## The National Bank of Moldova and the State Road Administration will cooperate with IDIS Viitorul in the framework of the National Platform for Public Procurement

The National Bank of Moldova (NBM) and the State Road Administration (ASD) have expressed their openness and willingness to participate in the National Public Procurement Platform to promote the reform of the public procurement system. The team of the <u>Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) Viitorul</u>, which implements the Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova project with <u>Partnership for Transparency Fund</u> (PTF), met with representatives of the two institutions in order to strengthen and coordinate cooperation efforts.

The meeting was attended by Olga Pisarenco, Head of the Procurement and Contract Management Department, and Ludmila Ionițel, Senior Legal Advisor, from the Procurement and Management Department of the institution. ASD was represented at the meeting by Deputy Director Serghei Galusca, Petru Zolotcov, Head of the Records Service, Field Procurements, Sergiu Godiac, Head of the Roads Service, and Natalia Turcan, Head of the Public Procurement Service.

Carolina Ungureanu, Deputy Director of IDIS Viitorul, spoke about the Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement project, which aims to establish the National Platform for Public Procurement (NPPP). Carolina Ungureanu said that the platform's mission is to improve the efficiency, transparency, and integrity of the national public procurement system by addressing problems in the system, identifying legal, technical or procedural solutions, and proposing them to be integrated into the sector's policies by decision makers.

She also noted that the aim of the NPPP is to create a permanent multi-stakeholder communication and dialogue mechanism for all actors in the national procurement system, including civil society. The members of the Platform will address priority issues in the field, adopt common positions on the problems and challenges of the public procurement system, as well as make recommendations to overcome them.

Previously, IDIS Viitorul signed a Cooperation Agreement with the <u>Ministry of Finance</u> and the <u>National Agency for Dispute Resolution</u>. It also had meetings for cooperation purposes with the management of the <u>Public Procurement Agency</u> (PAA), <u>the National</u> <u>Agency for the Settlement of Disputes</u> (NSC), the administration of the <u>Centre for</u> <u>Centralised Public Procurement in Health</u> (CAPCS), <u>the Chamber of Commerce and</u> <u>Industry of the Republic of Moldova</u> (CCIRM) and <u>the Court of Accounts of the</u> <u>Republic of Moldova</u> (CCRM).

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The project <u>Increasing the Integirty of Public Procurement Project</u> is implemented by the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) Viitorul, in partnership with the American organization Partnership for Transparency Fund. The project aims to support public procurement reforms in Moldova that will increase transparency and fairness in public procurement by empowering citizens to hold relevant institutions accountable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>IDIS Viitorul</u> is an independent think tank established in 1993 that combines social, political and economic research with strong advocacy components. The institution conducts applied monitoring research in several areas: economics, social policy, EU policies, regional development, but also security and foreign policy risks.

<u>Partnership for Transparency Fund</u> (PTF) is based in Washington DC and its mission is to promote innovative civil society-led approaches to improving governance, increasing transparency, promoting the rule of law, and reducing corruption in developing and emerging countries. Since 2000, PTF has supported over 250 projects aimed at promoting NGO involvement in decisions, processes and laws that enforce transparency and accountability in public procurement.