**NGOmap - Contest for the best local initiatives in the Eastern Partnership countries will start on August 20.**

The new opportunity for the civil society in the Eastern Partnership region will arrive at 20th of August. From this day NGOmap Contest will be available for citizens of six countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The idea of the NGOmap contest is to give a chance to submit online the information about the local problems and proposal how to change it.

 “*Don’t worry if you don’t have the experience, team or money to realize your idea. Using the website ngomap.eu, you can submit your plans and if you collect the highest number of votes, we will invite you to take part in the study tour to Poland*” says coordinator of the contest Lukasz Grajewski from Common Europe Foundation based in Warsaw, Poland.

The main prize in NGOmap Contest is study tour to Poland in October 17-19 full of amazing meetings for the 6 representatives of the winning initiatives, one from each country. They will meet experts from Contest Board to talk about implementation of their project. There will be also meetings with specialist from polish ministry of Regional Development and representatives of polish non-govermental organizations. Winners will also take part in a lecture about PR and marketing run by professionals from international PR agencies. “*We don’t have the money for the winners. We believe that giving a rod is better than giving a fish. That is why we give opportunities to meet experts, to learn know-how and build your own network of international contacts*” says Lukasz Grajewski.

From 20th of August till 16th of September 2012 it’s a time for submitting the ideas. From 17th till 30th of September it’s a time for vote for the best local initiative in every each country. 1st of October the contest team will announce the results.

More information about NGOmap Contest on the website: [NGOmap.eu](http://ngomap.eu/)