

Opportunities in Moldova: technical information to bid





with **Diana ENACHI**Expert on Public Procurement



- Presentation of the project
- Moldova: introduction to the country
- The tendering system in Moldova
- Tender opportunities
- Meet the procurers
- Q&A

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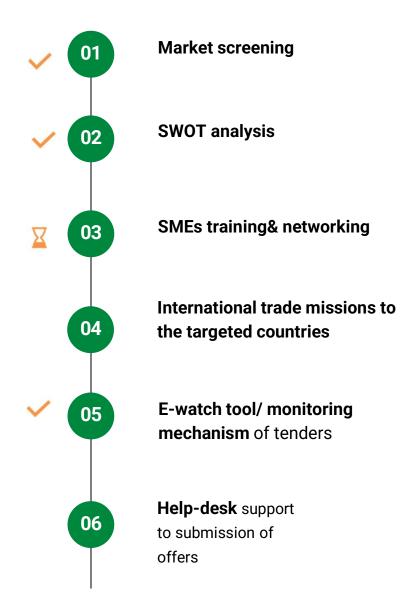


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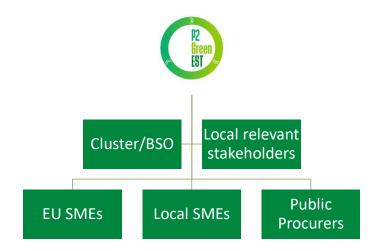






Project "win-win" approach





Type of service **BASIC**

information, dissemination

590 SMEs directly reached,1690 SMEs indirectly

Type of service **MEDIUM**

Trainings, networking with other SMEs, trade missions, meet the procurers, trade missions

75 SMEs

Type of service **PROFESSIONAL**

help-desk, advisory services

15 SMEs

Key events of the project

10/2023 Lyon, France



Moldova

February-June 2023

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- November 2023 Serbia
- February 2024 Moldova

submission of offers though

Event







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Multilateral tenders

managed by national/regional authorities

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Legual framework, main institutions and tendering process



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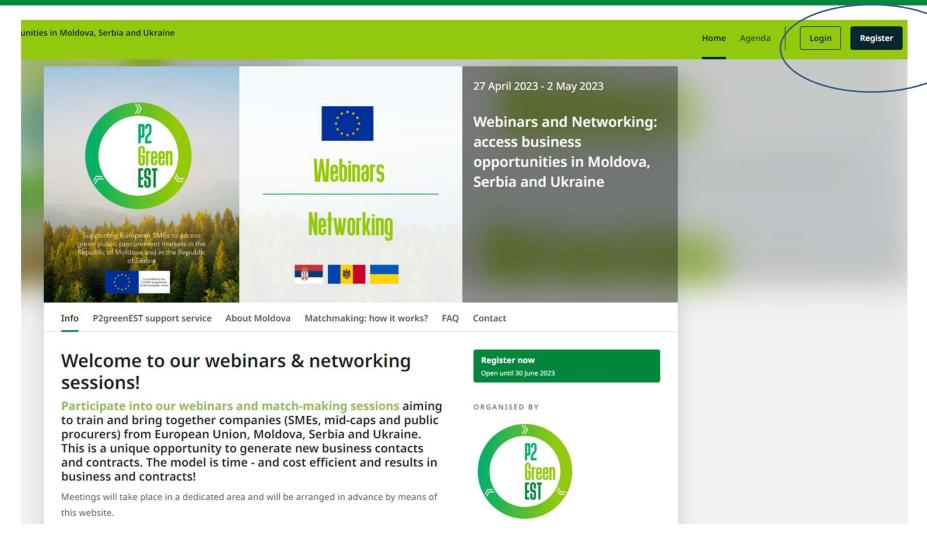
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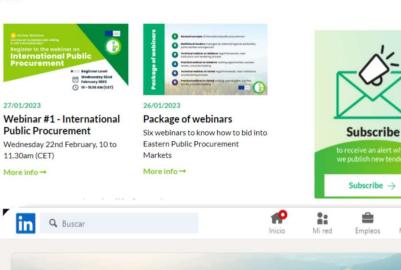
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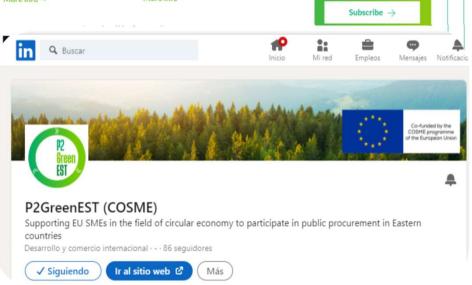
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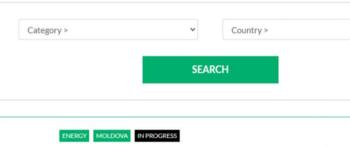
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Tenders



Installation of efficient cogeneration plants based on Gas Engines at HOB West and CHP Source 3 and Installation of power transformers and switchgear facilities (Plant Design, Supply & Installation)

The Republic of Moldova has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of the Moldova Second District Heating Efficiency Improvement Project (DHEIP2), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract ' Installation of efficient cogeneration plants based on Gas Engines at



