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Public administration needs urgent reforming

The local public administration reform needs to be improved as soon as possible. Fiscal decentralization is very important and it will provide high quality public services. These aspects were discussed at a round table organized on Wednesday, January 28, by IDIS "Viitorul". The event was organized within the framework of the „Civil Society. Dialogue for Progress” project, financed by the European Union.

Civil society, local and central public administration representatives, as well as the Head of the EU Delegation in Moldova, discussed about the gaps and solutions linked to the public administration reform process. Particularly, solutions, which would help local public administration understand very well the importance and benefits of the Association Agreement (AA) and of the DCFTA were proposed.

”We are passing through difficult times, but this does not mean that we should let challenges overwhelm us. We have very well formulated objectives and an Action Plan for the integration process of Moldova, and the citizens and our international partners want to see concrete results, they want implemented reforms. Taking this into consideration, we decided to meet at this round table and identify the concrete steps we will make to strengthen the efforts of the stakeholders of the European integration process”, explained Liubomir Chiriac, the executive director of IDIS "Viitorul".

”Brussels considers that reforms in Moldova have to be implemented due to the fact that AA represents a framework for reforms. EU has signed an agreement memorandum with Moldova and not with a politician or with a party. I am happy with the governance monitoring activity of civil society, but I have to be honest that at the level of decision making, its involvement is weak. Art. 22 and 23 of the Association Agreement refer to the cooperation of Central Public Administration with civil society and its transparent involvement in the decision making process”, His Excellency, Pirkka Tapiola, the Head of the EU Delegation in Moldova.

In addition, his Excellency considers that the decentralization reforms are necessary. Moldova has a small territory and a population too big for the 900 administrative entities the country is broken down into. Also, the fiscal decentralization is important as well. Going through a strategic reform of public administration, Moldova will manage to strengthen on a long term its economic and social situations.

”We cannot speak about European integration without the modernization of public services, which aim at ensuring better life standards. There are good things happening at both local and central levels. Therefore a transparent and open dialogue is needed”, states Victoria Cujbă, Head of the Decentralization Policies and Local Administration General Department of the State Chancellery.

Member of Parliament, Iurie Țap, present at the event, has stated that *”decentralization has to start at the central level because there are many structures at the high level, which don't bring any added value . The lack of reforms will aggravate the situation in the country. We need trained staff, who could respectively inform and train society in order to help it accept the proposed reforms or, at least, not to prevent their implementation”*.

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