
IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN UKRAINE THROUGH COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil society in Ukraine has been actively promoting anti-corruption measures and a robust reform of public procurement, especially since the “Maidan” movement. Transparency International Ukraine (TI-Ukraine) and other civil society organizations (CSOs) have created a coalition of civic activists, experts, academics, and journalists to tackle corruption nationwide. Lead by TI-Ukraine, CSOs and relevant experts have created ProZorro, an electronic system for public procurement.

Partnership for Transparency (PTF), supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), has partnered with the Kiev School of Economics (KSE) to train Ukrainian CSOs how to turn information into power and hold the government accountable.

The purpose of the Project, co-funded by EBRD and PTF is to: (i) develop monitoring and investigative tools and train CSOs to enable them to be involved in the effective monitoring of public procurement; and (ii) assist 2-3 CSOs to monitor procurement for the first six months after the completion of the training sessions.

The Project aims to build capacity of CSOs to monitor public procurement at the local and municipal level. The engagement of CSOs in monitoring public procurement will also help ensure long term transparent public procurement.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The implementation of the Project started in 2016. The tools and trainings were completed in June 2018. CSO monitoring is ongoing and expected to be completed in August 2019. Future support will be needed for monitoring to continue after the closing of the project.

The Kiev School of Economics (KSE) and its Center of Excellence in Procurement have been responsible for developing monitoring and investigative tools, and together with PTF, designing the training curriculum and materials. The training is particularly focused on how CSOs can take advantage of the ProZorro E-procurement system in Ukraine. Close to 100 CSO representatives have been trained, a number of which are now monitoring procurement.

In the ongoing final phase of the project, EBRD and PTF are supporting 3 CSOs to monitor procurement at the regional and local levels in three regions in Ukraine. The experiences of the project, together with the curriculum and training material developed, will be the basis for similar projects in several countries. PTF is working with prospective partners and donors to identify and prepare such projects.



PTF is a US based 501(c) nonprofit organization that advances citizen-led approaches to improve governance, increase transparency, promote the rule-of-law and reduce corruption in developing countries. PTF has four affiliated organizations in the Philippines, South Africa, India and Germany.

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