Civil Society in Moldova Sets Priorities for Monitoring the New e-Procurement System and Developing the Business Intelligence Tool

The Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) "Viitorul," in collaboration with Stichting voor Open Contracting (Netherlands), held a Public Procurement Monitoring Coalition meeting on Tuesday, 10 November 2026. The meeting focused on consulting civil society representatives on their priorities regarding the new e-Procurement electronic system and the development of the Business Intelligence (BI) analytical tool.

The event brought together civil society representatives and public procurement experts, providing a platform to discuss strengthening public procurement monitoring, improving access to open data, and using digital tools to enhance transparency and accountability in the procurement process.

In his opening remarks, Liubomir Chiriac, Executive Director of IDIS "Viitorul", stated that transparency and accountability in public procurement cannot be ensured without the active involvement of civil society and access to relevant data presented in an accessible, easy-to-analyze format. "*Through this dialogue, we aim to strengthen cooperation between civil society, experts and the responsible institutions, so that public procurement becomes more transparent, efficient and credible*," said **Liubomir Chiriac**, Executive Director of IDIS "Viitorul".

Karolis Granickas, Director for Europe at the Open Contracting Partnership, which includes Stichting voor Open Contracting from the Netherlands, stated that developing a new BI tool could represent significant progress for civil society, journalists, experts and monitoring organizations in Moldova. It would provide them with the opportunity to identify risks, compare the behavior of contracting authorities and suppliers, and track developments in the public procurement market.

However, in his view, the tool's effectiveness will depend on ensuring access to complete data; extending monitoring to all stages of the procurement cycle; developing relevant indicators for identifying risks and potential irregularities; providing data filtering, comparison and export functionalities; and increasing the tool's visibility and uptake among civil society organizations.

Carolina Ungureanu, Project Manager, presented the Coalition's composition, the areas of expertise of its members, their experience and expectations regarding the platform, the project's objectives, and the Coalition's role in achieving them. "*Consulting civil society is an important step in ensuring that the new e-Procurement electronic system and the BI tool meet the needs of those involved in monitoring public procurement. We aim to gather opinions, proposals and priorities from civil society so that they can be taken into account in the development of the new digital tools*," stated **Carolina Ungureanu**.

Participants highlighted the importance of ensuring effective access to public procurement information, examining how digital tools can support civil society in identifying risks, analyzing procurement processes and monitoring the use of public funds.

"*For civil society organisations, access to complete, up-to-date and easily processable data is essential for monitoring public procurement. It is important that civil society's experience be taken into account in the development of these tools*," said **Alfred Silistrari**, from the Center for Policies and Initiatives.

"*Civil society must play an active role in monitoring public procurement, and the development of modern digital tools can make a significant contribution to this process. We are interested in ensuring*

that information is presented in an accessible way, allowing everyone to track how public funds are being used. A transparent system encourages accountability and strengthens citizens' trust in public institutions," reiterated **Diana Caireac**, from the Raza Soarelui Public Association.

"*The digitalisation of public procurement means creating mechanisms through which data can be analysed and used to improve the procurement process. The BI tool can become an important resource for monitoring performance indicators, identifying risk patterns and analysing the behavior of contracting authorities*," noted **Alexandru Crigan**, from Localinvest.

During the meeting, Coalition members were invited to formulate priorities and recommendations on the functionalities of the new e-Procurement system and the development of the BI tool, to ensure these instruments best address the needs of civil society and organizations involved in public procurement monitoring.

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