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**To: His Excellency Mr. Robert Kirnag, Ambassador**  
**Cc: Mr. Peter Tomasek, Development Cooperation Diplomat**  
**Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Chisinau**

Hereby, we are pleased to invite you to the training "*Financial health of localities in Moldova through the Slovak experience*" to be held **Thursday, May 28, starting at 10:00 in the Conference Hall of the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) "Viitorul", second floor, located on Iacob Hincu 10/1 Street, MD-2005, Chisinau.**

The decentralization of public finances, transparency of local authorities in Slovakia and Moldova are some of the issues to be discussed within the seminar. The event aims to know the current status of financial decentralization in Moldova and to discuss the creation of an open data portal as a solution to the transparency of the financial policy of local authorities in the country, having as a model the Slovak experience.

The seminar will be attended by representatives of the Government, local government, NGO sector and local experts in public finance decentralization.

While local authorities call for urgent fiscal decentralization, state budget continues to be allocated to districts based on political criteria. It's not a secret that the administrative-territorial units under the control of the ruling parties are more likely to get finance for capital investment. The situation is also confirmed by the local authorities, who claim that this problem fact represents an impediment for local development. To be noted that the new law on local public finances, which implies decentralization, entered into force on 1 January. According to it, the money allocated from the central budget is transferred directly to municipalities.

Thus, in partnership with the Institute for Economic and Social Reforms (INEKO), IDIS "Viitorul" will collect financial data of the LPAS and will develop an open data portal that will monitor the financial health of the 50 largest municipalities in Moldova, thus contributing to the sustainable development of local governance in the country.

*The event is held within the project "Improving oversight of local governments in Moldova" is implemented by the Institute for Economic and Social Reforms (INEKO) in partnership with IDIS "Viitorul", with support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). The project aims to increase the financial accountability of local governments in 50 municipalities throughout Moldova.*

Kindly please confirm your participation and /or persons delegated by you at (+373 22) 221844 or at [ana.veverita@viitorul.org](mailto:ana.veverita@viitorul.org).

See the Agenda of the event attached.

Sincerely,

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