



Institute for Economic and Social Reforms

Supporting democracy, independence and transparency of key public institutions in Moldova

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About the project

- Title: Supporting democracy, independence and transparency of key public institutions in Moldova
- Duration: October 2019 March 2021
- Implemented by: INEKO in partnership with IDIS "Viitorul"
- Funded by: The Official Development Assistance of the Slovak Republic (SlovakAid)
- Follow-up on previous projects running since October 2015

Project goals

- Goal: To support democracy in Moldova, to reduce risk of "state capture" and "power abuse"
- Objectives:
 - To support public debate about current state of democracy in Moldova
 - To strengthen the independence of key regulatory and judiciary institutions in Moldova
 - To increase transparency and support implementation of anti-corruption measures in state-owned companies and local governments in Moldova
- Transferring know-how from projects implemented in Slovakia

Key outputs

- June 2020: Report on current state and development of democracy in Moldova
- November 2020: <u>Report on independence of key</u> <u>public institutions in Moldova</u>
- <u>Updating</u> transparency and <u>financial health data</u> of:
 - Public enterprises: <u>http://companies.viitorul.org/</u>
 - Local governments (cities and regions): http://localbudgets.viitorul.org/ and http://localtransparency.viitorul.org/
- Electronic monthly newsletters

What is next?

- Electronic monthly newsletters (11/2020-03/2021)
- At least 10 lectures for students about democracy
- Study visits to at least 10 public enterprises and local governments
- 03/2021: Conference in Chisinau:
 - Updating transparency and financial health ratings of public enterprises: <u>http://companies.viitorul.org/</u>

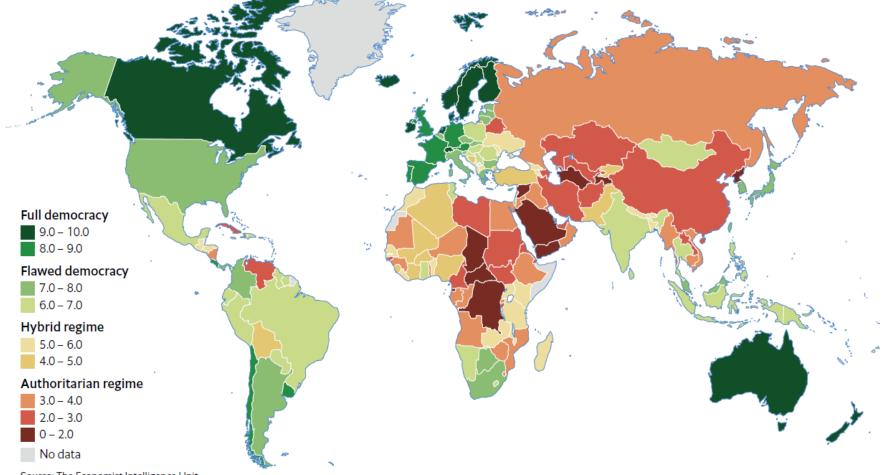
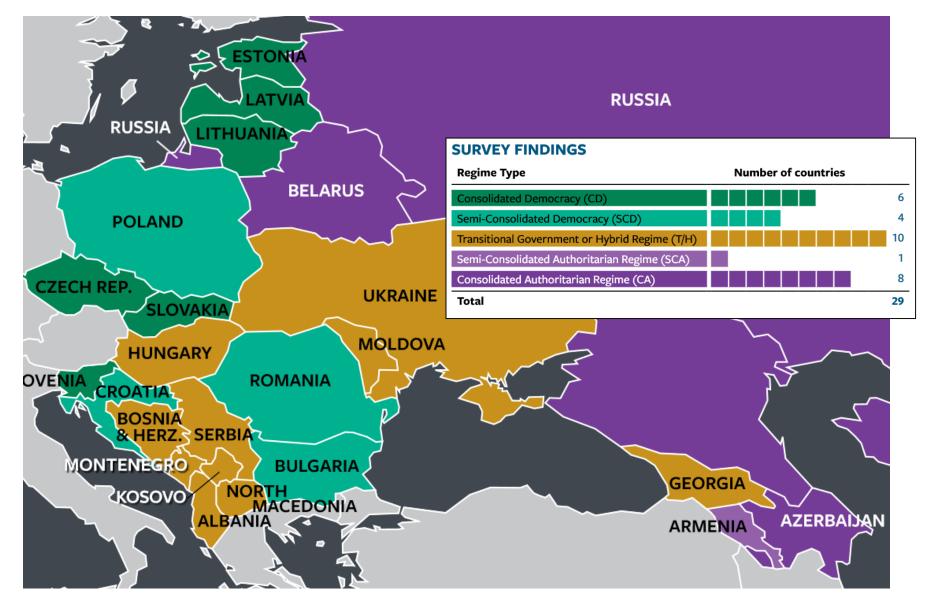


