

## Support the Moldovan Government in Identifying and Preparing Projects Linked to the Implementation of the Association Agreement



## Introductory workshop on the new public investment project appraisal procedure

On 13 and 14 February 2024, the EU-funded Project "Support the Moldovan Government in identifying and preparing projects linked to the implementation of the Association Agreement" (PPF Project), together with the Ministry of Finance, held an introductory workshop aimed at informing representatives from fifty central public authorities on the new public investment project appraisal procedure (Regulation 684/September 2022).

Participants were briefed on the new regulatory framework on public investment management and were introduced to the new workflow required to operationalise the new investment project appraisal procedure. They were also introduced to the features of the web-based IT module to facilitate project submissions by central public authorities and project review by the dedicated Working Group of the Ministry of Finance.

State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Ion Gumene, opened the workshop emphasising the importance of applying the new public investment project appraisal procedure by all central public authorities, which will lead to establishment of the single project pipeline. It is expected that the new system will address the chronic underspending of the capital budget in recent years.

Addressing the opening session, Josip Juric, Programme Manager from the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, referred to the importance of efficient utilisation of EU assistance provided to Moldova for various infrastructure projects.

The workshop marks the first step in a broader initiative aimed at enhancing the capacity of the central public authorities to develop and submit public investment projects in line with the Regulation 684/September 2022. The PPF Project team will provide regular support through customised trainings and on-the-job assistance on investment project preparation and appraisal, and the application of the IT module.

The workshop was delivered by Lilia Taban, Deputy Head of Investment Directorate, Ministry of Finance, and members of the PPF Project team: Gnel Sedrakyan, Public Investment Expert, and Leonidas Crisciunas, IT Expert.