

Possible titles for PR :

“People who are affected by conflict are more defenders”

“I did not want to leave my warm house if there is no any force”

On 25-30<sup>th</sup> of September CRISP started a new project regarding conflict transformation in Ukraine, Moldova and the South Caucasus. This project is conducted in close collaboration with IfA(Germany), PATRIR (Romania), ISKRA (Ukraine) and Creative Development Center (Georgia). Out of a series of



workshops we implemented the 1<sup>st</sup> module in Lviv, Ukraine with 30 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The main aim of the project is to introduce the participants the tools and techniques of conflict management in order to increase the quality and flexibility in this sphere. In doing

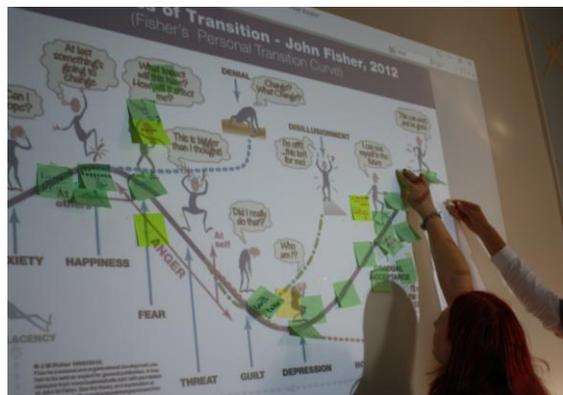
so the organizers aim to train individuals, working in the field, to engage even further in the local efforts on dealing with conflicts. Due to this empowerment we assist the participants to contribute in a constructive and peaceful manner to overcome current conflicts and to prevent future ones. The project in general, is an intense Training Course that consists of four modules and an implementation phase in between. During the implementation phase the participants will get the chance to conduct a 1-Day-Workshop in their home-country, while they can apply the previously gained knowledge. Here the participants are free to chose the topic, as well as the target-group of their workshops – we are already excited about the results.

During the first workshops we built the basis for the further cooperation among the participants and focused in the first stage on conflict-analysis-tools. The workshop was an open space for the participants from the different conflict regions to share their experiences and the challenges they have to face in their everyday work on community level. Each participant had various expectations from the project and they desired to find out common views and exchange them; to learn how to build peace in their communities and a new



perceptions of peace; to be aware about the conflict of different countries; to use all gained information for thesis and research work; to create communication channels; to get to know new training tools, which they could use during the implementation phase and others.

During the first module the participants learned the causes of conflicts, types of violence, the importance of dialogue, the nature of peace builder, as well as about the main actors of Peace building process. Further the CRISP trainers Andra Tanase and Florian Dunkel, tried to discover individual skills and talents of the future Peacebuilders and to look into an individual personal development.



While the participants were introduced to theoretic models, they were also asked to transfer this new knowledge into a concrete and realistic project. The different project ideas could be classified regarding topics such as Research and Monitoring, Policy and Lobby, Advocacy, Service Provision, Capacity Building and Dialogue, Networking and coordination and Protection.

After the first module the participants are more aware about the general project goals and the organizers are more aware about the concrete needs on behalf of the

participants and their expectations. In a next step we build upon what was created during the first workshop in the upcoming second module from 15-18<sup>th</sup> of October, in Tbilisi, Georgia