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Research Shows Moldovan Businesses Require Expanded and Improved Information Technology Workforce

Chisinau, Moldova: New research has revealed a critical gap between the quality and quantity of information technology (IT) graduates in Moldova and the demands of private enterprises.

The research findings and conclusions from industry representatives, academia, and government will be presented on Friday, December 14 at a roundtable at the Leo Grand Hotel (Begonia Conference Room), Mitropolia Varlaam str. 77, at 13:00. Mass media are invited to attend.

The results are based on five qualitative studies and opinion polls of businesses, higher education institutions, students, and young professionals. They indicate that nearly 65% of IT managers identified networking as a crucial skill in their company and almost 50% are not satisfied with the local training available. In addition, more than 60% of IT managers agree that the demand for professional skills in IT security, architecture development, and quality assurance will grow in the next few years. The research was jointly commissioned by the Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) Project, financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the E-Government Project of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

On December 6, the findings were discussed during a one-day workshop by managers from private IT companies, representatives from several IT faculties in Chisinau, and leaders from the Ministries of Economy, Information Development, and Education. Participants agreed that the private sector must be proactive in assisting universities to update and adjust their curricula to meet businesses' needs and academia should be more diligent in providing students with the knowledge and skills that businesses require. USAID's CEED and the UNDP E-Government Project will continue to work with the IT sector, academia, and government to bridge the gap between supply and demand of highly qualified IT professionals and to stimulate the growth and development of competitive IT companies in Moldova.

With funding from the United States government, USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries to provide a better future for all. CEED is part of USAID's efforts to support private enterprise growth, create jobs and generate income in Moldova. CEED seeks to enhance the competitiveness of Moldova's information technology (IT), textile and apparel, and winemaking sectors by helping private enterprises compete in the global market; creating a business environment that stimulates, supports, and rewards vibrant economic growth; and developing industry clusters with private and public sector involvement.

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