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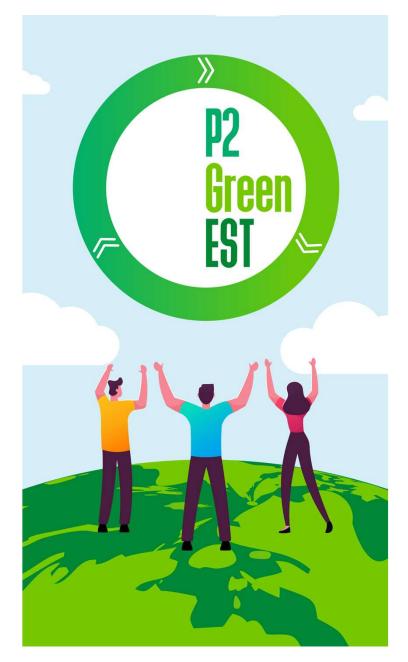


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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: facts & figures

Area: 33,847 km²

Population estimate 2022: 3,27 million people

Capital: Chisinau (780 000 inhabitants)

GDP (2021): 13,68 billion USD

GDP per capita in PPP: 14 233,85 USD

Foreign trade (2022): 599,3 thousand USD

Exports (2022): 219.5 thousand USD

Imports (2022): 379.8 thousand USD

Status of EU candidate country as of June 23,

2022

Direct flights to 21 countries (42 cities)







WHY REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA?

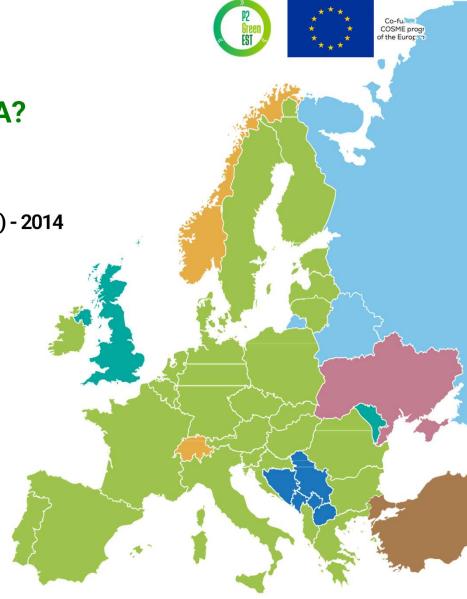
- Annual public procurement contract awards of app. 420 million USD in 2021 with an increase of 40% in the 1st semester of 2022/1st semester 2021.
- The legal framework on PP is harmonized with EU standards (Law on Public Procurement No. 131 of July 3, 2015).
- Public Procurement Law no. 131 of 03.07.2015 establishes in Art. 23 standards of environmental protection in accordance with European sustainable procurement practices.



WHY REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA?

FREETRADE AGREEMENTS WITH:

- -European Union Moldova Association Agreement (DCFTA) 2014
- -Community of Independent States
- -GUAM countries 2002
- -CEFTA countries 2007
- -Turkey 2017
- -UK-Moldova Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement - 2020
 - Agreements on mutual promotion and protection of investments (34 countries)









TARGET SECTORS: FACTS AND FIGURES

WASTE MANAGEMENT

NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (2013-2027)

In the Republic of Moldova, approximately 1139 waste landfills are operating, occupying a total area of 1224.0 ha. Landfills are organized by local public authorities and, in general, do not comply with environmental protection standards.

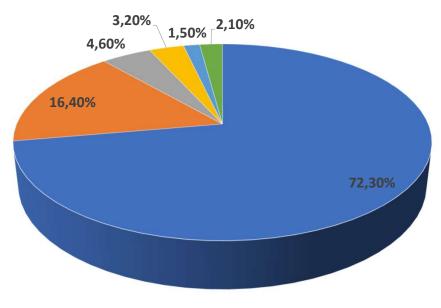
According to statistical data, the amount of solid household waste is constantly increasing, from 2172.8 thousand m3 in 2008 to 3043.1 thousand m3 in 2018. About 90% of the amount of municipal waste collected by sanitation services was disposed of through storage, the selective collection being partially organized in the municipality of Chisinau and some district centers. Recycling and waste recovery rates are still very low.







Structure of waste according to the source of origin, 2021



- Agriculture and food processing waste
- Municipal waste
- Waste coming from waste treatment facilities
- Construction waste
- Package waste and other related waste
- Other sectors







TARGET SECTORS: FACTS AND FIGURES

WATER MANAGEMENT

1) Harmonization of national legislation on water supply and sanitation in accordance with European Commission standards and international obligations. Measures will be taken to improve, revise and regulate the legal framework for the operation of public water supply and sewerage services by introducing European management principles and strengthening the responsibility of local and central public authorities in order to ensure quality public services. T

For the period **2019-2021**, were taken steps to develop legal framework to create an enabling environment to improve situation in the areas of water quality, integrated water resources management and water supply and sanitation.

- ➤ By the Parliament was adopted **Law on Drinking Water Quality, #182/2019**, harmonized with EU Directives and WHO Guidelines, which entered into force from 2021. This law established the framework for DWQ requirements, monitoring procedures, responsibilities of public authorities and water operators, water safety planning, public information.
- ➤ By Government Decree No. 442 of July 31, 2020, was amended National Water and Sanitation Strategy (2014-2030), in which the priority goals are:
- 1) Improving the management of public water supply and sanitation services by establishing regional water supply and sanitation operators.
- 2) Planning and development of public water supply and sewerage systems in order to increase the access of the population to high quality services. The goal for 2020-2024 is to achieve 80% water and sanitation infrastructure coverage in urban areas and 75% in rural areas.

