

# PIIEF 2018

11-12 October 2018, Tiraspol

<b>October 10, 2018</b>	<b>Arrival of Participants</b>
<b>October, 11 2018</b>	
<b>08:00 – 09:00</b>	Business Breakfast
Rossiya Hotel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor (Banquet Hall)	<b>Is It Easy to Be an Entrepreneur - a Dialogue Between Business and Government</b>  Since 2017, the Government of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic has been improving the business climate in the country by adopting measures to simplify the environment and rules for entrepreneurship, to eliminate unnecessary administrative barriers, to support exports, to promote Pridnestrovian goods to foreign markets, and to shape a favourable investment ambiance. “Improving the Domestic Conditions for Doing Business” and “Supporting the Access of Pridnestrovian Producers to Foreign Markets and Promoting Export” road maps were developed and launched. This direction will certainly become one of the key discussion at the session. What measures have been implemented, what remains to be done? How is dialogue between the authorities and business developing today, what prevents the achievement of a balance of interests between the two sides? What is the vision of entrepreneurship and the government on further interaction? What can make it possible to improve the business climate?
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Forum Registration</b>
Republic Palace Flow Area	

**10:00 – 10:45**

**Forum Opening Ceremony**

Republic Palace

Great Hall

**10:45 – 11: 00**

**Coffee break, Exhibition View**

Republic Palace

Flow Area

**11:00 – 12:45**

Plenary Session

Republic Palace

Great Hall

**Guarantees for Stability and Preferences for Investors - Instrument for Economic Growth**

Attraction of investments into the Pridnestrovian economy is one of the key tasks for the Government. The world does not stand still, and Pridnestrovie is also trying to keep pace with the times bringing its investment legislation in compliance with the modern requirements. On June 1, 2018, a new law “On Government Support of Investment Activities” came into force. What novels offers the adopted law? What has the Government done to implement the new investment legislation? What investment priority projects were launched?

The new investment legislation provides for preferences for new production sites. What measures of government support are planned for the operating enterprises investing in the upgrade and technical re-equipment? What does the Government of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic suggest and what proposes business community for stimulating the investment activities of existing enterprises?

**Moderator:** Maksim Chereshnev - Ambassador of Youth Time international organization, Head of the Internet + Trade Committee at the Internet Development Institute, Member of the Russian CCI Committee on Economic Integration and Foreign Economic Activity, Member of the Harvard Club, Member

of Russian intergovernmental commissions

**Speakers:**

Alexandr Martynov - Chairman of the Government of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Alexandr Scsherba - Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Sergey Obolonik - Chairman Deputy of the Government of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, Minister of Economic Development of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Karsten Nowrot - Professor of Public Law, European Law and International Economic Law, Director of the Research Institute of Economic Law and Labor Law, Head of the Law Faculty of the School of Socio-Economics at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Hamburg, Germany, Associate Professor of the Law Faculty of the University of Hamburg, Deputy Director "European and European legal studies" at the Europa-Kolleg Institute for European Integration in Hamburg.

Vladimir Zernov - Rector of the Russian New University, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor, Chairman of the Council of the Association of Private Institutions of Higher Education and Professional Educational Organizations of Russia, Regional Curator of the National Innovation System Project of the United Russia Party, Member of the Association of Law Universities of Russia , Member of the Russian Public Council for the Development of Education at the Board of Trustees of the Association of Foreign Students of Russia

**12:50 – 13:50**

Lunch Break

**14:00 – 15:20**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Great Hall

**Investments in Pridnestrovie: Practice and Prospects**

Adoption of law on preferential conditions for investors can lead to a positive result only together with effective implementation of the adopted norms and the

mechanism of interaction with the investor. From theory to practice, how is the investment legislation implemented? What opinions and questions can be shaped by current and potential investors? What are the prospects for the development of investment activity and how do they relate to the wishes of economic agents and investors?

**Moderator:** Yaroslav Romanchuk - Head of the Mises Research Center, founder of the Belarusian school of liberal sustainable development, Ph.D.

**Speakers:**

Andrey Betanov - Head of the State Agency for investment of the PMR

Vitaly Maksimov - Chairman of the Board of Directors of TRANSPROEKT Group, JSC; Member of the Business Advisory Council for Public-Private Partnership of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); Member of the BRICS Infrastructure Council Working Group, Professor, Ph.D.

