CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TO THE REPORT ON MONITORING TRANSPARENCY OF CAUSENI TOWN LOCAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Based on the methodological benchmarks and on the expert findings, the conclusion is that **Căușeni LPA ensures transparency only partially.**

CRITERIA	INDICATORS	QUALIFIER
Transparency in LPA work	Public availability of general information about LPA	**Partially ensured**
	Public availability of general information about LPA's work	**Partially ensured**
	Public availability of general information designed to facilitate the relations between citizens and LPA	**Partially ensured**
Transparency in decision-making	Internal regulatory framework developed	**Not ensured**
	Internal institutional framework developed	**Not ensured**
	Effective enforcement of rules on transparency in decision-making	**Partially ensured**
Budgetary transparency	Draft budget published and subject to public consultations	**Partially ensured**
	Public availability of budget approved	**Ensured**
	Public availability of budget executed	**Ensured**
Transparency of public procurements	Transparency at public procurement planning stage	**Partially ensured**
	Transparency at procurement procedure holding stage	**Not ensured**
	Transparency at contracting and contract monitoring and execution stage	**Not ensured**
	Transparency of low value procurements	**Partially ensured**

Efforts to ensure transparency should be strengthened. In this sense, we have the following general recommendations:	• Order and develop the official website; • Complete all compartments, sub-compartments and sections with the necessary up-to-date information; • Use as efficiently as possible other ways of information dissemination (information panel and local media resources (eventually, the broadcasters and the press).
To enhance **transparency in LPA work,** it is recommended to:	• Complete the website with a list of the Council members, which would also contain the CVs of the local councilors with a specification of their political affiliation; • Post information on the composition of the factions, which make up the Town Council; • Detail the information on the Town Council Secretary – provide some bio data; • Accompany the organizational chart of the Town Hall Administration with information that would clarify the objectives and functions of the subdivisions; • Complete the list of Town Hall staff with information that would specify their areas of competence; • Complete the "Issue of authorizations" sub-compartment in the "Services" compartment; • Prepare and post on the website the list of organizations in which LPA participates; • Develop on the website a compartment or sub-compartment dedicated to the "LPA normative framework", which would include relevant normative acts, such as Law no. 436/2006 on Local Public Administration and Law no. 768/2000 on the Status of the Local Elected Officer; • Develop and post on the website reports/summaries that would include information on the implementation process of policy documents and projects, including of technical assistance, from which the locality benefits; • Develop a compartment or sub-compartment dedicated to the results of controls performed with regard to the LPA on the website; • Develop and post annual reports and other analytical reports on LPA work on the website; • Develop and post on the website guidelines/instructions on how to file petitions (in general); • Development, on the website, of the Anticorruption module. • Develop an Anticorruption module on the website.

To increase **budget transparency**, it is recommended to:	• Develop internal rules on decision-making transparency; • Post on the website information on the institutional framework meant to ensure decisional transparency, namely: data about the person responsible for coordinating the public consultation process; programs for drafting decisions; number of the institutional civil society information hotline; list of stakeholders; • Prepare and post on the website the annual reports on decision-making transparency; • Diversify public consultation modalities/mechanisms; • Orderly complete the website with relevant information on Town Council meetings – prior announcement of all meetings with attachment of draft agendas as well as draft decisions and related materials; • Ensure the audio/video recording of Town Council meetings and place recordings on the website; • Implement the rules designed to ensure decision-making transparency.
To increase **budget transparency**, it is recommended to:	• Diversify the methods/mechanisms of public consultation and ensure the availability of the results of public consultations of local annual draft budgets, including related materials, but also of draft budget rectifications; • Develop and publish on the website the budget for citizens, to facilitate its understanding by any citizen of the community.

To enhance **transparency in the public procurement process,** it is recommended to:

- Ensure the publication of annual public procurement plans in accordance with legal requirements to ensure informing of citizens about public procurement contracts for goods, services and works, including low value ones that are planned for the entire budget year;

- Ensure the publication of participation notices and award documentation on the town hall's website or, at least, the link from the electronic system MTender, for electronic procedures, to facilitate the access of the local community to the public procurement process;

- Post on the website information on the results of procedures for awarding public contracts, including award notices, as required by the legal framework.

- Improve transparency at the stage of execution of public procurement contracts by publishing biannual and annual reports on monitoring the execution of public procurement contracts;

- Increase the collaboration with the civil society at local level by identifying organizations, associations, active citizens interested in participating in the working group on public procurement in various procurement procedures;

- Post on the website the information on the composition and activity of the public procurement working group, to inform citizens about the people responsible for this process as well as to make the working group members accountable.

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