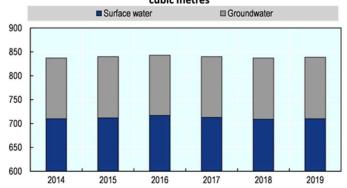




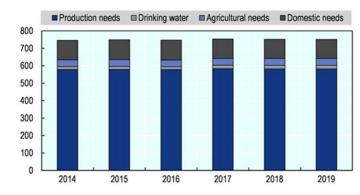


WATER USE IN MOLDOVA

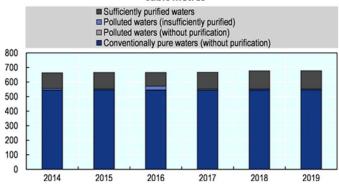
(a) Water abstraction from natural water bodies, million cubic metres



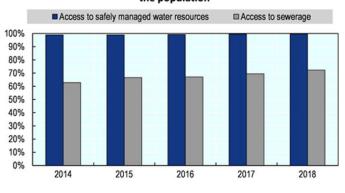
(b) Water use by category, million cubic metres



(c) Volume of wastewater discharges by status, million cubic metres



(d) Access to water supply and sanitation, percentage of the population









TARGET SECTORS: FACTS AND FIGURES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

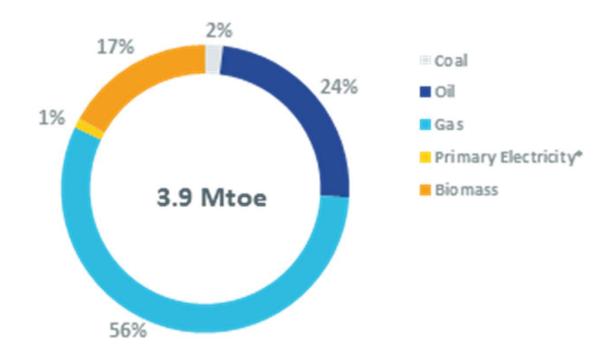
- ➤ Moldova consumes around 4 million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe) of energy per year (4.1 Mtoe in 2018), comparable to energy consumption in Luxembourg.
- ➤ Moldova's energy self-sufficiency is very low, among the lowest in the world.
- ➤ Around 20% of its energy demand is covered by domestic production, consisting almost fully of solid biomass; total domestic energy production was 0.82 Mtoe in 2018, of which 0.79 Mtoe solid biofuels.
- > Moldova needs to import most energy commodities to meet the domestic demand.
- ➤ All natural gas consumption (2.1 Mtoe, or 2.9 billion cubic metres in 2014) is met through imports, mainly from Russia.
- > Imports cover 99% of Moldova's oil consumption (1.0 Mtoe in 2018, of which almost 80% diesel and motor gasoline)
- ➤ All coal consumed must be imported as well (0.09 Mtoe in 2018).
- ➤ Natural gas accounts for more than half of Moldova's total primary energy supply (53% in 2018), oil roughly a quarter (23% in 2018) and solid biomass one-fifth (19% in 2018). Most natural gas is used for electricity and heat generation, whereas oil is the most important energy source for final consumers.
- ➤ Residential sector is the largest energy consuming sector (around 1.4 Mtoe in 2018), solid biofuels covering over 50% of the sectoral consumption.
- ➤ Transport sector is the second-largest energy consumer (around 0.7 Mtoe) and the main driver in oil consumption growth.







TOTAL CONSUMPTION MARKET SHARE BY ENERGY (2020, %)



*Including heat; Nuclear (1TWh = 0.26 Mtoe), Hydroelectricity, wind and solar PV (1 TWh = 0.086 Mtoe), Geothermal (1 TWh = 0.86 Mtoe)







Cooperation partners (project implementation units and contracting authorities)

- Moldova Energy Projects Implementation Unit MEPIU https://mepiu.md/eng/
 - ➤ MOLDOVA ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT: 2022-2025
 - ➤ SECOND DISTRICT HEATING EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN CHISINAU (DHEIP2): 2020-2025
 - > POWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PSDP): 2020-2024
- National Office for the Implementation of Projects in the Environmental Field https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067161134175
 - MOLDOVA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT
- National Office for regional and Local Development https://www.ondrl.gov.md/
 - National Programme of Local Development "European Village"

North Regional Development Agency - http://adrnord.md/

Central Regional Development Agency - http://www.adrcentru.md/

South Regional Development Agency - http://adrsud.md/





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MOLDOVA

(technical approach)

The tendering system in Moldova

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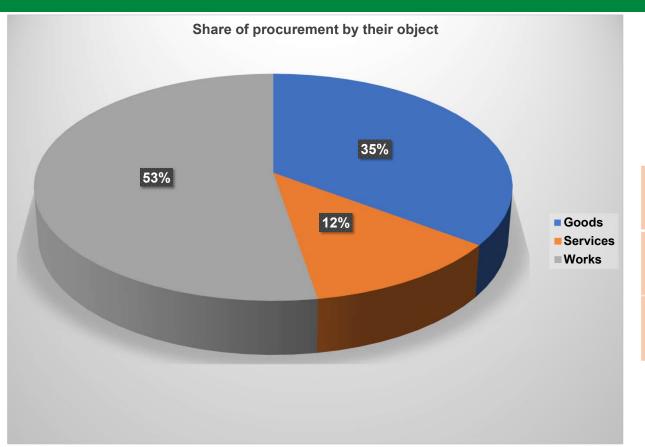
Indicator	2021	2022	
The number of public procurement procedures carried out	3,485	6,758	
The number of contracts awarded	13,450	18,096	
Total value of procurement	8.45 billions MDL (425 millions EUR)	13.68 billions MDL (689 millions EUR)	
The average number of the bids per procedure	3.32 bids	3.34 bids	
The average value of a procurement contract	848,642 MDL (42,000 EUR)	975,150 MDL (49,000 EUR)	