Aleksey Vyalkin - Director of the Department for Assistance to Investments and Innovations, CCI of the Russian Federation

Bjoern Fogler - Expert on industrial and structural policy, as well as business development projects at Berlin Economics consulting company

Yulian Gangan – The first investor within the framework of the Law "On State Support of Investment Activities", founder of Top Geo Serv LLC

Edgar Schumacher, representative of Techcom&Genco MANUFACTURING

**14:00 – 15:20**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace  
Small Hall

**Budget Balance: Budgetary And Fiscal Policy As Factors Of Economic Self-Reliance**

The concept of the budget and tax policy of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic for 2018 and in the mid-run. The development of this document is driven by the need to identify the main directions of the budget and tax policies that could ensure the integration of the Pridnestrovian economy with the current challenges having the maximum possible balance of the public revenue and expenditure components attracting and using all available resources and

developing basis for economic expansion, first of all. What model of the budget policy does the government offer? How to improve the effectiveness of budget expenditures? What should investors and business expect in the tax policy? How to ensure parallel balance of the budget with optimal tax burden and the fulfilment of the social obligations?

**Moderator:** Ivan Uzun - Acting Dean of the Faculty of Economics of the Pridnestrovian T.G. Shevchenko State University., candidate of economic studies.

**Speakers:**

Mariya Glushkova - Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic for Macroeconomics

Aleksey Melnik - First Deputy Chairman of the Pridnestrovian Republican Bank

Maksim Badenko - Director of the State Tax Service

Oksana Baka - Financial Director of Rybnitsky Cement Plant CJSC

Angela Turcan - Leading Lecturer at the Department of Accounting and Audit at Pridnestrovian T.G. Shevchenko State University., candidate of economic studies., associate professor

Joerg Radeke - Project Manager for economic policy, the assessment of socio-economic factors and economic modeling at Berlin Economics consulting company

**15:20 – 15:30**

**Coffee break, Exhibition View**

Republic Palace

Flow Area

**15:30 – 17:00**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Great Hall

**Made in Pridnestrovie: Saturation of Domestic Market and Promotion of Products to Foreign Markets**

Pridnestrovian products are exported to more than 50 countries. An important factor in the development of export potential is the government support to improve the competitiveness in foreign markets. What are the problems of the access of Pridnestrovian enterprises to the European markets and markets of the Eurasian economic union? What measures need to be taken in order to address existing problems in foreign economic activity?

Saturation of the national market with domestic products, including food, food security, the “Buy Pridnestrovian Goods!” Campaign are important components of the state policy. What is the availability of domestic goods in the national market? Are there any preliminary results of the “Buy Pridnestrovian Goods!” project? Is there a comprehensive vision on the measures that are necessary for import substitution and ensuring the food security of the republic?

**Moderator:** Yuriy Ganin – President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

**Speakers:**

Vitaly Ignatiev - Minister of foreign affairs of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Yefimiy Koval - Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Natalya Sitkina - Deputy Minister - Head of the State Economic Activity Service of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Yuriy Ganin – President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Maksim Chereshev - Ambassador of Youth Time international organization, Head of the Internet + Trade Committee at the Internet Development Institute, Member of the Russian CCI Committee on Economic Integration and Foreign Economic Activity, Member of the Harvard Club, Member of Russian intergovernmental commissions

Dr. Gabriele Koetschau - Director of the East-West Economic Cooperation

Agency, Glucksburg, Germany

Boris Kichuk - Chairman of the Public Advisory Council at the State Customs Committee of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

**15:30 – 17:00**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Small Hall

### **Digital Economy: Blockchain Technology**

Blockchain is getting a mainstream of the digital economy. Pridnestrovia adopted a law “On the Development of Information Blockchain Technologies in the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic” in order to develop the information technology industry and attract investments of the blockchain companies, as well as to introduce relevant technologies and other technologies based on the principles of distribution, decentralization and security of operations with their use. What are developments so far? Are there examples of projects being implemented and what is the economic effect?

