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Eugen Osmochescu, a member of the Jacobs and Associates team based in Moldova, has worked for 12 years in strategies and implementation for legal and regulatory reform projects aimed at establishing business-friendly investment environments in transition countries. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Osmochescu was a Manager of the Policy and Regulatory Reform Department of USAID BIZPRO/Moldova Project, and he is currently Team Leader in the new Regulatory Impact Analysis Secretariat of the Government of Moldova.

In recent years, Mr. Osmochescu has been involved in developing financial and regulatory frameworks conducive to efficient business operations, including administrative streamlining initiatives aimed at reducing the steps for obtaining licenses and permits. As the chief operations manager of the USAID BIZPRO project in Moldova, he worked to enhance the operating regulatory environment for business enterprises, and oversaw the implementation of the Regulatory Guillotine™. He has worked at the highest levels of government in Moldova, and has advised on policy and regulatory reforms in Ukraine, Croatia, Romania, and currently Mongolia. Mr. Osmochescu brings to the reform challenge a deep and personal understanding of the legal and institutional complexities and the problems faced by reforms efforts in post-socialist countries.

Professional Background

In 2006, Mr. Osmochescu joined *Jacobs and Associates*, a global consulting firm specializing in regulatory reform and better business environments. Jacobs and Associates, based in the United States, Europe (Ireland), and South Korea, has provided a wide range of specialized regulatory reform services in over 70 countries. The website at www.regulatoryreform.com contains detailed information on our services and our free reports and publications.

From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Osmochescu, as Manager of Policy and Regulatory Reform Department of USAID BIZPRO/Moldova Project:

- He assisted and advised the Government of Moldova on the *Concept and Strategy of Policy and Regulatory Reform* as a structural reform in conjunction with projects in public administration reform and budget reform. He made major contributions to the White Paper for Reform which became the basis for future actions.

- He led the overall management of the project's implementation in Moldova during the Regulatory Guillotine™ of regulations, which led to a considerable reduction of administrative barriers for entrepreneurial activity.
- He contributed to the capacity building of the government authorities needed for the proper execution of the Regulatory Guillotine™ of laws. He played a key role in instilling the basic principles for entrepreneurial regulation -- including Regulatory Impact Analysis -- within these authorities.
- Mr. Osmochescu's activities included representing Moldova at international level, especially within OECD framework, where he acted as rapporteur during meetings in Ljubljana, Budapest, and Istanbul. He officially represented Moldova in bilateral relations with Ukraine and Romania.

As Project Coordinator and Senior Lawyer of USAID Fiscal Reform Project/Moldova from 1995 to 1996 and from 1998 to 2003, Mr. Osmochescu worked to establish modern tax system at the central and local levels.

- He assisted and advised the Government and Parliament of Moldova on tax reform and the creation of a modern tax system that would be based on transparency and predictability of regulations.
- Mr. Osmochescu's managerial responsibilities included leading pilot tax projects at the central and local levels. These pilot projects tested various measures proposed for modernizing the Moldovan tax administration system, based on national taxes and local fees as well as modern budgetary management. He also managed several local pilot projects dealing with the issues of real estate and land privatization, land appraisal, transactions and tax administration.
- Mr. Osmochescu played a key role in drafting the new Tax Code of Moldova and other related normative acts. He advised local public authorities on local taxes, fees, and local autonomy issues. He worked closely with central and local officials to improve their administrative efficiency and governance.

From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Osmochescu worked as well with USAID Teleconsult Project/Moldova. During his time he worked closely with the newly created telecom regulator and assisted the Moldovan regulatory authority in taking a fresh look at its regulatory legal framework and in particular its regulatory normative acts. He also worked on the harmonization of Moldovan legislation with EU principles and on issue of alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Osmochescu has over 12 years of teaching experience within the State University of Moldova, and the Maastricht University, The Netherlands, where he was a visiting professor during the period 1997-1998. Mr. Osmochescu serves as Deputy Chair of International Law and Law of Foreign Economic Relations. He teaches EU Law and International Law.

Current & Recent Projects

- ***Team Leader (parttime), Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) Secretariat in the Ministry of Economy and Trade, Moldova.*** September 2006 – present. The objective of the work is implementation of the second phase of the Regulatory Guillotine™ of Laws in Moldova as well as implementation of regulatory impact analysis in Moldova's governing institutions. Mr. Osmochescu is centrally involved in capacity building within key institutions, elaboration of policy and regulatory reform strategies, and fostering of business advocacy efforts and public private partnerships.

- **Consultant: Capacity Building of Specialized Inspection Agency of Mongolia, Mongolia**, January – May 2007. Mr Osmochescu is working, as part of the World Bank project on “Assessing the Overall Investment Climate and Impact on Productivity (IBRD/IDA financed), to assess and revise the legal and institutional framework related to inspections in Mongolia. He is preparing recommendations for access to specialized inspection services for ensuring human rights and supporting business prosperity and development.
- **Consultant, Enhancing Small and Medium Enterprise Performance in Croatia. A Regulatory Guillotine^{TM1}** project with DAI and USAID, July 2006 - April 2008. Mr. Osmochescu is working with the USAID project with the Jacobs and Associates team to support the rapid simplification project underway in that country.

Education & Qualifications

- State University of Moldova, PhD in Law, 2005
- Maastricht University, The Netherlands, Master of Laws, LL.M in European Community Law and Comparative Law, 1997
- State University of Moldova, Bachelor of Laws, LL.B. *cum laude, jurist*, 1994
- Languages: Romanian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (fluent)

Recent Presentations & Publications

Selected presentations

- Presentation “*Non-Financial Instruments to Support New/Small Businesses Simplified Taxation Policies: Patent Tax. The Moldovan Experience*”, OECD Stability Pact enterprise development and employment generation Workshop on Enterprise Development, Istanbul, Turkey, 7-8 February 2006.
- Presentation “*Experience of Moldova in Implementing Systemic Reforms*”, OECD Seminar on Regulatory Policy and Tools for Trade, Investment and Governance, Budapest, Hungary 18 November 2005.

Selected publications

- “*The role of Administrator in a bankruptcy procedure*” in Agrarian Reform - analysis, comments; chapter IV, second revised and completed edition, Chisinau 1999.
- “Tax system of the Republic of Moldova” / Romanian version, 4(17) Bulletin of the Association of Young Lawyers of Moldova, Law Review, September 1999;
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- European Community Law, course book, Chisinau, TACIS, 2001;
- European Union Law, monograph, co-author Allan Thatham, ARC, Chisinau, 2003;
- Supremacy of European Union Law, monograph, Reclama, Chisinau, 2006.