

"THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN POLICIES AND REFORMS"
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION „THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN POLICIES AND REFORMS”

19.04.2018

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of the Association „The Institute for European Policies and Reforms,, (hereinafter “the Association”) which comprise the balance sheet for the year ended 31.12.2017, statement of income and expenses and statement of changes in funding sources for the year than ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of the significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association „The Institute for European Policies and Reforms,, for the year ended 31.12.2017 and its financial performance, also the statements of changes in funding sources for the year then ended, according to Methodological Guidelines for Accounting in non-commercial Organizations approved by Finance Ministry Order No. 188 as of 30 December 2014 and National Accounting Standards and are prepared according to the accounting records of the Association „The Institute for European Policies and Reforms,,.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* issued by International Ethics Standard Board for Accountants, corroborated with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in Republic of Moldova, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

RESTRICTION ON AUDIT REPORT DISTRIBUTION

This report, including the audit opinion, was issued exclusively for the Association and should not be utilized for other purposes than the purposes intended for a financial audit report. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility for the utilization of this report for any other purposes or to any other third person, other than the parties mentioned above, to whose knowledge this report may come to.

OTHER MATTER

According to the audit contract and terms of references we have also issued a Management Letter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Methodological Guidelines for Accounting in non-commercial Organizations approved by Finance Ministry Order No.188 as of 30 December 2014 and National Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management weathers intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As a part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- The Association should no longer operate on the basis of the principle of continuity of activity.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

GENERAL DIRECTOR
AUDITOR

„MOLDAUDITING” S.R.L.,

AUDIT ASSISTANT



PAVEL BODAREV

MARIN GHENCIU

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Active	Row No.	Balance at	
		The beginning of the period	The end of the period
2	3	4	5
Intangible assets	10	82 482	48 175
Tangible assets in construction	20	0	0
Lands	30	0	0
Fixed assets	40	134 258	134 944
Long-term financial investments	50	0	0
Other long-term assets	60	0	0
Total long-term assets (ro.010+ro.020+ro.030+ro.040+ro.050 +ro.060)	70	21 674	183 119
Current assets			
Materials	80	989	0
Low-value and short-term equipment	90	32 227	37 156
Production in processing and products	100	0	0
Short-term receivables and advances paid	110	57 225	17 285
Budget receivables	120	127	446
Staff receivables	130	2 259	1 047
Other short-term receivables, as follows:	140	19 151	18 925
Receivables related to the special purpose financing and receipts	141	0	0
Cash	150	1 173 889	91 807
Short-term financial investments	160	0	0
Other short-term investments	170	23 095	12
Total current assets: (ro.080+ro.090+ro.100+ro.110+ro.120+ro.130+ro.140+ro.150+ro.160+ro.170)	180	1 308 962	166 678
Total active (ro.070+ro.180)	190	1 525 702	349 797

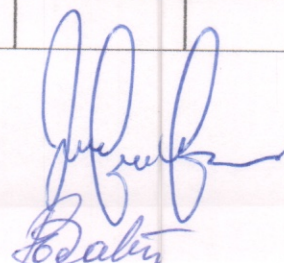
Passive	Row No.	The beginning of the period	The end of the period
2	3	4	5
Equity			
Corrections to the results of the previous years	200		0
Net surplus (Net deficit) of the reporting period	210	0	0
Initial contributions of the founders	220	0	0
The fixed assets fund	230	0	183 120
The self-financing fund	240	0	0
Other funds	250	0	0
Total equity (ro.200+ ro.210+ro.220+ro.230+ro.240+ ro.250)	260	0	183 120
Long-term liabilities		0	0
Long-term special purpose financing and receipts	270	0	0
Long-term financial liabilities	280	0	0
Other long-term liabilities	290	0	0
Total long-term liabilities (ro.270+ro.280+ro.290)	300	0	0
Short-term liabilities		0	0
Short-term special purpose financing and receipts	310	1 186 110	75 675
Short-term financial liabilities	320	0	0
Accounts payable and received advances	330	39	751
Liabilities related to the staff	340	403	2 339
Social and medical insurance liabilities	350	30	695
Liabilities related to the budget settlements	360	0	0
Short-term deferred income	370	33 912	87 137
Other short-term liabilities	380	0	0
Total short-term liabilities (ro.310+ro.320+ro.330+ro.340+ro.350+ ro.360+ ro.370+od.380)	390	1 525 702	166 677
Total passives (ro.260+ro.300+ro.390)	400	1 525 702	349 797

