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Involving public in improving the efficiency and transparency of local governments in Moldova

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Why public control?

- Decentralization of money and competences:
 - Need for control: official (central/local) / inofficial (by general public)
 - Official control may fail due to insufficient capacities, inefficient rules, conflict of interests, corruption, etc.
 - Control by general public should be in place
 - People need information transparency is key precondition for successful public control

About the project

- Title: Transparent, Financially Healthy and Competitive Self-governments in Moldova
- Period: October 2015 October 2017
- Funded by: Slovak Aid, U.S. Embassy
- Implemented by: INEKO and IDIS "Viitorul"
- Goal: To support regional development in Moldova through know-how transfer of three successful projects implemented in Slovakia

Objectives

- Transparency rating → More local governments implementing anti-corruption measures
- Opening financial data → Disclosed cases of inefficiency and/or corruption practices of local gvts
- Competitiveness rating → General public informed about rating and ranking of competitiveness of Moldovan regions

Transparency rating

- Done:
 - Report and interactive internet portal on transparency of 50 biggest cities: <u>http://localtransparency.viitorul.org/</u>
- To do list:
 - Computing transparency rating for regions
 - Establishing analytical and advocacy team with at least 5 experts (NGOs, journalists, local activists)
 - Monitoring and assisting <u>at least 10 local Gvts</u> in implementation of anti-corruption measures
 - Advocating key results in public discourse; monthly electronic newsletter; IDIS Facebook; IDIS project webpage; etc.
 - Update of transparency rating of municipalities and regions in 2017
 - Conference in October 2017: Awarding most transparent cities and regions

Opening financial data

- Done:
 - Report and interactive internet portal on financial data of all local governments: <u>http://localbudgets.viitorul.org/</u>
- To do list:
 - Upgrading the portal: Collecting and uploading detailed data on revenues and expenditure
 - Establishing analytical and advocacy team with at least 5 experts (NGOs, journalists, local activists)
 - Analyzing financial data
 - Advocating key results in public discourse; monthly electronic newsletter; IDIS Facebook; etc.
 - Update of the portal in 2017

Competitiveness rating

- Done: Data collection
- To do list:
 - Data analysis: Writing a list of competitive advantages and disadvantages of MD regions (December 2016)
 - Uploading data to the interactive internet model
 - Publishing the results (February 2017)

Thank you for your attention! <u>http://ineko.sk/</u>