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Throughout the Fall of 2006, the Yerevan based Analytical Center on Globalization and Regional Cooperation with the support of the Heinrich Boell Foundation carried out 32 lectures and discussions for 31 Armenian university students at the Brusov State Linguistic University that together constituted the “School for Human Rights and European Integration.” The European Neighborhood Policy served as the most important leitmotiv of these sessions; nevertheless, increasing awareness regarding human rights, activities of international organization and the ENP Action Plan for Armenia were also main goals.

Together with the experts, students investigated individual phenomenon and discussed concrete events precipitated by the Action Plan for Armenia. During these sessions, the students increased their knowledge of the EU’s structure and different European organizations’ activities, i.e. OSCE, the European Council and the European Union. These sessions also allowed the students to meet international experts and become familiar with the human right’s situation and stance on European integration that other countries have adopted. Moreover, students listened to lectures and posed questions to representatives of independent, non-governmental organizations and Armenian think-tanks. This allowed them to hear alternative points of view on several issues and have a first-hand account of the actual work these civil societal institutions are doing ‘on the ground’. Finally, this program provided the opportunity to meet and work with other students from different Armenian universities.