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TI BiH and representatives of Georgia, Ukraine and Lithuania on open public procurement

Workshop: Anti-corruption measures for the Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership
regarding public procurement

Sarajevo, September 11, 2017 – Transparency International in Bosnia and Herzegovina (TI BiH) is organizing a workshop entitled Anti-corruption measures for the Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership regarding public procurement, aimed at exchanging knowledge and experiences in the drafting process and implementation of measures related to public procurement.

This will be the opportunity for the TI BiH representatives to talk about anti-corruption measures within the OGP action plans, and the significance of publishing all information regarding the public procurement in BiH. The representative of the Open Contracting Partnership from Lithuania, Mr Karolis Granickas, will talk about the correlation between the OGP Initiative and open contracting, and will provide the examples to present the possibilities that all members of the Initiative have within their OGP action plans.

A significant part of the workshop will be dedicated to discussion related to challenges and opportunities the action plans provide in order to ensure better transparency and efficiency in the field of public procurement. Thus, the representative of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information from Georgia, Mr Giorgi Kldiashvili, will talk about the way in which it is possible to make the contracting authorities disclose all information in an open format, and the way to ensure the continuity in disclosure. After that, the representative of Transparency International Ukraine, Mr Viktor Nestulia, will give the example of the Ukrainian portal of public procurement to show how to ensure, not only disclosure of information, but the timely disclosure of information, in an appropriate format, and which ensure the public monitoring over the public procurement procedures.

The official start of the workshop is planned for **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Hotel Europe in Sarajevo at 9.10h.**

Press conference will be held at 9.00h.

The agenda is attached below.

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Hotel Europe, Vladislava Skarića 5, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH

Agenda:

- 09:00 – 09:10 **Registration of participants/ Press conference**
- 09:10 – 09:20 **Introductory speech**
Moderator: Elvira Mujkic, Transparency International in BiH
- 09:20 – 10:00 **Anti-corruption measures in action plans for the Open Government Partnership**
Aleksandra Martinovic, Transparency International in BiH
- 10:00 – 11:30 **Disclosure of information on public procurement**
 - Importance of transparency and efficiency in public procurements
 - Open Government Partnership and open contracting: Examples and possibilities*Aleksandra Martinovic, Transparency International in BiH*
Karolis Granickas, Open Contracting Partnership, Lithuania
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Discussion regarding possibilities and challenges for the increase of measures in order to ensure better transparency and efficiency of public procurements**
How to make the government obliged to disclose the information in an open format? How to keep the commitment to this obligation?
Giorgi Kldiashvili, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information from Georgia
- 12:45 – 13:45 **Discussion regarding possibilities and challenges for the increase of measures in order to ensure better transparency and efficiency of public procurements**
How to ensure that the information are not just disclosed, but disclosed in timely manner, in the appropriate format, interoperable etc.
Viktor Nestulia, Transparency International Ukraine
- 13:45 – 15:00 **Launch break**
- 15:00 – 15:45 **Presentation of the best OGP practices in public procurement**
How to establish the exchange of data and information in order to ensure the real effect? How to ensure that the identified problems will be solved?
Viktor Nestulia, Transparency International Ukraine

- 15:45 – 16:45 Group work
Joint creation of measures/obligations related to the public procurement for the first OGP Action Plan in BiH
Moderator: *Aleksandra Martinovic, Transparency International in BiH*
Giorgi Kldiashvili, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information from Georgia
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Summary of the results and the end of the workshop**