

PROGRAMME. ANNUAL FORUM ON BUDGETARY PARTICIPATION “INFORM, EMPOWER AND ACT!”

Date: April 2, 2020

Venue: “ARTCOR” Creative Industries Centre

Address: 137, 31 August str.

8:30 – 09.00 **Registration of participants**

9:00 – 09.30 **Welcome remarks**

H.E. Mr. Peter Michalko, Head of EU Delegation to Moldova (tbc)

Martin Sieg, Director of the KAS office in Romania and Moldova (tbc)

Adrian Lupușor, Team leader of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”

9.30 – 11.00 **Panel 1. Importance of high-level commitment for promoting budgetary participation**

Serghei Puscuta, Deputy Prime-minister, Minister of Finance (tbc)

Vladimir Golovatiuc, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee “Economy, Budget and Finances” (tbc)

Igor Munteanu, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee “Control Commission of Public Finances”

Marian Lupu, President of the Court of Accounts (tbc)

Floirs van Eijik, Representative of the Dutch Embassy Office in Moldova (tbc)

Viorel Furdui, Executive Director of the Congress of LPAs (CALM) (tbc)

Liliana Palihovici, President of the CSO “Institutum Virtutes Civilis”

Tatiana Seredenco, Regional Organization AO “AZI”

Moderator: Iulian Groza, Executive Director of the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE)

Key questions/issues for discussion:

- The role of political leadership in promoting budgetary participation.
- What are the key stakeholders/partners that should work together in order to promote budgetary transparency in the most effective way? How to empower them? How to engage them in a multi-lateral constructive partnership?
- How to inspire the policy makers, LPAs and communities for a more transparent, open and inclusive budgetary process?
- What is the role of the donor community in promoting budgetary participation and how to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the provided support?

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 13.00 **Panel 2. Practical approaches for budgetary participation: from aspirations to concrete steps**

Dumitru Budianschi, Program Director at Expert-Grup and Manager of the Project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”.

Valentina Casian, Mayor of Strășeni

Nicolae Dandiș, Mayor of Cahul

Vojtěch Černý, International expert on participatory budgeting, Czech Republic (tbc)

Diana Enachi, Domestic expert on budgetary participation, IDIS Viitorul

Stela Babici, Resources Center for Youth “Dacia”

Valentina Plesca, Expert on budgetary participation, GIZ Moldova (tbc)

Moderator: *Ruslan Stânga*, Executive Director of the Institute for Rural Initiatives

Key questions/issues for discussion:

- What are the simplest and most straightforward tools to be implemented for motivating civil society to participate in the budgetary process?
- What did work and what did not work in other countries in promoting budgetary participation?
- How to ensure a constructive engagement between central government, LPAs and civil society?
- How to motivate the local communities to participate more actively in the budgetary processes at the local level?
- How to strike the balance between keeping the government accountable and productively engaging with policy makers on the budgetary process?

13.00 – 13.15 **Key conclusions and the way forward**

Adrian Lupușor, Team leader of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”

13.15 – 14.00 **Networking Lunch**

