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21-24 July 2011, kick-off meeting in Chisinau, Moldova under the project “Civil Society and Private Sector as Contributors to MDG’s Implementation”

21 July 2011 (Thursday)

CED’s experts met with executive bodies in the office of Institute for Development Social Initiatives “Viitorul”. The specific project objectives were discussed together with MDGs implementation which will reflect key national strategic documents. Due to the fact that the civil society involvement in the MDGs implementation is still low, the official Moldovan partner organizations would be supported informally from more Moldovan non-governmental organizations.

22 July 2011 (Friday)

CED’s experts met project partners in the office of the partner organization Institute for Public Policy. IPP committed to the values of individual liberty, democratic society, rule of law, free market economy. Through research, publications, policy recommendations and public forums the Institute provides political, business, academic community and media leadership with a deep analysis of public policy issues confronting our society in order to improve the policymaking process. The executive director Mr. Valeriu Prohnitchi took part in the kick-off meeting on behalf of the other partner organization – Expert Grup which has specialized in research, consulting and conducting trainings on social and economic policies. The aim of the meeting was to acknowledge the areas in which the two organizations work regarding the partnership activities in the line of the project. Expert Grup presented up-to-date information about socio-economic development of Moldova and a common statistical data for the Moldovan economy reflecting the regional economies which remain backward and a massive discrepancy exist between socio-economic development of Moldova's capital and

other regions. There was a deep discussion about Moldova's progress towards meeting MDGs.

This kick-off meeting introduced the roles and the contributions of each partner organizations as well as the activities and time schedules.

On the same day, the CED's experts took part in a meeting with representatives from the Delegation of the EU to Moldova (Mr. Hubert Duhot, Project Manager and Mrs. Viorelia Esanu, Finance Officer). The CED's experts presented the role and the participation in the action of all stakeholders (applicant, partners, other actors) and the reasons for which these roles have been assigned to them. There was a talk about the project reporting (narrative and financial part of the interim and final reports). The Bulgarian experts set out in detail the expected positive policy impact of the current project. The project implementation will lead to enlargement of both the knowledge and the awareness of national key institutions dealing with development.

During this day, CED's experts met with the representative of the Joint Integrated Local Development Programme (UNDP). The information which CED received was very useful in relation to the Moldova's progress in achieving the MDGs. The UNDP representative explained the MDGs progress which has also been reflected in the National Development Strategy 2008-2011.

23 July 2011 (Saturday)

The CED's experts and the two partner organizations discussed additionally the specific roles and responsibilities of each organization during the project implementation. There was a draft schedule for the project implementation. The individual partners' budgets were calculated together with their own contributions. The first steps about VAT procedure were initiated and the partners' framework agreements design.