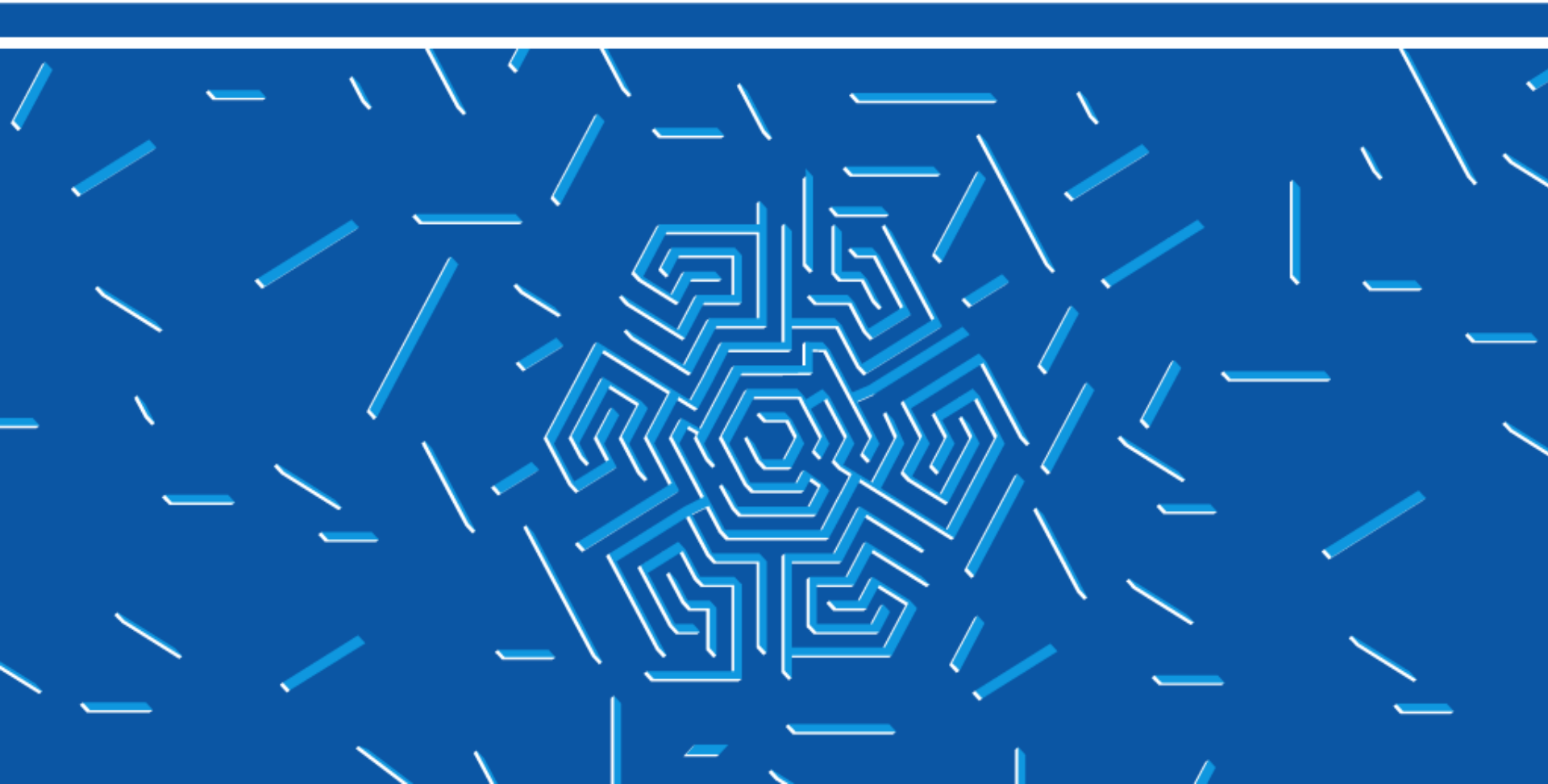




# **Police transparency in the Internet in Russia - how to measure and to improve it**





## Why police's transparency for Russia is so important?

### Police in Russia

One of the most close government agency

Have been reformed in 2010-2011 by Dmitry Medvedev

Tortures, scandals, ineffective work, Russian citizens don't trust to the police, vague criterias of

Transparency is the **medicine**, which has the potential to improve the current situation. Society really need it



## Web-site of the police in the FIF's rating of the information openness of the official government web-site

### Web-site of the police in the FIF's rating (out of 80 possible)

2011 — 63 position in the rating

2010 - 53 position in the rating

2009 - 51 position in the rating

2008 - 51 position in the rating

2007 - 27 position in the rating



## What we plan to do:

To analyze official web-cites of the Police and the Prosecutor's office (federal and regional level both) –  
**570** government bodies

To analyze the legislation in the field of the Police and the Prosecutor's office on-line transparency

To define key problems in the field of the Police and the Prosecutor's office on-line transparency (in cooperation with NGOs) and to suggest the ways how to solve it



## Government web sites in Russia

Freedom of Information Act in Russia came into force in 2010:

Requires all government and municipal agencies in Russia to publish their own websites on the Internet

Established technical and content requirements for government websites

Established responsibility for non-compliance with FOI requirements



## What we will do with official web-sites?



Civil society experts evaluate government web-sites with list of parameters by set of criteria

### Agencies:

- Discuss preliminary assessment with experts
- Correct deficiencies on their websites
- Identify possible errors of experts
- Track their position in ratings

**Motivation: Improve their standing in ratings**

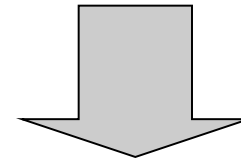
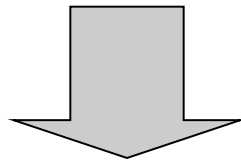
Ratings are published by mass media and by the rated agencies in official reports to prove their openness



## Why we are expecting something? Results of web-sites monitoring in 2011:

In 2011 - **2752** Russian government websites evaluated

**611** agencies have registered in EXMO to interact with experts



**The average level of openness for agencies participating in the interaction process increased by 21.55% in THREE WEEKS of interaction**



## **Challenges? Of course they are...**

Effectiveness of this approach depends on the willingness of authorities to cooperate

Regular/frequent monitoring is more effective

Even if officials refuse to participate in the process, they are still following the results and recommendations





## What is our aim?

To promote to the Police's staff an idea — it is time to be open

To explain that openness it is not only OpenData. It is a decision to be open and WHAT to open

To increase openness of the police's and the prosecutor office's web-cites

To share with the activists and society the idea of open police



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