

# COOPERATION AGREEMENT

**between the  
Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works  
and  
Transparency International-Bulgaria**

The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, represented by Mr. Rosen Plevneliev, as the Minister of Regional Development and Public Work,

and

Transparency International – Bulgaria, hereinafter referred to as TI-Bulgaria, represented by Mrs. Diana Kovacheva, Executive Director of TI-Bulgaria,

Aware that the in order to increase public confidence in the institutions and strengthen civil control is necessary to stipulate clear and effective rules for interaction between the non-governmental organizations and the public administration,

Taking into consideration that the achievement of tangible results in corruption prevention is a factor for strengthening the role of civil society and the introduction of modern standards of transparency and democratic control,

United in the opinion that the creation of an unfavorable institutional and legal environment for the corruption development, as well as public awareness for the corruption existence reasons and its consequences is unattainable without the joint efforts of the state institutions and the non-governmental organizations,

With the objective of improved cooperation in the prevention and fight against corruption,

## **THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL – BULGARIA**

Have agreed upon the following:

### **I. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. The Ministry and TI-Bulgaria accept to ensure the implementation of the present agreement in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual respect.

2. The cooperation between the Ministry and TI-Bulgaria will be implemented in observance of the laws of the Republic of Bulgaria.

3. The cooperation between the two parties will be implemented on the basis of common objectives in the prevention and fight against corruption, and also to guarantee transparent and efficient governance.

## **II. MONITORING THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

1. The Ministry commits to provide opportunity for conducting an independent civil monitoring of the preparation procedure for the tender documentation and the execution of infrastructural projects of significant socio-economic importance. In this regard, the Ministry commits to participate in work teams and meetings, to provide on time access to information and the required documentation, as the access is granted at all steps of the preparation and execution of the monitored infrastructure project (object).

2. TI-Bulgaria shall participate in joint or separate teams for monitoring of the process of execution of project with significant public and economic importance. In conducting the monitoring, TI-Bulgaria commits to strictly observe the principles of neutrality and professionalism .

3. The participation in any specific monitoring will be subject to additional agreement between the Ministry and TI-Bulgaria.

## **III. EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND COUNTERACTION**

1. TI-Bulgaria shall provide expert assistance on issues concerned with corruption prevention and counteraction, in cases when it has the necessary expertise. TI-България ще предоставя експертна помощ по проблемите, свързани с превенция и противодействие на корупцията, в случаите, в които разполага с необходимата експертиза.

2. The parties of this agreement shall participate in workshops for discussion, elaboration and dissemination of good practices for corruption prevention and counteraction in the preparation, and implementation of infrastructural projects.

3. The parties of this agreement shall conduct joint research initiatives in the field of corruption-related issues, in order to optimize the applied anticorruption practices, and enhance the efficiency of preparation and implementation of projects related to infrastructure in the country.

**MINISTER  
OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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**Sofia, 06.10.2010**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL-  
BULGARIA**

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