



## ***OUR ORGANIZATION'S MISSION***

Our mission is to raise public awareness in fields of state and public significance. We consider this an essential and integral component of any democratic society.

We take measures to increase the capacity of the media field in Armenia. Moreover, we ourselves implement media activities through the ArmRusInfo Russian-language news site.

UIC, together with its partners, fights to increase the quality of the elections in Armenia, both by participating in observation missions on election the day and through affecting the preceding processes.

In the course of preparing all kinds of materials, we are led by the promotion of democratic values. We will not under any circumstances justify aggressive wars, human rights abuses, as well as crimes against humanity or nature.

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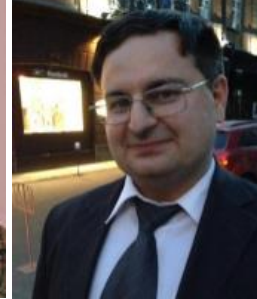
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*UIC is a member of the the EU Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, the Armenian national platform of which has more than 200 member organizations. The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) aims to strengthen civil society in the Eastern Partnership countries as well as foster cooperation and the exchange of experience between civil society organizations from partner countries and the EU.*

## ***AREAS OF ACTIVITY***

- Research and analyses
- Publication of useful resources
- Publication of video materials
- Training for journalists
- Regional seminars
- Observation of elections and voter education
- Russian-language news through ArmRusInfo website

## **Research and Analyses**

During the year, the research conducted by our team was mainly about:

- Issues related to the Armenian-Russian arms deal
- Human rights violations in Armenia
- Level of democracy level in Armenia
- Attitude of international community towards human rights violation cases
- Pro-Cremlin propaganda in Armenia
- Armenia's integration to the Eurasian Economic Union
- Russian-Turkish relations and their impact on Armenia
- Energy sector: electricity, gasoline and natural gas pricing
- Grants received from other countries by Armenian state authorities
- Karabakh conflict
- Armenia-Iran relations
- EU-Armenia relations
- Activity of Russian security bodies in Armenia
- History of Armenia's foreign affairs

During the year, we carried out research activities, and on the basis of our findings, we published 97 articles. These articles have been republished in other online media for at least 1450 times.

