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The Law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On public councils (PC) with the state bodies” is signed



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Background information

■ **May 24, 2014** The President of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. A. Atambaev signed the law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On public councils with the state bodies”.

The adopted law regulates the procedure of formation and activity of public councils with the state bodies. It focuses on creating mechanisms of public oversight over the activity of state bodies, including the processes of formulation and implementation of state policy.

The law allows the public councils to act as a so called bridge – ensuring feedback between the state bodies and the population. The main objective of the public councils is to increase the performance of the state bodies thereby facilitating better quality of public services.

The text of the enacted law is available on the official website of public councils www.ons.kg in the section “Normative framework / laws” or at <http://www.president.kg/ru/news/>

Project events

■ **September 3, 2014**, The project supported the competition to elect three members from the civil society to the Select commission for the membership in the public councils.

The commission to select the members of the public councils is composed of **15 members**: 10 are from the civil society and 5 are from the state agencies. More detailed information on the membership in the Commission to select the PC members is available at www.ons.kg.

In line with the law, the procedure of selecting the members of the PC as well as all other planned events to support the PC institute shall commence.

The announcement on the election to the new composition of the Public Councils was published in “Erkin-Too” newspaper as well as uploaded on the official website of the Government.



Participants in the competition for the membership in the Select commission for the public council members. Voting procedure.

**On 9 October 2014 there will be a special broadcast on OTK TV channel covering the popularization of the Law on the PC, it will be attended by the representatives of the Select Commission for the membership in the PC, former members of Public Advisory Councils and the civil society.*

■ **24 September 2014**, the press-center of “Vecherniy Bishkek” hosted the presentation of information and analytical materials for the members of public councils with the state bodies.

Ms. Nuripa Mukanova, the Chairperson of the Coordinating body of Public Advisory Councils (PACs) said that the guidelines were drafted in line with the provisions of the law on the PC:

“For us it is of importance to communicate to the new composition of PCs the experience that has been accumulated during the last three years. In view of the fact that we had very little time for the institutionalization, the former members of the PC had many problems. In view of that the drafters will face the expectations of the society. The Guidelines include, inter alia, the issues of interaction between the PCs and the state bodies”.

More details are available at:
<http://www.vb.kg/doc/287347>

Details on the project

One of the outputs of the “Capacity Development Facility” project is to support the initiatives of Public councils with the state bodies in terms of ensuring effective interaction between the state and the citizens. This is the most sustainable form and mechanism of cooperation ensuring the publicity of governance as well as providing the citizens with high quality public services, including the measures to overcome the tensions between the government and the society and prevention of social turmoil.

Additional information is available at

UNDP project “Capacity Development Facility”, co-funded by the Open Society Foundations, as well as joint UN-EU project “Operationalizing good governance for social justice”.

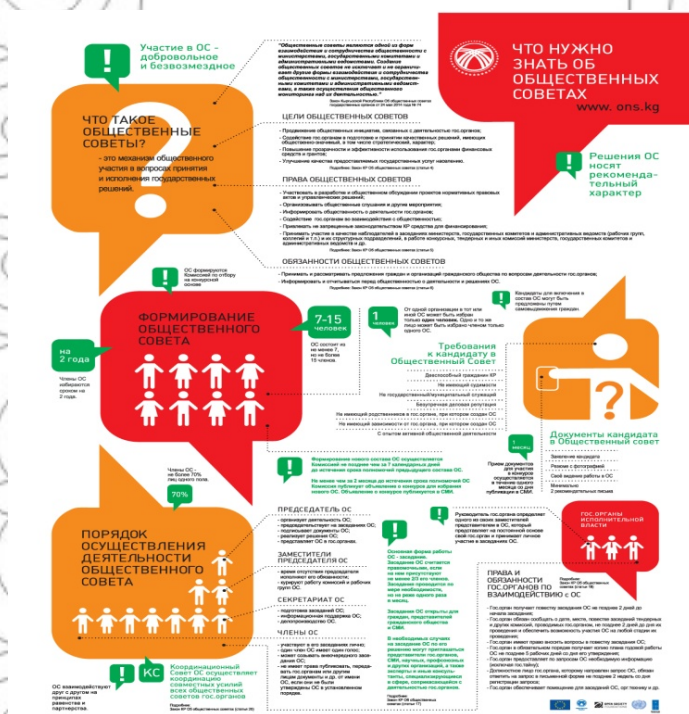
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- The infographics on the law on Public Councils (PC) was produced in web and printed format. Printed versions will be displayed in the state bodies.

The main purpose of the infographics is to communicate the information on the adopted law on the PC to the broad public as well as to involve broadest scope of the society in the process of election to the PCs with the state agencies.



Infographics on the law on the PCs produced in three languages – Kyrgyz, Russian and English <http://ons.kg/site/>