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The State Chancellery launches an electronic portal dedicated to the decentralization reform

August 26, 2010, Chisinau ---- The State Chancellery launches the official website www.descentralizare.gov.md, created to ensure the transparency in decision making and facilitate the access to information for all interested stakeholders concerning the decentralization priority, undertaken by the Government of the Republic of Moldova through the Activity Programme.

The new electronic portal has as aim to inform the decision makers and the general public about the stages, organization issues and institutional architecture of the decentralization process, as well as about the policies developed in the field of decentralization at national and international levels, other relevant data.

By launching the website www.descentralizare.gov.md, the State Chancellery aims at both the information and assurance of an active exchange of ideas concerning the decentralization reform, and the mobilization of participation in the decentralization process of all partners from the central and local public administration authorities at all levels, civil society, academia / scientific society, and other stakeholders interested in the decentralization reform.

The electronic interface contains several sections that allow an easy navigation, complete information, in an accessible language, and a high degree of interactivity with the website visitors. The interactivity of the online interface is also turned to advantage by the electronic contact form that is an additional possibility to dialogue with the personnel of the Division for decentralization policies within the State Chancellery, responsible for the development and administration of the website. In this way, the visitors are encouraged to submit their suggestions, comments or questions using the contact form, being sure that they will get the answer soon.

„The main purpose of the decentralization is to offer good quality public services at a low price, while modernizing the structures that provide these services. The decentralization is based on the premise that local government authorities better address the needs of the citizens, knowing deeper their problems, but also the best ways to solve them. In fact, decentralization means that decisions are taken as close as possible to the citizen. For this reason, the participation of all stakeholders in the decentralization process is appropriate and necessary, the website www.descentralizare.gov.md becoming, in this respect, an effective platform of information and debates for all citizens and decision makers”, Victor Bodi, the Minister of State, had said on the occasion of the launching of the new electronic portal. “We hope that the new website will become a useful communication tool available to all citizens, for whom, in fact, the decentralization reform is carried out“, Victor Bodi had also mentioned.

The electronic page was developed with the support of the Joint Integrated Local Development Programme (JILDP), implemented by the Government of the Republic of Moldova in partnership with UNDP Moldova, UNIFEM and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. The purpose of the JILDP is to assist the Government of the Republic of Moldova in the process of decentralization and local governance. JILDP also supports the effort of the Government to ensure a sustainable development through appropriate policies and services at local and regional levels implemented by the local public authorities in a participatory, transparent and accountable manner.

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