Source: Official statistic reports issued by Public Procurement Agency: tender.gov.md

Procurement value distributed by object: goods, services and works





Goods	4.82 billions MDL (243 millions EUR)
Services	1.66 billions MDL (84 millions EUR)
Works	7.20 billions MDL (360 millions EUR)

Source: Official statistic reports issued by Public Procurement Agency: tender.gov.md

Participation of foreign companies in tenders in Moldova



- The foreign economic operator shall enjoy in the Republic of Moldova the same rights in respect of the participation in the procedures of awarding public procurement contracts as those enjoyed by the economic operators of the Republic of Moldova in the country where the foreign economic operator is a resident.
- The tenderer who, in accordance with the legislation of the state where it is based, is qualified to perform a certain activity, **cannot be excluded from an award procedure** for the sole reason that, in accordance with the national legislation, this type of activity can be performed only by legal entities or only by individuals.
- Economic operators may associate for the purpose of submitting tenders and/or appear as associate tenderers.
- The association shall be bound to obtain a certain form of legal status when such transformation is necessary for the proper performance of the contract but only after its award.

Legislation: participation of foreign companies in tenders in Moldova



Public procurement in Moldova is open and accessible to any foreign company.

"Any economic operator, resident or **non-resident**, natural or legal person under public or private law or association of such persons, **has the right to participate**, under the terms of this law, in the procedure for awarding the public procurement contract." art. 16 / PPL "The access to the e-procurement system for all economic operators is free and non discriminatory" art. 16 / PPL

Public Procurement Law no. 131/2015 (hereinafter PPL): https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=136277&lang=ro#

Clasic public procurement

Legislation: participation of foreign companies in tenders Moldoya

"Any economic operator, resident or non-resident, natural or legal person under public or private law or association of such persons, has the right to participate, under the terms of this law, in the procedure for awarding the sectoral procurement contract." art. 29 / Law no. 74/2020

Law no. 74/2020 on procurement in the sectors of energy, water, transport and postal services

https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=136488&lang=ro#

Sectoral procurement / Utilities

(energy, water, transportation and postal services)

Procurement legislation (primary and secundary) as well as:

- instructions and guides,
- templates;
- documents;

are available on the Public Procurement Agency (hereinafter PPA) portal -

https://tender.gov.md/ro

► Legislation is only available in Romanian and Russian!



https://tender.gov.md/ro/content/legea-privind-achizițiile-publice

Thresholds in procurement



Contract type	Current thresholds, MDL	Procurement method	New thresholds from July 1st 2023, MDL	Electronic auction
Goods Services	< 200,000	Small value contract	< 300,000 (15,000 EUR)	optional
Works	< 250,000	Small value contract	< 375,000 (19,000 EUR)	optional
Goods Services	≥ 200,000 < 800,000	RfQ	≥ 300,000 < 800,000	mandatory
Works	≥ 250,000 < 2,000,000	RfQ	≥ 375,000 < 2,000,000	optional
Goods Services	≥ 800,000	Open tender	≥ 800,000 (40,000 EUR)	optional
Works	≥ 2,000,000	Open tender	≥ 2,000,000 (100,000 EUR)	optional

How does the tendering system work in Moldova?



1. Clasic procurement:

PPL requires that all procurement procedures regulated by PPL be carried out electronically through the e-procurement system MTender.

Mainly, through the system, CAs are conducting two types of procurement procedures:

- Open tender;
- Request for price quotations (Rfq)

2. Sectoral procurement / utilities:

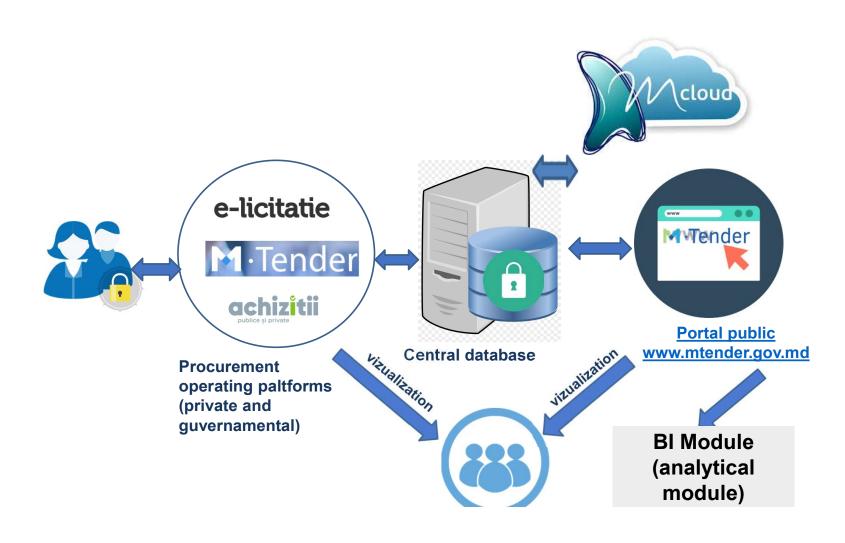
Law on utilities does not explicitly requires CAs to conduct procurement through the e-procurement system. However, majority of CEs are conducting, especially large procurement electronically.

