

## The Meetings of the Centers for Pluralism

The Meetings of the Centers for Pluralism are a forum for transborder cooperation, sharing of experiences, and assisting colleagues from different countries. There have been 18 full meetings of the Centers for Pluralism, the last in Baku, where 80 participants from 22 countries attended, as well as 9 regional meetings. The CfP Meetings inspired similar transborder events, such as the Women's Networking in the Caucasus and Women's Networking in Central Asia workshops, as well as thematic meetings, such as the Moscow and Sofia Symposia on Postcommunism and the Kyiv and Zagreb Symposia on the Rise of Nationalism. Below are scenes and portraits from these CfP Meetings.



Ronald Koven, European Representative of the World Press Freedom Committee, at the monument of Hasan Bey Zardabi, considered the father of Azeri journalism, who published the first newspaper in the Azeri language, Ekinchi, in 1875. Baku, 1997.



Transborder cooperation: Julia Kharashvili, Muborak Tashpulatova, Luminita Petrescu, and Irena Lasota: four trainers at the Women's Networking in the Caucasus meeting in Lekhani, Georgia.



Marek Nowicki, director of the Helsinki Human Rights Foundation in Warsaw, Poland, with Andrei Blinushev, director of Karta/Memorial-Ryazan.



Ivlian Haindrava, Ulvi Hakimov (Azerbaijan National Democratic Foundation), and Vahid Gazi.



Ales Bialacki, chairman of the working group of the Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs in Belarus, explains the independent monitoring campaign in Belarus to participants in Baku.



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Ivlian Haindrava and Irena Lasota with Armenian, Azerbaijani, and Georgian participants at the first CfP Caucasus Regional Meeting in December 2000, organized by the Center for Development and Cooperation in Tbilisi. Credit: IDEE



Narangeral Rinchin, Center for Citizenship Education (Mongolia), Irena Lasota, Novella Jafarava (Azerbaijan), and Ales Bialacki (Belarus) in a meeting with the newly created NGO election coalition SOS in Azerbaijan.