

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Association for Efficient and  
Responsible Governance (AGER)**

**2016**

## Introduction

In line with AGER Activity Plan for 2016-2017, the interventions were oriented primarily in the following priority areas:

1. Enhancing transparency and accountability of the government, both at central and local levels;
2. Overseeing public procurement
3. Monitoring justice sector reform
4. Observing public administration reform processes
5. Enhancing capacities of local/grass-roots organizations

## AGER activity in 2016

Below, we will present a short overview of AGER activity in each of the five areas.

### **1) Enhancing transparency and accountability of the government, both at central and local levels**

AGER has been active in observing how decision-makers (national and local) respect the provisions of the law on transparency in decision making process, as well as, to what extent they grant requested information of public interest. AGER has thus joined several public appeals launched by other NGOs in this regard, but has also launched public appeals on its own, which were supported by other NGOs. One of them was dedicated to Access to Information Day and called upon the public authorities to respect the legislation on access to information and not to hamper the activity of civil society or the legitimate interests of the citizens by refusing to disclose public information.

### **2) Overseeing public procurement**

This is an area where AGER has been most active during 2016, partly due to the fact that it had a large EU and NED funded project called “Public Budget is My Money Too!” underway. Thus, it has contributed to the development of the new legal and normative framework, by commenting on each draft law or regulation placed for public consultation. Also, AGER’s comments on the Public Procurement Reform Strategy were considered very useful by the Ministry of Finance and the EU High Level Policy Adviser to the Ministry of Finance. Some of AGER’s recommendations were taken into account and are now reflected in the new legislation. By the means of this project, AGER has put pressure on public authorities to disclose information regarding procurement, thus contributing to initiating the discussions regarding the creation of an e-procurement platform, similar to Prozorro system in Ukraine. As a consequence, AGER is one of the signatories of the Memorandum of cooperation regarding the roll out of the new e-procurement system.

The local NGOs involved in the project have significantly strengthened their capacities, as compared to the beginning of the project. They are the “feared” observers in the community, where public authorities are more cautious in respecting the legislation.

### **3) Monitoring justice sector reform**

One of the priority areas of AGER is justice sector reform. Between 2012-2014, it has implemented, together with Promo LEX Association a large project on monitoring justice reform implementation. Even after the project has ended, AGER team has continued to observe the actions taken by state authorities with relation to justice sector reform, participating in working groups by the Ministry of Justice, initiating and joining public appeals referring to justice reform, as well as preparing a project, along with Freedom House, which was accepted for funding by the US State Department and started to be implemented from 1 January 2017.

### **4) Observing public administration reform processes**

While public administration reform is a priority area in AGER's activity plan, it has not been very active in this regard during 2016. It has followed the State Chancellery agenda, the draft laws proposed by the Government in this area, as well as those discussed and adopted in the Parliament. However it did not have a more structured activity in this respect. Plans for development of more comprehensive initiatives in PAR area remain for 2017 implementation.

### **5) Enhancing capacities of local/grass-roots organizations**

AGER continued the effort to enhance the capacities of community based, local NGOs. Thus, continuous support and advice was provided to the 10 NGOs which are sub-grantees in the project related to public procurement monitoring. This support referred both to enhancing their expertise in public procurement, and to improving their capacities in terms of project and financial management (reporting, etc.).

On the other hand, a separate activity on improving the capacities of Moldovan NGOs in advocacy and impact analysis, was carried out in partnership with PRAXIS Policy Center from Estonia, through a project financed by the Estonian MFA. Within this project, 12 NGOs (mostly local ones, but also several national) have undergone a series of trainings related to implementing efficient advocacy campaigns and assessing the impact of their work. Trainings were followed by practical assignments, and concluded with a study trip to Tallinn.

## AGER's activity

Throughout 2016:

- 1) Public events - 15, approximately 200 people have participated.
- 2) Trainings - 2
- 3) Initiated Calls - 2
- 4) Publications - 2

## Financial status

### AGER's balance sheet: 2016

	2015	2016
<b>Non-current/ fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	32,154	6,431
Fixed assets	37,908	7,581
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>70,062</b>	<b>14,012</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Assets (material)	17,095	1,358
Items of low value and short duration	1,559	1,559
Trade receivables and advances	5,390	5,261
Budget receivables		417
Other current receivables, out of which	178,248	233,900
Claims relating to special purpose vehicles	178,248	233,723
Cash	1,151,743	631,551
Other current assets	566	6
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,354,601</b>	<b>874,052</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,424,663</b>	<b>888,064</b>
<b>Equity capital</b>		
Fixed Assets Fund	70,062	14,012
Self-financing fund		275
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>70,062</b>	<b>14,287</b>
<b>Current debts</b>		
Funding and receipts for special purposes	1,151,362	621,675
Commercial debt/liability and advances received	191	9,600
Debt to staff	130	
Debt to the budget	60	
Current anticipated revenue	24,610	8,779
Other current liabilities	178,248	233,723
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,354,601</b>	<b>873,777</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,424,663</b>	<b>888,064</b>

## AGER financing sources

		2016			
<b>FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>MDL</b>	<b>USD/EUR</b>	<b>Cumulative MDL</b>	<b>USD/EUR</b>
Delegation of the European Union	R EEU	1,523,953	67,997	3,830,630	186,732
National Endowment for Democracy	D UUS	565,583	27,740	846,435	41,740
Praxis Center for Policy Studies	R EEU	80,327	3,649	84,875	3,861
Financing sources USD		565,583	27,740	846,435	41,740
Financing sources EUR		1,604,280	71,646	3,915,505	190,593
<b>Total funding sources equivalent MDL</b>		<b>2,169,863</b>		<b>4,761,940</b>	