

# Findings and recommendations of Promo-LEX as a result of monitoring public procurements related to Police Development Strategy



*Promo-LEX Association carried out the monitoring and evaluation of public procurements made by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and General Police Inspectorate during 2016-2020 in the context of implementing the Police Development Strategy. The aim of the Evaluation Mission is to provide an objective image of the legality, transparency, efficiency and efficacy of the procurement of goods, services and works reported to the Strategy objectives. The experts developed a [Report](#) based on the key findings, which was published on 13 December 2021.*

According to the provisions of the agreement signed in December 2016 between the Government and the European Commission, Republic of Moldova was to benefit from EUR 57 million as support for Police reform. Note that during the monitored period the amount of budget allocations from the component of support for Police reform amounted to MDL 593.1 million. The funds were managed by four institutions: General Police Inspectorate (GPI), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), Integrated Training Center for Law Enforcement (ITCLE) and 'Stefan cel Mare' Academy of MIA.

A total number of 300 contracts were financed from the budget support and the average value of one contract amounted to MDL 2 million. In general, the funds were used in three key

directions:

- construction and renovation of police stations, pre-trial detention facilities and buildings of GPI subdivisions (33% of about MDL 194 million);
- procurement of TETRA infrastructure and equipment (29% or about MDL 175 million);
- ensuring the Police with vehicles and their revamping (27% of about MDL 161 million).

As regards the distribution between institutions, the biggest allocations from the budget support, about 86.5%, were allocated to GPI (including its subdivisions), followed by MIA (10%), 'Stefan cel Mare' Academy (3.3%) and ITCLE (about 0.3%).

The implementation of the Police Development Strategy resulted in a significant increase in the volume of procurements made by the Police. Promo-LEX found that insufficient institutional capacities generated challenges in terms of staff and time for GPI and MIA in initiating and conducting those procurements. Thus, there were identified various problems related to the procurements, such as: failure to observe the principle of proportionality in formulating the qualification and selection requirements; discrepancies in developing the specifications for goods, works and services; admission of conflicts of interest; as well as inefficient approach to divide the procurement of goods into lots. At the same time, there wasn't a single and efficient approach to establishing deadlines for contract implementation. The transparency aspects were ignored at different stages of the procurement process.

In order to strengthen the public procurement management, Promo-LEX experts formulated a series of recommendations, included in the final section of the report.

The report for the monitoring and evaluation of public procurements is available [HERE](#).

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