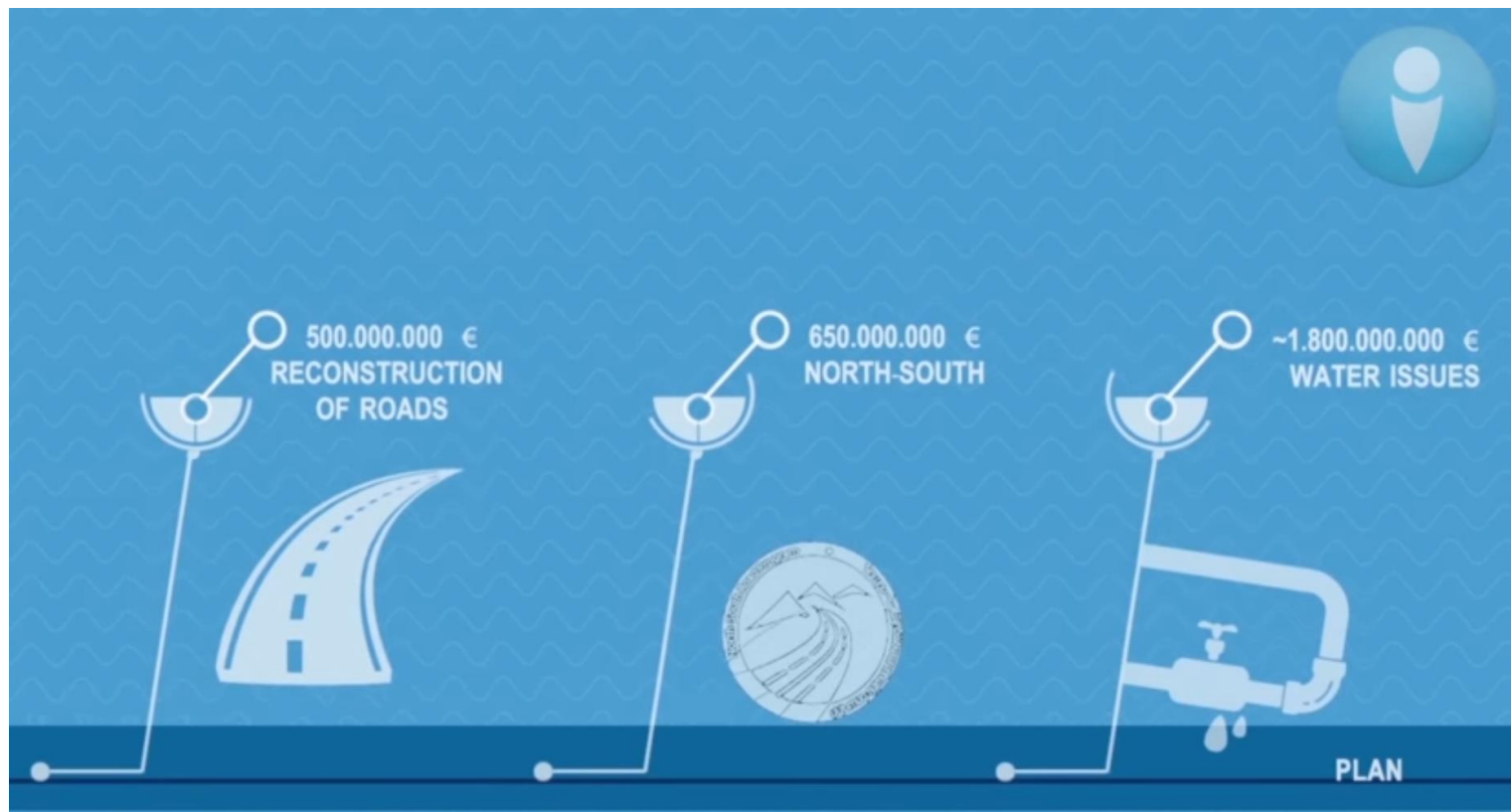
## **Publication of useful resources**

In 2016, we have published 14 useful materials, which are envisaged for journalists and other researchers. They include international agreements, reports, and clarifications of legal acts, which cannot be found anywhere else.

## Publication of video materials

On the basis of the most important research works of our experts, animation video materials are being created. During the year 2016, 23 video materials were prepared and published. 6 of those videos have also been published in the Russian and 1 of them in the English language.

Our videos have had more than 239.000 views on YouTube. On YouTube only, the videos have been watched for 0,65 million minutes.





## **Training for Journalists**

During the year 2016, we organized first seminar-conferences “Foreign Policy and Its Coverage” in Tsaghkadzor. 18 journalists from leading Armenian news media outlets took part in the training. During the training best experts of the field delivered speeches and answered the questions of participants about the coverage of foreign policy.

## **Regional seminars**

During the year 2015 we have organized 9 seminars in 7 regions of Armenia entitled “The First Fruits and Risks of Armenian Membership in the EEU”. More than 100 social and political activists and NGO representatives, 10 journalists, MP assistants participated in our seminars.



## Observation of Elections and voter education

The constitutional referendum was held in Armenia on December 6, 2015. Before the referendum, we prepared and published videos related to the content of the constitutional amendments. Prior to the voting, we published a social ad against accepting election bribes.



On the voting day, the "Union of Informed Citizens" team carried out an observation mission in Yerevan within the framework of "Citizen Observer" initiative.

## Russian-Language News in ArmRusInfo

In December, 2015, we created Russian-language ArmRus.info news website. The website has objectively covered current news for Russian-speaking readers in Armenia, as well as important developments taking place in Armenia for foreigners.



## ***FINANCE***

### ***2015 REVENUE BY DONORS in AMD***

European Endowment for Democracy, Brussel	2,233,000.00
National Endowment for Democracy, Washington	15,793,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>18,026,000.00</b>

### ***2015 EXPENDITURES BY IMPLEMENTED PROGRAMS***

Democratization of the Constitutional Referendum Process	2,233,000.00
Public Debate on Foreign Policy	15,785,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>18,018,000.00</b>