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 2017

Items	Row No.	Reporting period	
		Previous	Actual
1	2	3	4
Income related to the special purpose financing and receipts	10	5 848 418	4 321 330
Expenses related to the special purpose financing and receipts	20	5 848 418	4 321 330
Net surplus (Net deficit) related to the special purpose financing and receipts (ro.010-ro. 020)	30	0	0
Other income (except the income from economic activity)	40	0	0
Other expenses (except income from economic activity)	50	0	0
Net surplus (Net deficit) from other activities (ro.040-ro.050)	60	0	0
Income from economic activities	70	0	0
Expenses related to economic activities	80	0	0
Result: profit (losses) from the economic activity (ro.070-ro.080)	90	0	0
Income tax expenses	100	0	0
Net surplus (Net deficit) of the period (ro.030+ro.060+ ro.090-ro.100)	110	0	0

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE YEAR 2017

No.	Items	Row No.	Balance at the beginning of the period	Increases	Decreases	Balance at the end of the period
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Special purpose funds					
	Special purpose financing and funds received from the national budget	10	0	0	0	0
	Special purpose financing and funds received from the local budget	20	0	0	0	0
	Grants	30	1 186 110	3 182 503	4 292 938	75 675
	Financial and technical assistance	40	0	0	0	0
	Other special purpose financing and funds received	50	0	0	0	0
	Total special purpose financing and funds received (ro010+ro020+ro030+ro040+ ro050)	60	1 186 110	3 182 503	4 292 938	75 675
2	Funds with no special purpose					
	Donations	70	0	14 500	14 500	0
	Financial aid	80	0	0	0	0
	Other funds with no special purpose	90	0	35 643	35 643	0
	Total funds with no special purpose (ro070+ro080+ ro090)	100	0	50 143	50 143	0
3	Contributions of founders and members					
	Membership fees and taxes	110	0	0	0	0
	Other contributions	120	0	0	0	0
	Total contributions of founders and members (ro110+ro120)	130	0	0	0	0
4	Funds					
	Initial founders contributions	140	0	0	0	0
	Fixed assets fund	150	0	351 624	168 504	183 120
	Self-financing fund	160	0	0	0	0
	Other funds	170	0	0	0	0
	Total funds (ro140+ro150+ro160+ ro170)	180	0	351 624	168 504	183 120
5	Other funding	190				
	Total sources of funding (ro60+ro100+ ro130+ro180+ro190)	200	1 186 110	3 584 270	4 511 585	258 795



II. LEGAL STATUS AND CORE BUSINESS

The Association „The Institute for European Policies and Reforms,, the short-name of the Association is: “IPRE”.

The legal form of the Association is a non-governmental association, independent, non-political, independent, non-commercial one, constituted by the free manifestation of the will of the associated persons, in order to jointly achieve the purposes determined by its statute.

The Association is created and is developing its activity according to the Constitution of Republic of Moldova, the Law of Republic of Moldova related the Non-Profit Associations No. 837-XIII as of May 17, 1999.

The Association is a **republican public association and operates throughout the entire territory of Republic of Moldova**. The duration of the Association's activity is unlimited.

PURPOSE AND MODE OF ACTIVITY

1. The Association is a non-profit one. The aim of the Association is to promote democracy, the rule of law and the European integration of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the advancing of reforms and new policy ideas, especially in the field of public administration, the development of the market economy, justice reform and the fight against corruption, the settlement of conflict in Transnistria, foreign and security policy, inclusion of community and national minorities, regional development.

