



IDIS "Viitorul" trained representatives of the central and local administration on the public procurement process

The Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul" (IDIS) organized a training session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 focused on the public procurement process, from planning to contract implementation, for central and local public authorities at levels I and II. The training was conducted within the framework of the project "Open governance for engaged citizens," implemented by IDIS "Viitorul" with the support of the Open Government Partnership Europe (OGP EU) through the "EU for Integrity" Program in the Eastern Partnership, funded by the European Union (EU).

The session was attended by nearly 40 mayors, accountants, and public procurement specialists from the districts of Anenii Noi, Basarabeasca, Bălţi, Cahul, Căuşeni, Criuleni, Ialoveni, Străşeni, and other. The objective of the training was to strengthen the capacities of public authorities and improve the skills of procurement specialists and members of procurement working groups to ensure a transparent, efficient procurement process in full compliance with legal requirements.

The training aimed to promote understanding of the fundamental principles of public procurement; ensure compliance with legal requirements at every stage of the procurement cycle; prevent errors and irregularities in the procurement process; and improve the quality and efficiency of public resource.

"Since 2015, IDIS 'Viitorul' has been actively and consistently involved in the field of public procurement, becoming a trusted partner in promoting transparency and efficiency in this sector. During these ten years, we have contributed to the modernization of procurement processes in the country, supporting both the authorities and civil society by strengthening monitoring capacities and engaging directly in key stages of the reforms. The field of public procurement, which is highly complex and highly regulated, requires vigilance and expertise, and our mission has been and remains to support a fair, transparent, and results-oriented system," said Carolina Ungureanu, deputy director of IDIS "Viitorul".

"IDIS "Viitorul" focuses on monitoring procurement processes, building the capacity of contracting authorities, local and central authorities, including economic operators, but also others stakeholders seeking to improve their knowledge in the field of public procurement. Today's training is an example of this. We also monitor procurement policies, follow any changes, adjustments, amendments to the legal framework, the development of new policies, and provide recommendations and proposals for improvement," said Diana Enachi.

The trainer was Diana Enachi, public procurement expert at IDIS "Viitorul", who addressed the legal framework governing public procurement, the stages of the procurement process, thresholds and procedures, tender documentation, the publication of procurements in the electronic system, contract award procedures, remedies, etc.

The participants attended the training to learn about the most common mistakes made by public administrations and contracting authorities during the implementation of procurement procedures, in order to avoid them in the future, as well as ways to prevent certain complaints lodged by economic operators.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a public procurement specialist in the city hall, which is why I need to attend trainings myself and learn how to make correct public procurements, because in the end, all the full

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responsibility lies with me, as I sign the procedure as a responsible mayor. We also have the new law, about which we need to learn a great deal, so that we do not make mistakes, but instead become correct and efficient" says Tatiana Gălățeanu, mayor of Giurgiulești village, Cahul district.

"This training was very necessary for me as a mayor, as well as for public procurement specialists, to learn about the latest developments in the field of public procurement. The legislation in this area is flexible and changes frequently, and we must stay informed about all legislative amendments and new requirements so that we can apply them more effectively in practice", said Marcel Bobeica, mayor of Gangura commune, Ialoveni district.

"Such seminars are useful even for authorities with extensive experience, because the situations faced by each authority are different, but they can also be similar, and we learn how to proceed. We can learn from each other's practice and experience," said Valentina Griţai, chief specialist of the Public Procurement Section of the Balti City Hall.

"We are interested in learning about the new aspects in the field of public procurement, the challenges encountered in procurement procedures from the practice of other authorities, and the mechanisms for resolving such issues, in case we face similar situations," said Elena Lupan, chief specialist of the public procurement section of the Criuleni District Council.

The "Open governance for engaged citizens" project is implemented from April 2025 to January 2026. The initiative addresses key challenges in ensuring good governance, aiming to enhance transparency and the principle of co-creation in local decision-making processes. At the same time, the project aims to contribute to improving transparency and access to open data regarding public authority procurement. The planned activities aim to strengthen the capacities of civil servants responsible for carrying out public procurement, provide practical workshops dedicated to open governance, and provide mentoring for local public authorities.

The project will include public lessons with students, as well as an information campaign that distributes infographics and materials to help citizens access public information and actively participate in the decision-making process. The project aims to contribute to increasing transparency, civic trust, and accountability of public institutions in the Republic of Moldova. The initiative also supports the European integration path of the Republic of Moldova and consolidates sustainable reforms in the field of open governance.

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