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FINANCING OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: LESSONS LEARNED IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

*Hotel Radisson Blu Leograd
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
14-15 December 2017*

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 14 December 2017 (*Loft Lounge Room*)

19:00	<p>Reception on behalf of Council of Europe</p> <p>WELCOME REMARKS</p> <p>Ms EVA GUTJAHR, Acting Head of Council of Europe Office in Chisinau Ms ALINA RUSSU, Chair of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova Mr SAM VAN DER STAAK, Head of Wider Europe Programme, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) Dr. MARTIN SIEG, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Offices (KAS) in Romania and Republic of Moldova Ms ANA MIHAILOV, Programme Coordinator of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in the Republic of Moldova</p>
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Friday, 15 December 2017 (*Begonia Meeting Room*)

9:00-9:30	Registration of participants
9:30-9:45	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>H.E. Mr PETER MICHALKO, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova Mr FLORIAN SEITZ, Deputy Head of the German Embassy in the Republic of Moldova</p>
9:45-10:00	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Mr IGOR BOTAN, Executive Director, Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT)</p>
10:00-11:30	<p>PANEL I: The significance of party financing for effective democratic competition in multi-party systems: International experience</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr IGOR BOTAN, Executive Director, Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT)</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Mr CHRISTOPH SPECKBACHER, Head of Section, Secretariat of the GRECO, Council of Europe Mr JACOPO LEONE, Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR Mr ARCADIE BARBĂROȘIE, Executive Director, Institute of Public Policies Ms LINA PETRONIENE, Head of Division of Political Parties and Political Campaigns Funding Control, Central Election Commission of Lithuania</p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	<p>PANEL II: Party financing laws, regulations and realities in comparison: Challenges and lessons learned in the Eastern Partnership</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr SAM VAN DER STAAK, Head of Wider Europe Programme, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Mr OLEKSANDR CHERNENKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Ms MANE TANDILYAN, Member of the National Assembly of Armenia Mr ZURAB AZNAURASHVILI, Head of Financial Monitoring Service of Political Parties, State Audit Office of Georgia Mr SERGIU LIPCEAN, Researcher, FES/IDIS "Viitorul" Project</p>

13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch (Ambassador Restaurant)</i>
14:30-16:00	<p>PANEL III: Holding political parties accountable: The role of state and non-state oversight mechanisms</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr FRANCOIS FRIEDERICH, Head of Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Ms ELIN FALGUERA, Programme Officer, Political Participation and Representation Programme, International IDEA Mr VEACESLAV AGRIGOROAE, Secretary of Central Election Commission Mr IGOR MUNTEANU, Executive Director, IDIS "Viitorul" Mr ION MANOLE, Head, "Promo-LEX" Association</p>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-18:00	<p>PANEL IV: Party financing in the Republic of Moldova: Political debate</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms MARIANA RATĂ, Coordinating Editor, Center for Investigative Journalism</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Mr PHILIP DIMITROV, Member of Venice Commission Mr IGOR GROSU, Secretary General of the Action and Solidarity Party (PAS) Mr SERGIU SÎRBU, Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Faction of the Democratic Party of Moldova (PDM)</p>
18:00-18:30	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Mr SAM VAN DER STAAK, Head of Wider Europe Programme, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) Mr FRANCOIS FRIEDERICH, Head of Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe</p>
19:00	<i>Networking and dinner (Ambassador Restaurant)</i>