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**TI Ukraine Will Hold a Transparency Training for Mariupol Authorities**

The Ukrainian chapter of the global anti-corruption movement Transparency International invites representatives of Mariupol city authorities to sign up for the training How to Improve Mariupol's Position in the City Transparency Ranking. It will be held as part of the project Make the City Transparent, Take Part in Governance. TI representativeds will hold the event on ***October 23*** from 9AM to 7PM in Poseidon hotel at ***Prymorsky blvd. 19, Marupol***.

You can register for the training at <http://bit.ly/2ysvck6>. The deadline is October 19, 12PM. The number of participants is limited. The participants who will participate in the training will notify about it in advance.

Mariupol ranks 57 in the Transparency Ranking of 100 Ukrainian Cities. The city got only 28 out of 100 points. That is why TI Ukraine decided to work on the reduction of corruption risks, increase the accountability of authorities in this very city. The project will also include sharing best practices of transparency with representatives of the local authorities of Melitopol, Sievierodonetsk and Irpin. Similar trainings will be done in these cities as well.

The educational event for representatives of Mariupol city authorities will be held by Institute of Political Education expert Oleksandr Solontai. The participants will learn how to improve the transparency of various areas of accountability of the authorities, how to achieve transparency in the areas of information on the work of the local authorities, participation and access, municipal property, grants ans finances; they will also see the best practices of land use.

The training aims at raising awareness of Mariupol public officials of the principles of accountability and improve the transparency culture of the city authorities. TI Ukraine representatives want to start a dialogue with the local authorities to implement the recommendations on improvement of transparency.

Now, decentralization is underway in Ukraine, which presupposes transfer of authority and budget earnings to the local level. While city budgets have become more independent thanks to this process, corruption risks are one of the key threats for effective local self-government. That is why TI Ukraine continues to work on transparency in the regions of Ukraine and actively motivate local public officials to adhere to principles of transparency and accountability.

The project Make the City Transparent, Take Part in Governance is implemented by TI Ukraine together with the Center for Democracy and Rule of Law as part of the project Strengthening the RPR Coalition implemented with the support of the EU.

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