For sectoral procurement, CEs are using the procedure:

- Open tender

E-procurement system in Moldova





The MTender e-procurement system structure



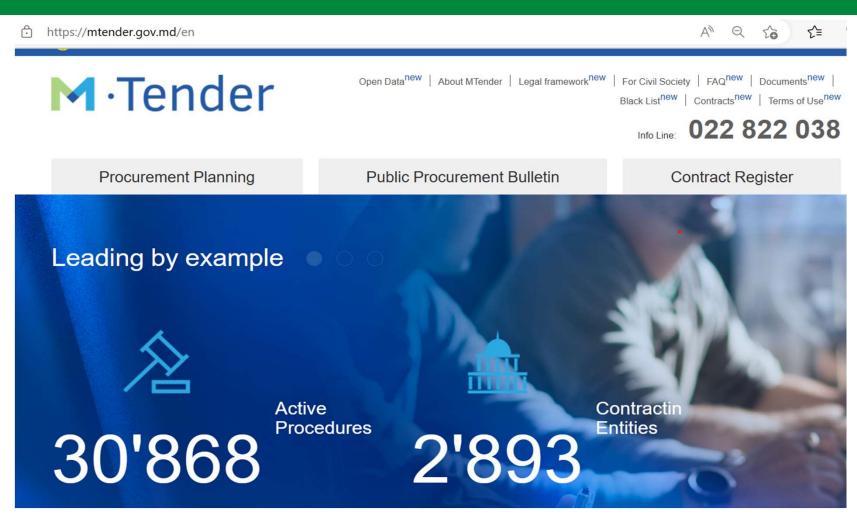


Center of Information Technologies in Finance (CTIF) subordinated to Ministry of Finance

- responsible for the development and maintenance of the online single access portal MTender;
- ensuring interoperability of the nominated system with the Joint Technology Platform "MCloud";
- □ integration with state information resources and relevant governmental electronic services available in the Republic of Moldova.

MTender public portal



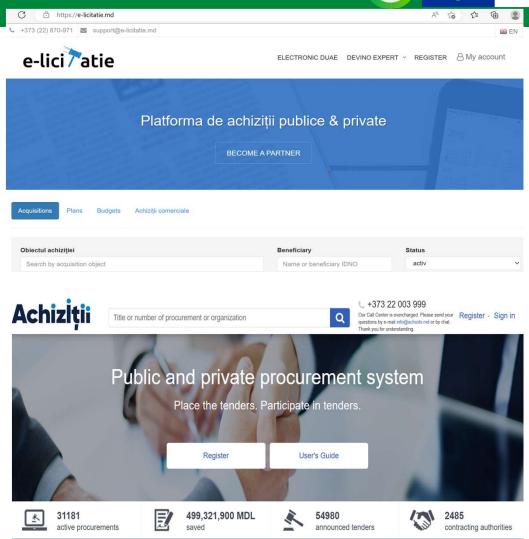


Conditions to use the e-procurement system



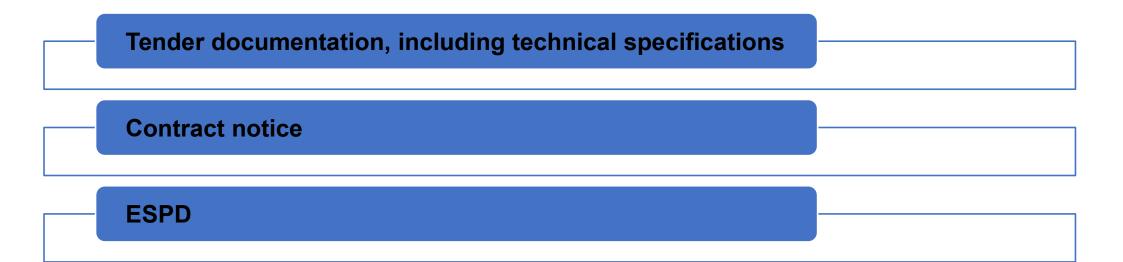
- 1.Free of charge*
- 2. Mandatory registration at least on one of the platforms (achizitii.md; elicitatie.md; mtender.md)
- * The PPL provides for in a fee for participation in tenders: "When submitting the offers, the economic operator pays a fee" PPL, art. 65 ".

However, the appliance of fees is not yet regulated and therefore enforced.



Documents available in MTender for any procurement procedure





Tender documentation



Tender documentation- the document covering the requirements, criteria, rules and other information necessary to provide the economic operators with full, accurate and explicit information about the procurement requirements or elements, the subject matter of the contract, and the manner the award procedure is organized, including technical specifications or the descriptive document, proposed conditions of contract, etc.

The tender documentation is elaborated based on the Standard documentation approved by the Ministry of Finance

tender.gov.md > Documente > Modele de documente



ESPD form



Declaration on own responsibility, as preliminary prove instead of certificates issued by public authorities or third parties, that confirm that the economic operator meets the following conditions:

1. Is in none of the grounds for exclusion mentioned in art.19 of Law 131/2015

2. Meets criteria on capacity, as was requested by the contracting authority

3. If the case, meets selection criteria set by the contracting authority

Part from ESPD		Who fills in	
	CA	EO	
Part I: information about the procurement procedure and the contracting authority	~		
Part II: information about the economic operator (name of the company, address, associates, data of the representatives, etc)		~	
Part III: Grounds for exclusion: penal convictions, payment of taxes, blacklisting, etc		~	
Part IV: selection criteria, including capacity of EO to meet the requirements, economic and financial capacity, technical capacity; quality assurance systems, etc.	*	V	
Part V: general statement of EO to confirm that it can furnish all relevant confirmation documents on request of CA.	**	~	
Part VI – is to be filled in only if the CA applies restricted tender, negotiation, competitive dialogue and partnership for innovation.		V	
Part VII – final statements		~	

