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MOLDOVA OPEN DATA STORY - OPEN IS PAINFUL – SO, WE GO FOR PAIN ...

- **2010-2011** Moldova national open data initiative is part of **Governance e-Transformation Agenda**;
- The initiative had support from the **highest levels of government, Prime Minister and State Chancellery**;
- **2012** – Moldova **joins OGP** and has open data high on its OGP Action Plan;
- **2012** the Parliament adopts the **Law on PSI re-use**, aligned to the EU Directive 2003/98/EC on the reuse of public sector information. The law allows citizens to access and reuse public data in machine-readable format for any purposes. The goal is to increase the supply, demand and reuse of public data.
- **2014** – Government Decision adopted on the Open Data concept and Methodology for publishing/opening up **open data by default (derived from G8 Open Data charter)**. Each CPA had to release 3 data sets per month;
- Led by the e-Government Centre, the initiative has managed to open up more than 1000 data sets on www.date.gov.md and had **open data coordinators** in each Ministry ...



**Open Data (anchored in the open government framework) is
currently
a “sleeping beauty” ... why?!**



WHY HAVE WE ENDED UP WITH A SLEEPING BEAUTY?!

- There is **no high level political commitment for open data** and open government in general ... the momentum has been lost very rapidly because of several changes in the Government and of the Governments ...
- The government's **ICT infrastructure is fragmented** and not all datasets are collected and stored digitally. This leads to inconsistencies in information structure, data formats and document formatting.
- Central authorities **do not have a searchable list of data available for reuse** at the most disaggregated level possible. They also miss metadata about the format of datasets and the frequency of updates.
- There is **insufficient capacity and skills in the public sector** for defining, collecting and publishing data on the portal.
- There is **lack of demand for open data**.



THE OPEN PARLIAMENT INITIATIVE COULD 'WAKE UP' OUR SLEEPING BEAUTY

IF

- It builds capacity among MPs, working committees of the Parliament, around the practical use and value of open parliament data and not only – through in-service and pre-service training institutions;
- It starts co-creating/co-designing its transparency and accountability agenda with the key stakeholders, having open parliament data at the core of legislation making and changing;
- Introduces a framework for debates around important issues based on evidence and data, and uses data to analyze and assess possible optimizations/savings/efficiency;
- It uses open data for checking/verifying and approving the Government spending, but also releases data about Parliament costs, so that citizens understand how much does it cost to have a Parliament;
- Contributes to the development of open data competencies by having introduced data analysis, coding and other relevant skills into the formal school curriculum;
- Is leading by example ... and is futuristic, rather than acting based on 'historic data' ... and old patterns ...



HOW TO ADDRESS SUSTAINABILITY OF THESE EFFORTS?

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR SOCIETY IN THE NEXT 20-30 OR 50 YEARS
AND HOW DO WE BUILD THESE EFFORTS TODAY TO BRING THE FUTURE
RATHER THAN TO RUN AFTER IT?!**

**LOOK FOR Innovators, out-of box thinkers, designers of governance
processes, ideators among your citizens ...**



INTO ORBIT... AND HOME AGAIN

Height: 229ft 6in



Launch shroud covering Dragon payload

2nd stage with one Merlin rocket

Inter stage

Grid fins

1st stage with nine Merlin rockets (thrust greater than five Boeing 747 airliners)

Landing legs stowed for launch

2
8:31pm: The Falcon 9's first-stage rocket splits from its second-stage payload

3
The first stage hits maximum altitude - 125 miles up

4
The second stage booster heads into space - releasing 11 satellites at 500 miles up

5
Cold gas boosters turn first stage to a vertical alignment for return to Earth

6
Falcon 9's 156ft long first stage is equipped with hypersonic grid fins which steer it on to the landing site

7
Hydraulic rams lower the carbon fibre legs for landing

8
8:39pm: Rocket booster decelerates stage to 13mph and it lands six miles from the launch site

HOW IT COMPARES



1
Canaveral Air Force Station. Falcon 9 blasts off at 8:29pm local time (0129am GMT)

Elon Musk: Founder of Space X



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