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Chişinău, Moldova

**The Role of Local Authorities in the Process of Reforms.
Moldavian transition – A new partnership for supporting democracy and strengthening local government**

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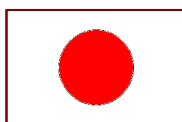
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Objectives:

- ✓ To develop a common understanding of the current status of reforms in Moldova in local public administration, administrative decentralisation and local public finance and collect suggestion for the improvement of communication channels;
- ✓ To gain an in-depth understanding of the transition's main problems and its implementation context
- ✓ To identify model experiences from other European countries in selected areas, i.e. distribution of functions, the delivery of local public services, local finance, property, and internal organization of local government and seek ways to implement them in Moldova.
- ✓ To review the role of trainings in developing local officials capacities at different levels in managing for results and to explore possibilities of working with local and international partners for building capacity of local governments in Moldova;
- ✓ To prepare a sustainability plan with a major focus on training component to strengthen local capacity.

AGENDA

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:50 **OPENING SESSION**

Mr. Vitalie VRABIE, Deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of Moldova Local Public Administration

Ms. Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Vice-President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Mr. Hideaki NOGUCHI, Councilor, Deputy Head of Diplomatic Mission, Embassy of Japan in Ukraine and Republic of Moldova

Mr. Ștefan BRATU, President of Association of Rayon Presidents and Councilors

Mr. Mihai PEREBINOS, Acting Chairman of the Association of Mayors and Local Communities of the Republic of Moldova (AMLCM)

Mr. Vasile BALAN, President of the National League of Mayors

Mr. Mirosław WAROWICKI, member of ENTO Bureau

10:50-11:10 **Current status of the main reforms in Moldova**

Vitalie Vrabie, Deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of Moldova Local Public Administration

11:10-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-12:15 **SESSION I**

“Identification of the main problems with the transition and public administration reform”

Moderator: **Mirosław WAROWICKI**, member of ENTO Bureau

Tomasz KAYSER, Vice-President of Poznan, Poland

Stanisław KRACIK, Mayor of Niepolomice, Poland

Gheorghe HRITCU, Mayor of Scobinti, Romania

Ovidiu URSACHE, Mayor of Letcani, Romania

Cezar OLADU, Department of European Integration and Development Strategies, Suceava Municipality, Romania

Questions/Answers

12:15-13:00 SESSION II

“Distribution of functions, the delivery of local public services, local finance – how to overcome the problems, how to find support.”

Moderator: **Mirosław WAROWICKI**, member of ENTO Bureau

Tomasz KAYSER, Vice-President of Poznan, Poland

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Questions/Answers

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:45 SESSION III

“Property management, internal organization of local government models implemented.”

Moderator: **Boris PERIL**, member of ENTO Bureau

Tomasz KAYSER, Vice-President of Poznan, Poland

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Questions/Answers

14:45-15:30 SESSION IV

“The role and forms of training in the transition process. Why the Training capacity is important as an alternative to the traditional education.”

Moderator: **Boris PERIL**, member of ENTO Bureau

Tomasz KAYSER, Vice-President of Poznan, Poland

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Questions/Answers

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16:30 SESSION V

“Lessons learned, recommendations based on experience from European countries during or after transition”

Moderator: **Mirosław WAROWICKI**, member of ENTO Bureau

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16:30-17:00 Concluding remarks and closure of the Seminar

17:00-18:00 Working meeting with local experts on the content and scope of work needed for a development sustainability plan. How to complement other local governments in Moldova. Preliminary draft of follow up activities within the project.