* Fills in selection criteria, * * indicates term

Aplicability

- SVC and RfPQ optional
- Mandatory for Open tender and other procedures with EV>800,000 MDL for G/S and > 2,000,000 MDL for works



Form

- Bank guararantee from a licensed bank institution
- Transfer to the contracting authority account
- · Other forms: ex. accreditive





Size and period

- ≤ 2% of the bid value net of VAT
- · Bid validity according to the award documentation



Reference

- Refers to specific lot/lots. Guarantee document or confirmation of payment is uploaded in the system in respective category of the bid documents.
- Is issued in the name of the bidder or in case of association in the name of the all partners







Bids not supported by a guarantee, if one was required in the bidding document are to be rejected

Bid security



Contracting authority will retain the bid guarantee in case of:

- The EO withdraws or modifies the bid after the expiration of the term set for submission of the bids
- 2. The winning EO does not sign the procurement contract
- After acceptance of the bid is not secured or any condition laid down in the tender documents is not met prior to the signing of the procurement.

Guarantee of the contract's good performance



- ✓ The contracting authority will ask the bidder to submit, **upon conclusion of the contract**, a guarantee of contract's good performance
- ✓ The guarantee of the contract's good performance **shall be returned** by CA at the moment of the execution of the contract.
- ✓ The amount of the guarantee of contract's good performance **shall not exceed**15% of the quotation value of the public procurement contract art. 68,

 para.. (12) from Law 131/15
- ✓ In case of a procurement of goods and services ≤ 800,000 lei and works ≤ 2,000,000 de lei, net of VAT, contracting authority has the right not to ask the bidders to submit the guarantee of contract's good performance art. 68, para. (11) from Law 131/15

Eligibility of the bidder or candidate, art.19 from L.131/2015

· Mandatory reasons for exclusion. Part III of ESPD

Capacity to execute a professional activity

· Legal capacity to supply goods, provide services, execute works procured

Economic and financial capacity, art.21 from L.131/2015

- Bank declarations
- Financial reports
- Declarations regarding the total or specific revenue in the last 3 years
- · Actual contractual obligations

Technical and/or professional capacity, art.22 from L.131/2015

- · Supply of good/services during the last 3 years, works executed in the last 5 years
- · Equipment, staff and its training
- · Part of the contract that is to be sub-contracted

Quality assurance standards, art.23 from L.131/2015

· Request of certificates issued by independent/EU bodies. Other certificates may be also recognized.

Environment protection standards, art.24 from L.131/2015

- · EU system of environment management and audit (EMAS)
- · Standards of ecological management based EU and international standards
- Equivalent certificates issued by EU bodies or other certificates.

Award criteria for the public procurement contract



I. The lowest price

II. The lowest cost

III. The best price - quality ratio

IV. The best cost - quality ratio



For award criteria III and IV, the share of the price element must be: $goods \ge 60\%$, $services \ge 40\%$, works 80%.

Bid preparation



The offer consists of the following mandatory documents:



- 1. Technical proposal,
- 2. Financial proposal
- 3. ESPD
- **4. Bid security**, as the case may be (if required in the tender documentation)

NB! All bid documents must be signed electronically



According to the Article 14 i) /PPL, the electronic signature is applied to the electronic tenders.

The tenderer/candidate shall be disqualified if the offer was not signed electronically.

How to apply electronic signature



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Semnează electronic Verifică semnătura Media



How do we get electronic signature



According to The Economy Digitalization Package (approved on November 2021), the electronic signatures issued by an authority from EU country are recognized in Moldova and therefore accepted in tenders

Thus, the foreign economic operator does not need anymore to get the electronic signature issued by Moldovan authorities





Bid sumission and bis opening





Uploaded Documents Categories:

- 1. Eligibility Documents (ESPD),
- 2. Qualification Documents,
- 3. Financial Proposal,
- 4. Technical Proposal
- 5. Other documents (guarantees, insurances, authorizations)



Note!

It is not possible to modify a submitted bid. The bid can be canceled and replaced with a new one, until the deadline for submitting the bids expires.

The electronic auction



The electronic auction takes place:



According to the principle of bid calling



The bidders can lower the price of the offer during three rounds (according to the minimal step established by the CA);



The system prioritizes the offer in an ascending order, the bidder offering the lowest price having priority (in the case of two identical offers in terms of price, priority has the first bidder);



At the end of the electronic bid, the system orders the bids automatically, listing on the first place the offer with the lowest price, and for which all focuments will be opened for evaluation.

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The bids opening without e-auction

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The bids opening without e-auction



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The bids are opened on the MTender portal and the electronic platforms after the deadline for submission, and for the procedures with the electronic auction option - after the electronic auction is completed.

If only one participant is registered in the electronic auction procedure, the opening of the tender takes place automatically after the deadline for submission.

Subcontracting (art. 75, PPL)



- (1) In the award documentation, the contracting authority may ask the tenderer to indicate in its tender any part of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractors.
- (2) In the case of works contracts and in respect of services to be provided at a facility under the direct oversight of the contracting authority, after the award of the contract and at the latest when the performance of the contract commences, the contracting authority shall require the tenderer to indicate to the contracting authority the name, contact details and legal representatives of its subcontractors, involved in such works or services, in so far as known at this point in time.
- (3) The tenderer shall notify the contracting authority of any changes to the information referred to in para 2 during the course of the contract and the tenderer shall be obliged to provide information for any new subcontractors which it subsequently involves in such works or services
- (11) Where a subcontractor expresses the option of being paid directly, the contracting authority shall have the obligation to establish in the public procurement contract binding contractual clauses requiring the transfer of the payment obligations to the subcontractor/s for the part/s of the contract

Forms of group bid sumission. Association. Subcontracting. Third parties



GOODS / SERVICES / WORKS

Each associate should fulfill:

- · Qualification criteria
- · Selection criteria
- Quality assurance standards and environmental

NB! Both associate should fulfill (cumulate):

- Economic and financial standing
- Technical and/or professional capacity

RECOMENDATION: for any questions, there is a possibility to submit (anonymously) clarification questions through the electronic system. In case the CA does not respond, the procedure is suspended untill the CA reply to all clarification questions.