**Moderator:** Andrey Betanov - Head of the State Agency for investment of the PMR;

#### **Speakers:**

Vyacheslav Cherenkevich - Director of JSC "Technopark"

Alexander Borodich - Managing partner of Future Action innovation marketing agency, founder of VentureClub.ru crowd-investment platform and My Wish Board wishlist service, founder of Universa.io blockchain platform

Maksim Chereshnev - Ambassador of Youth Time international organization, Head of the Internet + Trade Committee at the Internet Development Institute, Member of the Russian CCI Committee on Economic Integration and Foreign Economic Activity, Member of the Harvard Club, Member of Russian intergovernmental commissions

Balazs Fekete – Founder of BitcoinBazis, partner of IBCgroup.io

	<p>Lee Gibson Grand - Blockchain association</p> <p>Sergey Lupashko - First Deputy Chairman of the Agroprombank Board</p>
<b>17:00 – 17: 30</b>	<b>Coffee break, Exhibition View</b>
<p>Republic Palace</p> <p>Flow Area</p>	
<b>17:30-20:00</b>	<b>Entertainment Event</b>
<b>October 12, 2018</b>	
<b>08:00 – 09:00</b>	<p>Business Breakfast with the Prime Minister of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic</p>
<p>Rossiya Hotel</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Banquet Hall)</p>	<p><b>Key Aspects of Economic Transformation</b></p> <p>At the Pridnestrovian International Economic Forum in 2017, the Prime Minister outlined the main directions for the implementation of structural reforms. They included a revision of the budget policy principles, administrative reform, restructuring of the public sector in the economy, improving the investment climate, etc. What is the progress on the key aspects of economic transformation? What results are expected? What will the public organizations and foreign guests participating in the Forum advise in view of the implementation of the planned reforms?</p>
<b>09:30 – 10:50</b>	<p>Thematic Session</p> <p><b>Workforce for the Economic Sector: the Present and the Future</b></p>
<p>Republic Palace</p> <p>Great Hall</p>	



One of the global tasks relating to the official social and economic policy in the sphere of employment is development of conditions that enable the opportunity to provide employed people with a decent life and a free, comprehensive development. The President's People's Programme pays special attention to addressing the problem of employment and creating new jobs.

At the same time, providing operating with personnel enterprises is a pressing issue of today. In this regard, the dual education is called upon to improve the situation providing practical approach to the learning process and allowing quickly and qualitative professional training. What is the vision of the scientific community on this issue? What is the basis of the shortage of labour resources, what steps need to be taken to meet the needs of enterprises in the workforce and to assist professionals who is searching for new employment opportunities? How does investment law assist to address these issues?

**Moderator:** Vasily Kozhan - Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

**Speakers:**

Tatyana Loginiva - Minister of Education of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Stepan Beryl - Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, Professor, Doctor of Physics and Mathematics, Rector of Pridnestrovian T.G. Shevchenko State University

Oana Voditsa - Manager of the Structural Reform of Technical and Vocational Education in the Republic of Moldova Project, German Development Agency (GIZ)

Dr. Gabriele Koetschau - Director of the East-West Economic Cooperation Agency, Glucksburg, Germany

Victoriya Grischuk - Director for Human Resources and Social Policy of Moldavian Steel Works OJSC

Alla Gurova - Director of State educational institution of intermediate vocational

education "Tiraspol Agrarian Technical College. Named after M.V. Frunze

**09:30 – 10:50**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Small Hall

### **Implementation of Infrastructure Projects**

The implementation of infrastructure projects is an integral part of the national social and economic development. An assessment of the real situation in natural monopolies, housing utilities, urban electric transport shows weakness of production equipment at these enterprises. In the medium term, the most important task is to implement measures that will not only stabilize the situation, but also to implement investment programs for the upgrade and renewal of fixed assets.

Another topic of discussion focuses on the development of the road sector and search for the best management model in this area. Issues of modernization of the housing and poor financing the capital repair of houses are repeatedly discussed by the Government. To provide affordable dwelling it is necessary to complete construction of unfinished houses, as well as to develop an interest rate subsidy mechanism for the purchase of housing by young families and to provide funds for the down payment.

What has been done to improve infrastructure facilities? What is the vision of the panel participants on further official steps in the sphere of housing services, road and transport sector?

