Field Visit Report

Date of visit: 22 June 2017

Subject and venue of visit: "Enhancing democracy in Moldova through inclusive and transparent elections"

Meeting on establishing the Cooperation Group of the beneficiary institutions, EDMITE Project CEC Protocol Room. 119 Alecsandri Street. Second floor.

Purpose of the field visit:

Outcomes	Update on outcomes	Outputs	Update on outputs	Reasons if progress below target	Update on partnership strategies	Recommendation ns and proposed action
Enhanced transparency and inclusiveness of the electoral process in Moldova through a modernized IT system, improved legislation and intensified public participation	No changes	Credibility of the State Register of voters enhanced	Financial agreements preliminary agreed with the CEC and Public Services Agency	Progress is in line with the Project Work Plan	Schedule of monthly meetings on coordinating activities established	Keep tracking the progress through continuous communication with beneficiary institutions

PROJECT PERFORMANCE—IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

List the main challenges experienced during implementation and propose a way forward.

- The recently created Public Services Agency became automatically the partner of the Project with all its financial responsibilities. Even though the transition process doesn't change any of the activities planned, it may impact the Project timeframe and imply several delays in Project implementation under Output 1 "Credibility of the State Register of Voters enhanced". Thus, monthly meetings of the Coordination Group shall facilitate the communication among beneficiary institutions and ease the coordination of the Project activities.
- The change of the electoral system brings highly complex challenges to the CEC related to the adjustment of the electoral
 processes and of the IT System SAISE to the new requirements. Continuous monitoring and timely identification of risks, as well
 as appropriate mitigation actions shall be undertaken by the Project.

PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Involvement of the beneficiary institutions at all stages ensures a proper implementation of the Project activities
- All Project risks (external, internal) shall be timely identified and reported to undertake appropriate mitigation actions.

Participants in the field visit: (according to the list of participants attached)

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Agenda of the Meeting

- 1. Establishment of the Cooperation Group
 - a. Schedule of the meetings
 - b. Delegated persons per Agency/Department
 - c. Administration of the Cooperation Group
- 2. Possible cost-sharing arrangements for 2017 and 2018
 - a. 2017 timeframe and responsibilities
 - b. 2018 timeframe and responsibilities
- 3. Any other arrangements