In case, the answer does not clarify the issue, the tenderer can submit an appeal to NACS.

Particularities for procurement of works





NOTE FOR PROCUREMENT OF WORKS:

- The leader of the association will execute at least 40% of the value of the future contract.
- Regarding similar experience criteria, for qualification according to established rules, one of the associates will fulfill the criteria, others will fulfill this criteria according to the tasks agreed. For the qualification of the business operators, the leader of the association fill match 40% of the qualification requirements regarding the annual revenue and similar experience.

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	AS1	AS2	SUBCONTR.	THIRD PARTY
1. Personal condition	✓	√	√	✓
2. Capacity of exercising professional activities	✓	✓	√	√
3. Economic and financial standing	+	+	X	+
4. Technical and/or professional capacity	+	+	+	+
5. Standards	✓	✓	√	_

The review and remedy system





According to the Law No. 131/15, **National Agency for Complaints Settlement** (ANSC) – the autonomous public authority which shall settle the complaints lodged under the public procurement contract procedures.



ANSC examines ONLY the complaints submitted during public procurement procedures regulated by the Law 131/15:

(≥200,000 lei – goods and services, ≥250,000 - works)*

From July 1st - (≥300,000 lei – goods and services, ≥375,000 - works)



When the EO can submit a complaint?

- > Before the bid opening;
- > After the decision of the contract award



Complaining on tender documentation





An appeal can be submitted on award documentation before the bids opening within: according to the art. 83 (PPL 131/2015):

- 5 days* value of the contract g/s ≤ 2,3 mln, works ≤ 90 mln;
- 10 days* value of the contract g/s 2,3 mln, works ≤ 90 mln;
- * calendaristic days



NB! Any appeal submitted after the above deadlines will be rejected without examination as being tardive!

Submission of an appeal



Template for complain submission:

https://www.ansc.md/ro/content/depunere-contestatii

The complain will be submitted to ASNC according to following:

post HQ of NACS:MD-2001, mun. Chişinău, bd. Ștefan cel Mare și Sfînt 124, et.4

fax: 0(22) 82-06-51



email: contestatii@ansc.md

online: www.ansc.md

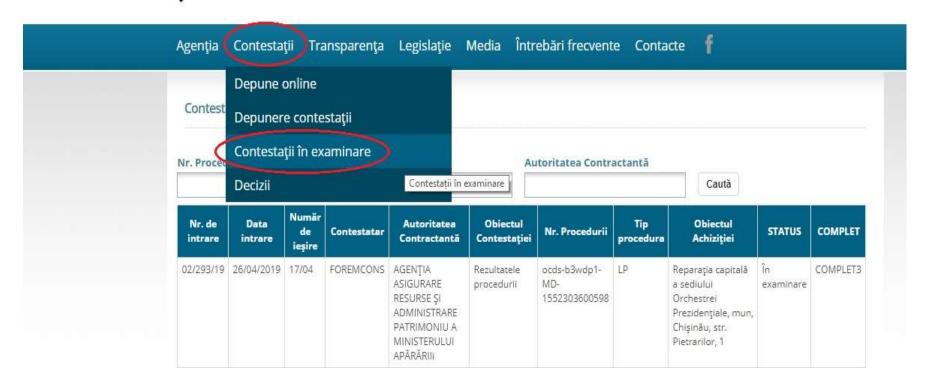
The reviewing process will be available at:

https://www.ansc.md/ro/contestatii

The information on the appeals and ANSC decisions







Grounds to submit an appeal before the bids opening









- Restrictive requirements on similar experience, qualification criteria, technical specifications;
- Award criteria and evaluation factors without calculation algorithms, with non-transparent or subjective calculation algorithm;
- Mentioning in the award documentation the name of technology, products, brands, manufacturers without including the phrase "or equivalent";
- Lack of a clear/complete answer from CA to clarification requests;
- Form of the guarantee for the tender;
- Unfair or excessive contractual clauses;
- If the CA does not justify the decision not to divide the contracts into lots:

Grounds to submit an appeal at the contracting awarding stage Co-funded by the COSME programme of the European Union

- Rejecting the contestant's tender as non-compliant/unacceptable;
- Accepting tenders from other participants that are inappropriate or unacceptable;
- Grading/evaluation of tenderers;
- In the notice on the outcome of the procedure, the CA did not specify the reasons for rejecting the tender;
- The tender is rejected without CA asking for clarification regarding the technical proposal or the financial proposal;
- Others.



Appeals review and settlement procedure



Step 1: ANSC shall first rule on the complaint return cases, and when it finds they are grounded, it will no longer proceed to the analysis of the case on the merits

Step 2: ANSC can request the CA point of view on the submitted complain:

- ✓ CA shall have the obligation to inform the other participants in the award procedure thereof within one working day art. 84, para. (5) Law 131/15
- ✓ CA shall have the obligation to send to the ANSC, within <5 working days, its own opinion about such complaint art. 84, para. (9), Law 131/15
- ✓ **ANSC** shall hold open sessions for the examination of complaints and ensure that the information on the date and venue of the sessions will be published 3 working days before the date on which they will take place.

