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PROGRAMME

Working Language:	<i>Romanian. Translation is provided to Russian and English.</i>
Venue:	<i>via Zoom - online platform</i>
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Registration of participants (Zoom room open)</i>
09:00 – 09.25	Welcome remarks <i>Dina Roșca</i> , Secretary General, Ministry of Finance <i>Dumitru Alaiba</i> , Chairman of the Committee on Economy, Budget and Finance, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova <i>Gintautas Baranauskas</i> , Deputy Head of Cooperation at the EU Delegation to Moldova <i>Stephan Malerius</i> , Deputy Head & Desk Officer Department EU Projects, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (online) <i>Constantin Cojocaru</i> , Vice president, Congress of Local Public Authorities (online) <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Adrian Lupușor</i> , Executive Director of Expert-Grup and Team leader of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”.
09.25 – 09.30	<i>Short break to invite the speakers of the next panel – Background video (gingle)</i>
09.30 – 11.00	Panel 1. Main achievements, challenges and lessons learned from promoting budgetary participation in Moldova
09.30 – 09.35	<i>Video intro about the key project results (3-5 minutes)</i>
09.35 – 10.55	Speakers: <i>Tatiana Savva</i> , Coordinator of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”, Expert-Grup <i>Gheorghe Caraseni</i> , independent evaluator of the project <i>Valentina Casian</i> , Mayor of Strasen <i>Tatiana Costev-Coșuleanu</i> , Executive Director, Institute for Rural Initiatives (IRI) <i>Valeriu Rusu</i> , Executive Director, Agency for Regional Development „Habitat“, regional project partner, CENTER <i>Serghei Neicovcen</i> , Executive Director, Center “CONTACT”, regional partner, Security Zone <i>Vasile Grama</i> , Expert, AO "Caroma Nord", regional partner, NORTH <i>Tatiana Seredenco</i> , Executive Director, AO „AZI”, regional partner, SOUTH <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Iulian Groza</i> , Executive Director, Institute for European Policies and Reforms

	<u>Key questions/issues for discussion:</u> • What were the main project activities and results? • What are the main conclusions of the independent project evaluation? • What tangible changes did the concept of participatory budgeting bring at the local level? • What are the key challenges for promoting budgetary participation at the local level, and how to overcome them? • Is there enough political leadership for promoting budgetary participation at the local level?
11.00 – 11.25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.25 – 12.45	Panel 2. The future of budgetary participation in Moldova
11.25 – 11.30	<i>Video Voxes (3-5 minutes)</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Speakers: <i>Nicolae Dandis</i>, Mayor of Cahul <i>Iurie Gangan</i>, Mayor of Florești <i>Nina Cereteu</i>, Mayor of Drochia <i>Stanislav Ghilețchi</i>, Deputy Executive Director, IPRE <i>Giovanni Allegretti</i>, International consultant on budgetary participation (online) <i>José Manuel Ribeiro</i>, Mayor of Valongo (Portugal) and President of RAP (Portuguese Network of Participatory Local Authorities) (online) <i>Stela Alexei</i>, Local Government Finance Manager, USAID, Comunitatea Mea <i>Alexandru Pelivan</i>, Project coordinator, EU4Moldova Focal Regions, UNDP Moldova (tbc) <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Stas Madan</i>, Program director, Expert-Grup <u>Key questions/issues for discussion:</u> • How to inspire the policy makers, LPAs and communities for a more transparent, open and inclusive budgetary process? • How can budgetary participation contribute to local development? What are the positive experiences and lessons learned so far? • What are the opportunities for donor coordination in order to further promote budgetary participation? • What Moldova can learn from relevant international experience in promotion of budgetary participation and ensuring its sustainability?
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.45	Panel 3. Building partnerships for advancing budgetary participation: the role of the donor community Speakers: <i>Josip Juric</i>, Project Manager, EU Delegation (online)

	<i>Inguna Dobraja</i>, Country Manager for Moldova, World Bank Moldova (tbc) <i>Elena Spînu</i>, Advisor on Citizens Engagement and Capacity Development, GIZ project “Modernisation of Local Public Services” <i>Bartłomiej Zdaniuk</i>, Ambassador, Embassy of Poland in Moldova (tbc) <i>Sergejus Muravjovas</i>, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International, Lithuanian Chapter <u>Moderator:</u> Tatiana Savva, Coordinator of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”, Expert-Grup <u>Key questions/issues for discussion:</u> • What are the lessons learned in promoting budgetary participation so far? • How could donors help the Moldovan government and civil society in advancing the budgetary participation at the central and local levels? • How to improve the donor coordination in this area? What actions are expected from the Government? • What should be the role of LPAs and CSOs in promoting budgetary participation and building resilient partnerships with the donor community in this regard? • How can the sustainability of donor actions in promoting budgetary transparency be ensured?
14.45 – 15.00	Key conclusions and the ways forward <i>Adrian Lupușor</i>, Executive Director of Expert-Grup and Team leader of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”