Chart 1: Democracy Index 2019, global map by regime type

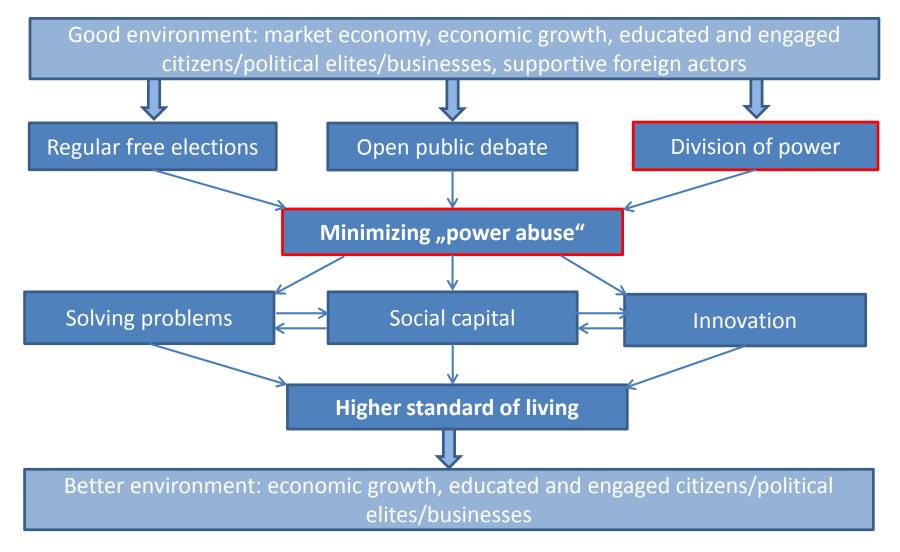
Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit.

Source: EIU, Democracy Index 2019



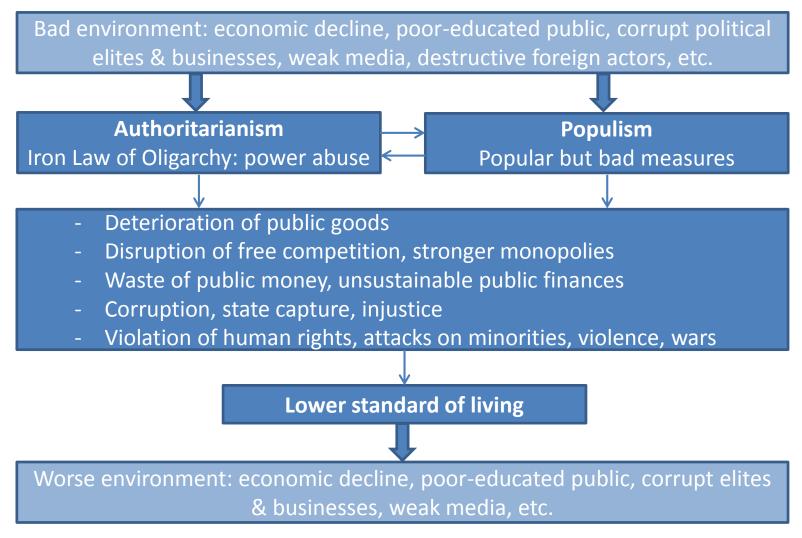
Source: Nations in Transit 2020, Freedom House

How democracy works?



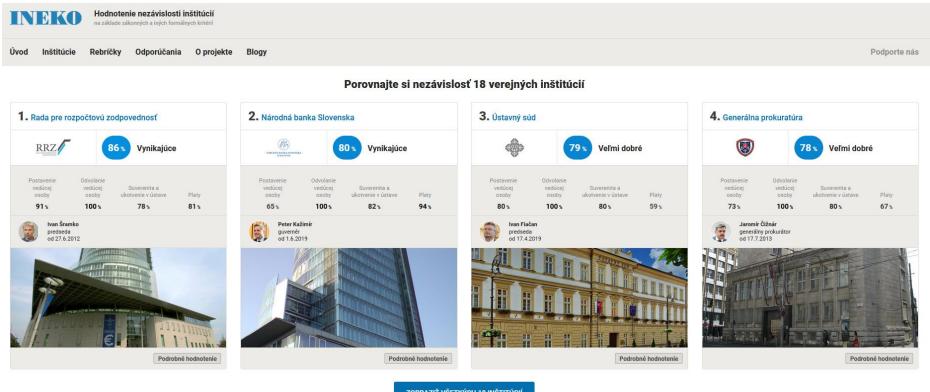
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Threats to democracy