Step 3: In the process of reviewing the complaint, the ANSC shall:

- A. uphold the complaint, in full or in part
- B. dismiss the complaint

Appeals review and settlement procedure



ASNC shall be required to settle the complaint on the merits (art. 85, para. (17), Law 131/15):

- $\checkmark \le 20$ working days since the receipt of the complaint;
- ✓ ≤ 10 days in case an exception which prevents the analysis on the merits of the complaint occurs, pursuant to art. 86 para. (1)
- ✓ (+) 10 days in justified cases, the complaint settlement term may be extended

N.B.! The **CA** shall have no right to conclude the public procurement contract until a final decision on the challenged matter is issued ANSC art. 85, para. (18), Law 131/15

- ✓ The decision pf ASNC, including its justification, shall be communicated to the parties in writing ≤ 3 days since pronouncement
- ✓ The decision of ASNC shall be binding on the parties.

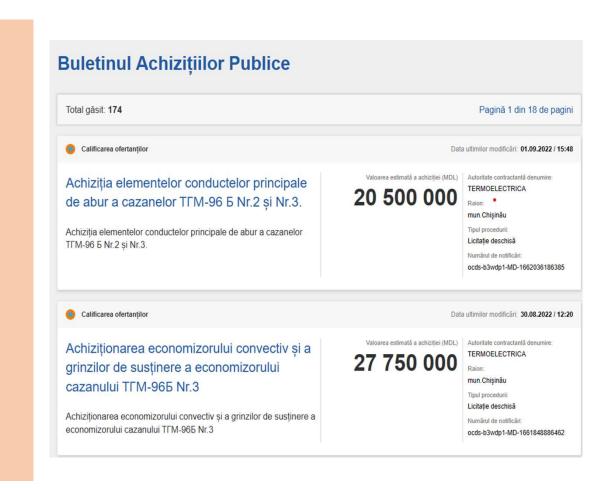
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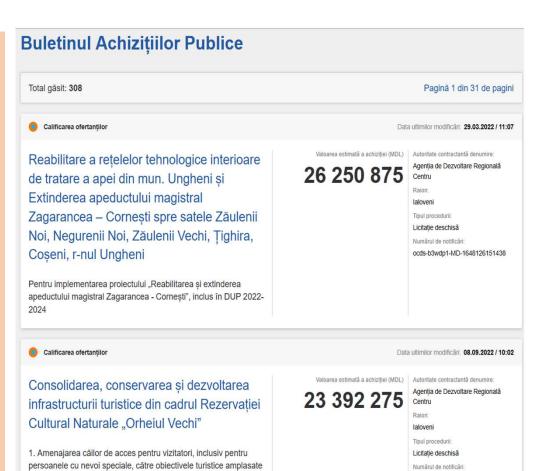
- The decisions of ASNC can contain measures to address the challenges (in tender documentation, in the evaluation process, etc.)
- ✓ ANSC can't decide the awarding of the contract to a specified tenderer
- ✓ The decisions of ANSC are administrative acts, that may be challenged in the competent court.

- SA Termoelectrica;
- ÎM Termogaz Bălți;
- ÎM Regia Transport electric
- SA Cet Nord
- SA Moldovagaz
- SA Moldovatransgaz
- SA Energocom
- ÎS Moldelectrica
- SA Red Nord
- ÎCS Premier Energy Distribution SA
- ÎCS Premier Energy SRL



- SA "Apă Canal Chișinău"
- Ministry of Economy
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional

 Development
- Regional development agencies (North, South, Centre and Chisinau)
- Organization for entrepreneurship development (ODA)
- IP "Office of the Management of Foreign Assistance Programs"



Conclusions



- There are legal provisions that allow foreign companies to bid in Moldova at any tender
- The electronic signatures issued in the EU countries are recognised in Moldova
- There are **plenty of opportunities** to bid for tenders in Moldova, including in the sectors of water, waste and energy
- All open tenders and RfQ are being conducted electronically through the e-procurement system MTender
- One big challenge is the language, given that the majority of procurement are being conducted and published in Romanian

- 1. First of all, registration on one of the MTender system platforms achizitii.md or e-licitatie.md (the platforms offer support the registration process)
- 2. **Select in your account on the paltform the CPV codes** according to your interests so that you will get a notification in the email any time a new procurement is being published in MTender
- 3. **Find local partners** to bid in association to overcome the language barrier and other challenges
- 4. **Contract local expertise** in procurement or in the sector targeted, if necessary
- 5. **Follow the news in the procurement sector in Moldova**, particularly the legal changes, new rules, thresholds, procedures etc.

IDIS Viitorul (viitorul.org) has a quarterly Newsletter issued in English on Public Procurement with news in the sector, legislation and other useful information



The Monitoring public procurement for

2022 in Cimişlia District project, implemented between April and December 2022, aimed to strengthen the integrify

through civil society actors as monitors.

We focused on the area of local road con-

struction and repair. We chose this type of

infrastructure procurement because it is vulnerable to fraud and corruption and is considered the least transparent.

The impact of the monitoring will be as

of Moldova "at a beginner's level" in public

Civil society warns of

the risks of the draft law

on raising the minimum

acquisition threshold in

Public Procurement Law

Evaluation of the Financial

Părinti Solidari's

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Thank you for your attention!







Thank you!



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