**Moderator:** Vitaly Maksimov - Chairman of the Board of Directors of TRANSPROEKT Group, JSC; Member of the Business Advisory Council for Public-Private Partnership of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); Member of the BRICS Infrastructure Council Working Group, Professor, Ph.D.

**Speakers:**

Aleksandr Goritsa - Deputy Minister - Head of the Department of Energy and Housing and Communal Services of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Basil Nikas - Director of the Institute for Economic Growth and Legal Forms (IGROW, USA)

Mikhail Dobrov - Director General of the State Unitary Enterprise Dnestrenergo

Ivan Untu - Deputy Minister - Head of the Department of Construction, Architecture and Road Management of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Adriaan Woonink- Operational Manager & Business Developer (Republic of Moldova)

Yelena Ivanchenko, Director of Vladimirovka Secondary School

Tatyana Gurtovaya, Head of Rural Council Gyrtop Village Grigoriopol District

**10:50 – 11: 00**

**Coffee break, Exhibition View**

Republic Palace

Flow Area

**11:00 – 12:40**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Small Hall

**Public Control and Social Initiative as an Element of Political, Social and Economic Stability**

All governmental measures should be supported by society. It is important to consolidate society and authorities in resolving pressing political, economic and social issues. In 2017, Pridnestrovie adopted laws “On the Public Chamber of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic”, “On Public Hearings” and “On the Fundamentals of Public Control in the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic” designed to reduce violations of the constitutional rights by authorities and local

governments while performing their public functions. It resulted in a transition of the dialogue between the authorities and the public sector to a new level. How is the joint work of public organizations and the government built? What are the results of the interaction? How to improve the effectiveness of public control?

**Moderator:** Yuriy Cheban - Vice-President of the Union of Industrialists, Agrarians and Entrepreneurs of Pridnestrovie, Co-Chairperson-Coordinator of the Pridnestrovian National Forum

Speakers:

Igor Buga - Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, Co-Chairman of the Pridnestrovian National Forum

Vitaly Glebov - Chairman of the Public Chamber of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Yelena Sutormina - Member of the Council of the Public Chamber of Russia, Chairman of the Commission for the Development of Public Diplomacy, Humanitarian Cooperation and Traditional Values, Public Chamber of Russia, Member of the All-Russian National Front

Victor Ivanchenkov - Chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions of Pridnestrovie

Lidia Kolodka - Head of the State Media Service of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Yuriy Cheban - Vice-President of the Union of Industrialists, Agrarians and Entrepreneurs of Pridnestrovie, Co-Chairperson-Coordinator of the Pridnestrovian National Forum

Vladimir Rylyakov - Co-Chair of the of the Pridnestrovian National Forum

Sergey Sherstyuk - Head of the Pridnestrovian National Forum Executive Committee

**11:00 – 12:40**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Great Hall

### **Implementation and Prospects of Social Policy**

Social policy is in trend, first of all, because of its influence on the quality and standards of life. Social policy should be underestimated by no government, because it is aimed at ensuring the well-being and comprehensive development of the country and society as a whole. The President's People's Programme of 2017 included several non-monetary measures aimed at minimizing the negative consequences of price increases and preventing a decrease in the standard of living in addition to freezing tariffs for administratively regulated services (targeted exemption from payment for gas supply, free travel in electric transport for the elderly, disabled people, war veterans and other welfare beneficiaries, preferential loans for war veterans, measures to support large families, etc.).

At the same time, these exemptions in the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic are granted in kind without benefit monetization. Pros and cons of the current social policy? What approach to the implementation of social policy will be applied in the mid-run?

