si

Activities and experience: Since it's establishment in 1997 Legal-Informational Centre for NGOs Slovenia – PIC has been trying to contribute to improve the situation of NGOs in Slovenia. We offer counselling for NGOs, inform them about legal and other matters and we conduct projects with the intention of connecting Slovenian NGOs and contributing to a bigger role of NGOs and other interested public in decision-making process. PIC has written a lot of legal opinions, analysis and comments on bills regarding public participation.

9. Turkey

Name of organisation : **Insan Kaynağını Geliştirme Vakfı**

Abbreviated name (if applicable): IKGV

Website address: www.ikgv.org

Activities and experience: IKGV, a leading non-profit NGO in Turkey, has developed and implemented in a number of projects and activities including EU funded programs at national and international levels in the field of population and sustainable development including the promotion of reproductive health and rights as well as empowering the human resource since its establishment in 1988. IKGV is an internationally accredited executing agency of UNFPA (1997) and has special consultative status with ECOSOC of UN (2002).