



## Call for participants: Goriz 2014 session in Tbilissi, Georgia

### 'NEGOTIATING IDENTITIES': A TRAINING SEMINAR ON MINORITY ISSUES FOR ARMENIAN, JEWISH AND ROMA LEADERS IN EUROPE

The Sixth Goriz seminar will take place in Georgia, from October 22 to 26, 2014.

This year the Goriz Leadership Training Seminar will tackle the question of minorities and diasporas and of their relationship with public authorities. It will take place in Georgia, a country where minority cultures are numerous and vibrant.

The 2014 Goriz seminar is organized in partnership with Hayartun (Tbilisi, Georgia), the European Centre for Minority Issues Caucasus (Tbilisi), the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) as well as the ERGO Network of Roma organizations, each of which will contribute their specific experience in leadership training to the programme.

Most civil society projects involve some form of access to public resources: a public space, project funding, media attention, help and advice or the supportive presence of a public official. Who people think you are matters in that decision; how identities are framed and perceived plays an important part in deciding whether or not whether public authorities will support a project.

This seminar aims to explore this topic and to develop participants' ability to deal constructively with identity issues in order to ensure the success of their projects and to help them play a fuller part in public life.

The presence of young people from many different European countries, with experience in the Jewish, Roma and Armenian communities, will allow for a uniquely rich exchange of experience on this topic. Exchanges with leaders from different minorities in Georgia will also contribute considerably to the exchange.

Seminar participants will be expected to contribute to the production of a «good practice guide» to serve as a reference and inspiration in future projects and initiatives and to share their experience through various media after the event.

AGBU Europe's Goriz programme was first established in 2008 to seek out young Armenian leaders or would-be leaders in different European countries and to train, advise, network and support them to achieve high value-added projects for the benefit of Armenian communities and for Armenia. The 2014 seminar follows earlier events in Venice (2009, on lobbying), Yerevan (2010, on democracy and participation), Brussels (2011, on European citizenship), Yerevan (2012, media training) and Istanbul (2013, on the situation of Armenians in Turkey).

Seminar participation is subject to applications. Goriz members are typically young people who are university graduates, have professional experience and have demonstrated some leadership skills and experience. Goriz seminars are held in English. Full information and registration documents are available at: <http://www.agbugoriz.org/eligibility/>

**To apply:** applicants must return their application form and CV **before July 31 2014** to: [goriz@agbueurope.org](mailto:goriz@agbueurope.org)

Please note: Funding allowing, travel and accommodation expenses to the seminar will be refunded for selected participants. Seminar funding will be confirmed at the end of August.



The application form as well as detailed information on conditions are available at: [www.agbugoriz.org](http://www.agbugoriz.org)

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## ABOUT THE GORIZ PROGRAMME

### GORIZ, THE NEW LEADERS

The GORIZ programme (Goriz iz Armenian for “Nucleus”) aims to identify and support new leaders in Armenian communities throughout Europe and to train, advise, network and accompany those leaders in achieving their projects in Europe or Armenia and otherwise contribute through their actions to the social, cultural, intellectual, political and economic life of Armenians in Europe.

### GORIZ Guiding Principles

- . Seeker of talent, a think-tank and facilitator
- . Encourage potential leaders
- . Leverage AGBU know-how, contacts and resources
- . Accompany the individual by giving him/her access to information, network, training and project support.

### Selection criteria

Selected applicants:

- . Should aspire to contribute, in their own way, to Armenian life in Europe
- . Should have some leadership experience and be active in voluntary initiatives or programs
- . Should have completed university studies or equivalent
- . Should ideally be between the ages of 22 and 35 years old
- . Should be able to follow a seminar in English

For more information on the Goriz programme please see [www.agbugoriz.org](http://www.agbugoriz.org)

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