**Moderator:** Yelena Kulichenko - Minister of Social Protection and Labor of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

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Yelena Kulichenko - Minister of Social Protection and Labor of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Sergey Cheban - Chairman of the Committee on Social Policy, Health, Labor, Family and Childhood - Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Alla Ostavnaya - Senior Lecturer of the Department of Sociology of the Pridnestrovian T.G. Shevchenko State University

Elena Karaivanova - Director of the Hope for Family and Children Charitable Foundation

Irina Shvedul - Deputy Head of the State Administration of Slobodzeya District

and the City of Slobodzeya on Social Issues

Alevtina Bereza - Director of the Unified State Social Insurance Fund of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Jean-Marc Turci - Head of Somanex expert company, Geneva, Switzerland

**12:40 – 14:00**

Lunch Break

**14:00 - 15:30**

Thematic Session

**Investments in the real economy, government support measures and concessional lending**

Assembly hall of the Pridnestrovian Republican Bank

Pridnestrovian enterprises have a limited resource base for the implementation of technological modernization and reconstruction needed to increase the competitiveness of products, to expand the range and markets. Thus, the leading economic entities for the Pridnestrovian economy also require investment injections, and that's why available cheap credits for them are necessary. Preferential loans on business development were disbursed from Russian humanitarian aid funds in 2008-2011. There is a positive effect of this program, but not all interested persons could take advantage of preferential loans. Unfortunately, starting entrepreneurs because of not having or lacking collateral did not fall into the category of recipients. The relevant legislative initiative was adopted in 2018. What has been done in this area, how does the program of preferential loans for small businesses work? What measures are being taken to ensure availability of preferential loans for large businesses that need to modernize and upgrade production facilities?

**Moderator:** Victor Dobrov - Chairman of the Board, Eximbank OJSC

**Speakers:**

Alexandr Martynov - Chairman of the Government of the Pridnestrovian

Moldavian Republic

Yuriy Kucherenko - Chairman of the Board of CJSC Agroprombank

Svetlana Kalugina - Chairman of the Board of CJSC “ Pridnestrovian Sberbank”

Yuriy Cheban - Vice-President of the Union of Industrialists, Agrarians and Entrepreneurs of Pridnestrovie, Co-Chairperson-Coordinator of the Pridnestrovian National Forum

Anatoly Dzernovich, - President of the Intercentre Lux trade and industrial company

**14:00 – 15:30**

Thematic Session

Republic Palace

Great Hall

**2018: Year of Equal Opportunities**

2018 is declared in Pridnestrovie as the Year of Equal Opportunities. Public organizations representing the interests of people with special needs and authorities jointly implement the approved target Republican Programme. The Programme provides involves social services, law making, improving individual work with disabled people, training, leisure and sports, information policy. What issues have been addressed? Are there any problems in implementing the Plan? What additional challenges people with special needs face?

**Moderator:** Natalya Bordan, Deputy Chairman of the Republican Charity Fund SARSIPODA “World of Equal Opportunities

**Speakers:**

Oleg Fedotov - Deputy Minister of Social Protection and Labor of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Sergey Cheban - Chairman of the Committee on Social Policy, Health, Labor, Family and Childhood - Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic

Lyudmila Borodina - Director of the Rehabilitation Center of the Health and Social

<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p> <p>Republic Palace</p> <p>Small Hall</p>	<p>Rehabilitation</p> <p>Thematic Session</p> <p><b>Younger Generation: Driver of Economic Growth</b></p> <p>The issues of youth participation in the governmental economic policy are becoming more urgent. It is impossible to plan a further strategy for the development of the state, if we do not allow young people to actively and comprehensively develop their potential. The main goal is to actively involve the younger generation in the joint construction of the future state. What is the younger generation's vision of the problems in the Pridnestrovian economy?</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sergey Sherstyuk - Head of the All-Russian National Front Executive Committee;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Rodion Romanov - Head of Victory Heirs</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Alexander Savich - Chairman of the Youth Parliament of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic</p> <p>Michail Davydov - Head of Rossotrudnichestvo representative office in the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Igor Buga - Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, Co-Chairman of the Pridnestrovian National Forum</p> <p>Sergey Sherstyuk - Head of the Pridnestrovian National Forum Executive Committee</p> <p>Alexander Kuznetsov - Vice-President of the MOST Association, Director of the Outsourcing Contact Center InteractiveCenter</p> <p><b>15:30 – 16: 00</b></p> <p><b>Coffee break, Exhibition View</b></p>
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Republic Palace Flow Area	
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Final Session. Sponsor and Partner Award Ceremony</b>
Republic Palace Great Hall	
<b>17:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>Entertainment Event for Foreign Participants</b>
<b>October 13, 2018</b>	
	<b>Departure of Participants</b>