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Integrity, Management, and Openness in the Georgian Public Procurement ecosystem

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Background and Objectives

- PP is very much vulnerable for an administrative offenses and crime

- Spending around 10% of GDP just for a conventional procurement

- 4796 Contracting Authorities

- Approx. 10000 civil servants and officials are involved on a daily basis at the PP operations

- How innovation and institutional reforms can enhance transparency, accountability and strategic oversight in PP ecosystems?

- Relevant good governance and institutional reforms, improvement of inter-agency coordination, collaboration with anti-corruption bureau, state audit office and law-enforcement agencies, strengthening of monitoring and control practices as a policy lines and introduction of a newly developed e-tools…

Institutional Framework for Accountability

- We believe in separation of "powers", functions, responsibilities
- SPA to accord powers to the newly established CPB (from June-2026)
- As a result of ongoing reforms - <u>3 main pillars of the PP ecosystem:</u>
- PP regulatory, monitoring body
- Tribunal, Administrative review body
- CPB
- <u>Anti-corruption institutional eco-system:</u>
- Policy level – Parliament, Govt., Anticorruption Bureau
- Operational level – State Audit Office, Anticorruption Agency, Financial Police
- Legal punishment – General Prosecutor's Office
- Active inter-agency cooperation
- New Govt. policy on "Total" transparency

Digital Tools Supporting Accountability

- Georgian Ge-GP: "Mission" on Monitoring and Control

- <u>During PP operations</u>:

- E-Tenders – 27 basic risk-factors & 8 additional risk-factors (from Dec-2014)

- Direct procurement transactions – 22 risk-factors (from May-2016)

- CA are requesting permissions for a 5 most "popular" grounds for direct procurement (in total - 9)

- CA must fill in and upload at the SMP e-module relevant justification and evidences

- SPA is issuing an e-permissions

- Latest innovation - Introduction of Market research e-Module (Sep-Nov-2025)

- Development of a totally new e-Market place from 2026

Complaints Mechanism

- Tribunal – impartial and independent administrative review body

- In Georgia – PP related Dispute Resolution Council

- 5 judges

- 10 staff members, experts

- From 2020

- Annual statistics for 2024 – In total 1164 complaints; 716 (62%) in favor of businesses/suppliers

- Strengthening the tender phase complaints mechanism

- Escalating and improving channels for a pre-tender phase complaints mechanisms and Q&A e-solutions

Challenges

- **New Government's active and ambitious policy on anti-corruption – strong request for a zero-tolerance and more active actions, incl. EGOV reforms**

- **Ongoing institutional challenges, merging, reorganizations**…

- **Institutional memory? HR?**

- **Ongoing civil service reform**

Future outlook

- Institutional reform in mid-2026, establishment of an independent public agency – CPB, CPB staffing, reorganization of SPA

- Comprehensive, complex reform from beginning 2027

- New PPL from 2027

- 3 new institutions at the PP ecosystem - Inter-agency communication and cooperation?

- Newly appointed senior and mid-level management staff members

- Capacity-building activities

- Propaganda, public awareness campaigns, PR actions

- Targeting business associations and chambers

- Approximation with EU acquis & WTO GPA rules and regulations