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Location: Hotel Holiday, Meeting Room 1, first floor

Address: Zmaja od Bosne 4, Sarajevo, BiH

Background and Objectives

The movement for Open Government has created the means for revolutionizing the way governments work across the world, generating the space for active citizen participation and driving efficiencies in governments. Open Contracting is a prime example of the transformative nature that opens governments. Open Contracting is about creating a single and trustworthy source of open, accessible and timely information on public contracts to serve government and business and engage citizens in identifying and fixing problems with public services. Making the contracting process more transparent had proven to have an impact on improving competitiveness, lowering barriers to entry for small and medium-size enterprises, as well as curbing corruption and strengthening trust in the process.

Around 35 governments worldwide currently implement Open Contracting as a way to create access to public procurement information and engage stakeholder to make procurement more efficient and transparent. Local governments and major cities are realizing its potential as well. About half of those governments are actively implementing the Open Contracting Data Standard, the open data standard for public procurement that is at the heart to unlocking and re-use of data in ways that have not been imagined before.

The EBRD is providing technical cooperation support to Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Ukraine to digitalise public procurement using OCDS open data and revolutionize the way public procurement is done. Digital open data processes enable smart intelligence services for business, central or local governments and citizens. More effective and transparent procurement through open and digitally delivered contracting is crucial to sustainable development. At the heart of all of it are open and reliable data, user-friendly online tools and an engaged community.

Objectives of the panel

The panel will bring together representatives of different stakeholder groups, including open government promoters, national governments and digital OCDS procurement implementers to:

- Discuss how the idea of Open Contracting Data Standard helped digital transformation of public procurement in the EBRD region and beyond;
- Support each other in exploring opportunities and challenges related to implementing the Open Contracting Data Standard in public procurement on national and municipal level;
- Share new projects, approaches, and tools to advance Open Contracting in digital public procurement.

Moderator: Milica Delevic, Director, Governance and Political Affairs, EBRD

Invited key speakers/panellists

- Karolis Granickas, Open Contracting Partnership
- Lejla Sadiku, UNDP Innovation
- Representative of Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Anastasiya Kozlovtseva, DOZORRO, Transparency International Ukraine
- Dmitry Palamarchuk, Data Centre, Kiev School of Economics