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Activity 1.4
Integrity of Local Governments

ACTIVITY REPORT

**Workshops no. 1
“Healthy Local Governments – Corruption Diagnosis”**

**Telenesti, 19 September and Causeni, 24 September 2012
Republic of Moldova**

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1. General Framework

This report is elaborated in accordance with the contract on provision of consultancy services under the EaP/CoE Facility Project on “Good Governance and Fight against Corruption” signed on 6 July 6 2012 between Action against Crime Department, DG I - Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, and the Institute for Urban Development.

The project **aims** to develop Local Strategic Plans to combat and prevent corruption by promoting innovative, strategic and practical approaches of treating and preventing corruption in local government through a participatory strategic planning process.

The workshops’ **objectives** were:

- Improving participants’ knowledge on strategic approach of the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of corruption in local government;
- Identifying and analysing District Councils’ activities and services most vulnerable to corruption that would have significant negative impact on quality of citizens’ life, and the image of the District Councils.

The facilitators of the workshops were Veaceslav Bulat, Director of IUD and IUD’s experts, Viorica Scerbina, Hirbu Eduard and Natalia Sava. General information on the workshops is presented in the following table:

No	Date and venue	No. of participants	Facilitators
1	19 September, city of Telenesti	27	Veaceslav Bulat, Natalia Sava
2	24 September, city of Causeni	28	Veaceslav Bulat, Hirbu Eduard, Viorica Scerbina

The Workshops were attended by counsellors and civil servants of local government of level II, economic agents, civil society and media. The representatives of the Centre for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption (Daniela Railean and Virginia Moraru) and the State Chancellery were present as observers.

The following activities were carried out in the framework of the workshops:

1. As a first step participants were introduced to the concepts underlying strategic approach in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of corruption in local government. Thus, the notions of corruption, corruption acts, monopoly, discretion, transparency, strategic planning and diagnosis were updated.
2. Then the session on in-depth analysis of the results of the opinion poll conducted during the preparatory stage prior to the workshops took place.
3. Based on the results of the diagnostic analysis through participatory method, the participants selected priority areas and analysed in detail the activities and services identified as the most vulnerable to corruption.
4. For each of the selected areas causes of vulnerability to corruption were analysed and Problems Trees were developed.

Based on the results of the workshops, a diagnostic report was prepared for each District Council which will serve as a basis for developing anti-corruption strategies, projects and activities during the second round of workshops.

The workshops' agendas are presented in **Appendix 1** of this Report.

The instructional materials are presented in **Appendix 3** of this Report.

The Diagnostic Reports are presented in **Appendix 4** of this Report.

At the end of the workshops the participants were asked to complete a questionnaire to evaluate: (1) organisation and conduct of the workshops, (2) instructional materials and (3) facilitators' work. The participants were also asked to comment on the positive and negative aspects of the workshops and to make recommendations for their further improvement.

Below is a summary of the workshops' assessment.

2. Telenesti: 19 September

The workshop was held at the Restaurant "Dacia" and was attended by 28 participants, including 10 heads of divisions and sections, 3 deputy heads and 12 coordinator specialists of the District Council of Telenesti. The List of participants is presented in **Appendix 2**.

According to the evaluation forms completed by the participants, the workshop was rated as follows*:

No.	Title	Average score
1	Organisation and conduct of the workshop	4,66
2	Instructional materials	4,80
3	Facilitators	4,88

Positive aspects:

- (i) open and free discussion
- (ii) timeliness of the addressed topic
- (iii) experienced and well-trained facilitators
- (iv) well-organised workflow
- (v) active involvement of participants.

Weak points:

- (i) short timeframe allocated for the activity
- (ii) too many materials for a single working day.

The participants made the following proposals:

- (i) develop detailed annual plans
- (ii) organise a workshop in the field of fight against corruption abroad
- (iii) conduct similar workshops for entrepreneurs, economic agents and other state institutions at least once in 2 years.

* The participants were asked to evaluate the workshop organisation, training materials and trainers work through a scoring system from 1 (lowest position) to 5 (the highest degree)

3. Causeni: 24 September

The workshop was held at the Restaurant "Causeni" and was attended by 28 participants, including: 2 heads of sections, 1 head of division and 23 coordinator specialists of the District Council of Causeni. The List of participants is presented in **Appendix 2**.

According to the evaluation forms completed by the participants, the workshop was rated as follows*:

No	Title	Average score
1	Organisation and conduct of the workshop	4,82
2	Instructional materials	4,88
3	Facilitators	4,88

As essential features of the workshop the participants highlighted:

- (i) timeliness and usefulness of the information;
- (ii) availability of materials and information presented as well as the terminology used;
- (iii) experienced and well-trained facilitators;
- (iv) well-organised workflow
- (v) active involvement of the participants.

As weak points of the workshop the participants have mentioned: (i) short timeframe allocated for the activity.

The participants made the following proposals:

- (i) conduct trainings on strategic development
- (ii) develop strategic plans for other areas
- (iii) organise and conduct study visits to learn more on the fight against corruption.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1

Agenda of the Telenesti workshop

Agenda of the Causeni workshop

Appendix 2

List of participants of the Telenesti workshop

List of participants of the Causeni workshop

Appendix 3

The instructional materials used during the workshops

Appendix 4

Diagnostic Report of Telenesti

Diagnostic Report of Causeni