2. Following this aim, the Association:

- a) will carry out scientific research in areas of public interest that correspond to the purpose of the Association.
- b) will disseminate and promote the understanding of the research outcomes, as well as will promote the implementation of the proposed reforms;
- c) will strengthen the civic participation and the more active involvement of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova;
- d) will promote the civic and political education of Moldovan citizens, contributing to democratic reforms;

The Association will carry out its activity through studies, research, by organizing of the conferences and roundtables, public events and training seminars, publications, international cooperation, and implementation of the projects. The Association will carry out other activities in accordance with the provisions of the Statute and the legislation in force of the Republic of Moldova, in order to achieve the Statutory purpose.

In accordance with article 188 of the Civil Code and the article 26 of the Law No. 837-XIII of May 17, 1996 on the Public Associations, the Association has the right to carry out economic activity that results directly from the purpose of the Association and exclusively for the achievement of the statutory objectives.

III. PRESENTATION PRINCIPLES

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The financial statements are prepared according to National Accounting Standards and Methodological Guidelines for Accounting in non-commercial Organizations approved by Finance Ministry Order No. 188 as of 30.12.2014.

PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements are presented in Moldavian lei (MDL), unless otherwise provided.

GOING CONCERN CONCEPT

The financial statements of the Association were prepared in accordance with going concern concept.

IV. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES***Special purpose financing and receipts***

The recognition of the special purpose financing and receipts is performed in base of accrual accounting method (Article 17 of the Methodological Guidelines for Accounting in non-commercial Organizations)

The use of special purpose financing and receipts for the current expenses is registered as the increase of current income and the decrease of special purpose financing and receipts, in the value of the incurred expenses (Article 22, 2) of the Methodological Guidelines).

The use of special purpose financing and receipts for the inventory and other current assets acquisition and for the payment of advances is registered to current deferred income in total amount, and at the moment of the inventory and advances use, the deferred income is settled to the current income (the Article 23, 1) of the Methodological Guidelines).

The special purpose financing and receipts received as intangible and tangible assets or used for the procurement/creation of such assets are recorded as decrease of special purpose financing and receipts and increase of long-term assets fund, at the moment of their settlement into process (the Article 24 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The favorable and unfavorable exchange rate difference related to special purpose financing and receipts are registered as increase or decrease of those funds (the Article 27 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The unused funds are allocated, with the agreement of the funder, for the co-financing of other programs / projects and recorded in the internal accounting of the Association between the sub-accounts of the synthetic accounts for the special purpose financing and receipts (Article 30 of the Methodological Guidelines).

Funds with no special purpose

The funds with no special purpose received in the form of long-term assets are recorded, at the moment of their settlement into process, as the increase of the long-term assets fund (Article 32 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The funds with no special purpose received in form of current assets are recorded, in the value of their consumption, as simultaneous increase of current income (Article 33 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The unused funds that had not been used up to the reporting date are settled into the self-financing fund (Article 35 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The contributions and other fees of founders and members of the Association related to the achievement of the special objectives are recorded in the same principle as special purpose financing and receipts (Article 38 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The contributions and other fees of founders and members of the Association that are not related to the achievement of the special objectives are recorded in the same principle as the funds with no special purpose (Article 38, 2) of the Methodological Guidelines).

Income and expenses

The incomes related to the special purpose financing and receipts includes the amounts of special purpose financing and receipts used, except for the funds used for the purchase / creation of fixed assets.

These incomes are recognized as a result of the use of special purpose financing and receipts and are valued at the amount of the expenditure actually incurred on account of this funds, on the cost of the inventory consumed, on the amounts of the advances settled and other costs covered by the means of special purpose financing and receipts.

The expenses related to for special purpose financing and receipts include expenditures incurred on behalf of the special purpose financing and receipts, including: book value of purchased / manufactured and consumed inventory (used, transmitted for free), short-term expenditures (program costs / project costs, administrative costs).

Intangible and tangible assets

The intangible and tangible assets are initially recognized as separate items, the nomenclature of which is established by the executive director of the Association (point 5 of the NAS "Intangible and tangible assets", Article 52 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The initial valuation of each item of intangible and tangible assets is carried out at the cost of entry that is determined in dependence of the source.

