

# Budgeting in Moldova

## Comments

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# State owned companies

- Subsidy to companies: strength of rules about the limits
- fixed capital needs and amortization; the meaning of their loss
- quasi fiscal activities via price control
- Suppliers and customers of these companies

# Institutional issues

- Why some agencies are without a minister?  
Just prestige, or something more
- Why does a member of the COA participate at the meetings of the budget committee?;  
Problem of ex ante vs ex post.
- How active is the opposition in the budget debate (e.g. gov/opp ratio in the motions for amendments)?; Who would be against cutting the number of items

# Conceptual issues

- Four „equal right” classification does not help transparency and accountability. What is checked before payments by the treasury? Why isn't that the voting unit?
- The notion of a baseline is an important new concept (e.g. in a central planning tradition). Its an indicator, not a tool. Fiscal impact assessments help clarify the difference.
- Starting budgeting each year from empty paper is a practice that is incompatible with medium term planning and long run sustainability