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**Presentation of Transparency Rating of Ukrainian Cities: Zhytomyr Strives for Change**

*Zhytomyr city council representatives approached Transparency International Ukraine with a request to present the transparency rating of 100 Ukrainian cities in their city. Our organization is happy to support local authorities' aspiration for transparency. That is why TI Ukraine is organizing an off-schedule presentation of Zhytomyr's rating and invites local public officials, social activists and journalists as well as everyone interested in transparency to attend it.*

The event will take place on October 4, from 12PM to 2PM in Reikartz hotel at Zamkovyi Maidan 5/8.

A team of TI Ukraine analysts in collaboration with the Institute of Political Education has developed the rating of cities based on 91 indicators in 13 areas, including budgeting, land management, human resources, procurement, online services etc. Zhytomyr did quite well in the transparency rating of 100 biggest Ukrainian cities: it ranked 12th and got 42.8 out of 100 points. How transparent is Zhytomyr in comparison with other oblast centers? In what areas did the city receive the biggest number of points? Why did it get zero points in one area and how to improve it? These are the questions that will be answered at our event.

The rating will be presented by:

* Kateryna Tsybenko, coordinator of TI Ukraine's project Transparent Cities;
* Anatolii Kotov, project assistant of the Building Transparency in Ukrainian Cities project;
* Serhii Yatsyk, project manager at Youth Foundation of European Initiatives CSO (Zhytomyr);
* A representative of Zhytomyr city council.

The experts will put a special emphasis on ways to improve the situation in the areas where the city did worst and offer their recommendations.

To participate, please register at <http://bit.ly/2x8elTQ>

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