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## Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and Practice in Eastern Partnership Countries

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### Press Release

**On May 13, 10:00 - 18:00, Hotel Courtyard Marriott (4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi,)** IDFI and Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) will host a conference: *Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and Practice in Eastern Partnership Countries*.

Participants of the conference: international experts working on public procurement, representatives of government institutions and NGOs from 6 Eastern Partnership Countries (Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia) will present results of evaluation of each country's legislation and practice on public procurement, and discuss existing problems and solutions. In addition, a new website on public procurement rating will also be presented.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Giorgi Kidiashvili, executive director of IDFI, and Tinatin Bolkvadze, OSGF local democracy development program manager.

Three sessions will be held. During the first session, representatives from the 6 Eastern Partnership countries will present the results of their assessments of public procurement legislations and practice. The second session will be devoted to a discussion about the importance of harmonizing national legislation with EU procurement directives. The third session will be devoted to a discussion about open data in public procurement (please see attached agenda).





**[www.tpp-rating.org](http://www.tpp-rating.org) - information**

This bilingual (English-Russian) website presents assessments and a rating of public procurement legislations of Eastern Partnership countries. The website allows users to compare country results through simple interactive visualizations. It also contains full assessment documents and recommendations issued by procurement experts for each country.

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