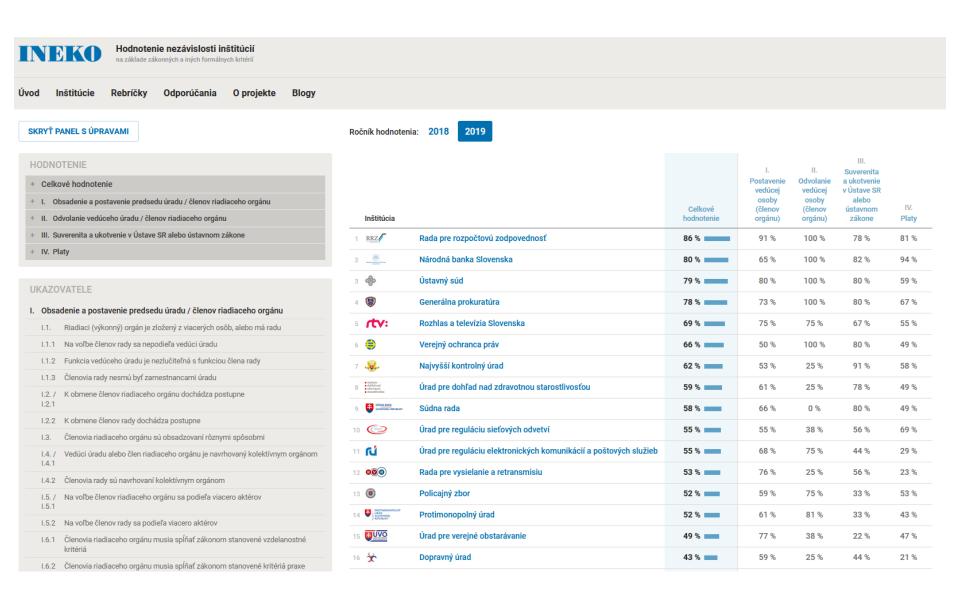
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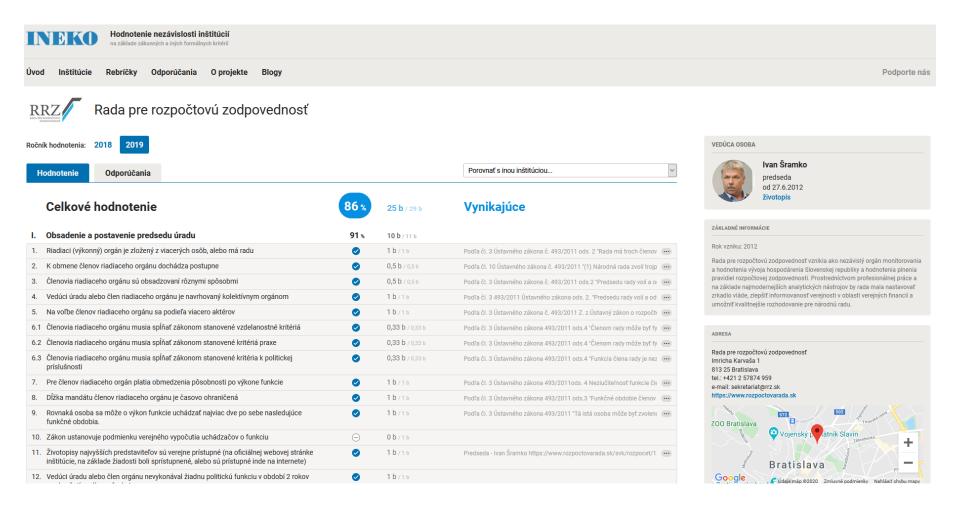


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Real impact

- Key recommendations:
 - Transparent selection procedures for top positions
 - Revision of institutional and legislative setup
 - Key performance indicators
- Participation in the OECD team for revision of the Council for Budget Resposibility
- Cooperation with the Public Procurement Office
 Drafting new institutional and legislative setup, KPIs
- Participation in selection of:
 - Head of Council for Budget Responsibility
 - Members of the Board of Public Procurement Office

Public hearings in 2020



Thank you for your attention!

<u>http://www.ineko.sk/projekty/supporting-democracy-independence-and-</u> <u>transparency-of-key-public-institutions-in-moldova</u>