The subsequent valuation of intangible and tangible assets is carried at the accounting value (Point 17 of the NAS "Intangible and tangible assets").

The useful life of the intangible and tangible assets is determined in dependence of the method they are used and is presented in the minutes of receipt-surrender (Point 20 of the NAS "Intangible and tangible assets").

Fixed assets include the tangible assets transmitted in operation, the unit value of which exceeds the threshold value issued by the fiscal legislation (Point 4 of the NAS "Intangible and tangible assets").

The residual value of fixed assets is insignificant and is considered to be null.

The depreciation of intangible assets and of the fixed assets is calculated using the straight-line method (Point 22, NAS "Intangible and tangible assets").

The depreciation of intangible assets and fixed assets is calculated from the first day of the month following the month in which the intangible assets and fixed assets are transferred into operation process (Point 28 of the NAS, "Intangible and tangible assets").

The depreciation of small value and short-term items is done when they are removed from operation process (scrapping).

The subsequent costs covered from different sources of funding are allocated proportionally to the respective funding sources (Article 59 of the Methodological Guidelines).

Assets received free of charge, regardless their destination, are valued at the cost of entry that is determined on the basis of donation documents, the minutes of receipt-surrender, invoices, import invoices and other related documents (Article 49 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The costs of acquiring and preparing of the assets for special missions are included into the cost of entry only if they were covered from the same source of funding (grant, project, technical assistance, etc.). Otherwise, these costs are recorded at the current expense account (Article 51 of the Methodological Guidance).

Short-term assets

The accounting of the inventory is held in quantitative and value terms (Article 17 (point 5) of the Accounting Law, point 10 of the NAS, "Inventory").

Office supplies, cartridges and other similar goods purchased on the needs of the Association's employees (subdivisions) are settled directly at current costs and / or expenses when they are purchased (Point 9, NAS, "Inventory").

The fuel consumption is settled at expenses account based on fuel consumption reports issued on the base of the distance: Chisinau - destination point - Chisinau and consumption norms.

The outputs of inventory (consumed, sold, etc.) are valued using the weighted average cost method, and for the donated stocks - is used the specific identification method of valuation (points 35-37, NAS "Inventory").

The goods received / purchased on behalf special purpose financing and receipts intended for transmission to other beneficiaries are recorded as other short-term assets and goods received / purchased from other sources - into the extra-balance sheet accounts (Article 48 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The amount of material damage is recorded into the other income account (Point 32, NAS "Receivables and financial investments")

The expenditures and deferred incomes are settled as current expenses and incomes by the straight-line method over the periods to which they are attributed (Point 8 of the NAS "Expenses" and paragraph 64 of the NAS "Equity and liabilities").

Other accounting and economic events

The funds of the Association include: the fixed assets fund, the self-financing fund and other funds (Article 75 of the Methodological Guidelines).

The receivables, liabilities in foreign currency are recalculated in national currency at the reporting date (Point 11, NAS "Foreign Exchange and Amount Differences").

Operations with residents, denominated in foreign currency or conventional units under contracts, shall be accounted for in national currency, using the exchange rate set by the Contracting Parties (item 18 of the CNS, "Foreign exchange rate differences and amount differences").

The settlement of receivables and debts related to transactions with residents, denominated in foreign currency or conventional currency units, is accounted for in the national currency by applying the exchange rate at the date of payment of the receivables and debts (Point 19 of the NAS "Foreign exchange rate differences and amount differences").

The amount differences are accounted for as income or expense related to the period (Point 20 of the NAS "Foreign exchange rate differences and amount differences").

VI. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

No contingent liabilities, acquisitions or tax aspects, were disclosed, that could significantly influence the financial position of Association.

VII. RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES

The Association pays deductions to social and health insurance calculated based on rates determined by effective legislation for the respective year from employees' accrued wages. The deductions to social and health insurance are charged to expenses in the periods that correspond to employees' wage calculation.

The Association has no other liabilities to similar payments on higher rates other than those provided for in the legislation. The organization does not take part in any other similar projects.