

# Access to information and associated costs

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# Ensuring the access to information

The access to information  
**is guaranteed**

of Article 37 paragraph (2)  
of the Constitution of the  
Republic of Moldova  
"The State guarantees  
everybody the right to  
free access to truthful  
information regarding the  
state of the natural  
environment, living and  
working conditions,  
quality of food and  
household items."

the Law on Access to  
Information

**It is a obligation of the  
Republic of Moldova  
undertaken at  
international level**



## **steps to obtain the information**

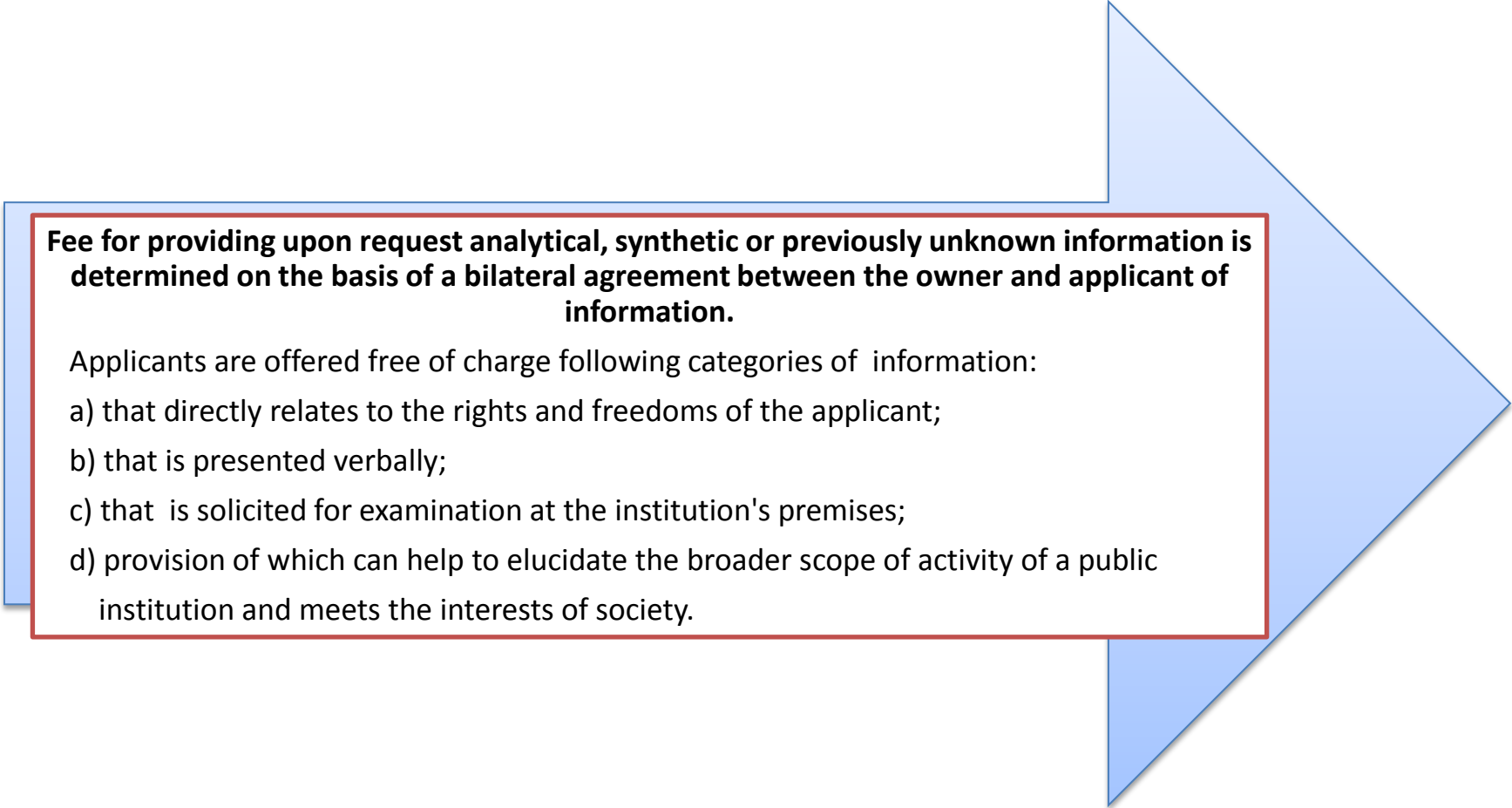
- Request environmental information
- The manner and content of the application submission
- Providing environmental information
- Presentation of environmental information form
- Language are performed providing environmental information
- Terms
- Refusal of access to environmental information.



## **Associated costs**

Art. 20 of the Law on Access to Information stipulates that fees will be retained for providing official information and documents, except for cases specified by law, in amounts and according to procedures set by representative bodies. Such fees will be disbursed into state budget.

However, the amount of fees should not exceed the size of the payment of expenses incurred by the holder of information to prepare copies, sending or transferring them to the applicant upon request.



**Fee for providing upon request analytical, synthetic or previously unknown information is determined on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the owner and applicant of information.**

Applicants are offered free of charge following categories of information:

- a) that directly relates to the rights and freedoms of the applicant;
- b) that is presented verbally;
- c) that is solicited for examination at the institution's premises;
- d) provision of which can help to elucidate the broader scope of activity of a public institution and meets the interests of society.

In practice, however in most cases environmental information is presented free of applicants being used Article 11 Paragraph 1 sub-paragraph 1 and 2 in the specified 'provider information in accordance with its powers, is obliged to actively provide accurate and timely information to citizens on matters of public interest and matters of personal interest and to guarantee freedom of information '

### **Exceptions can serve information in the field of Geology and Hydrometeorology**

fees for information are from 1 cent to 200 euro


fees are set by the Government

Examples:


hydrometeorological information:

- meteorological information for a period which cost 1 cent, such as:  
atmospheric pressure, wind speed, rainfall temperature, cloud cover, etc
- the most expensive is the synthesis of agrometeorological information for crop year

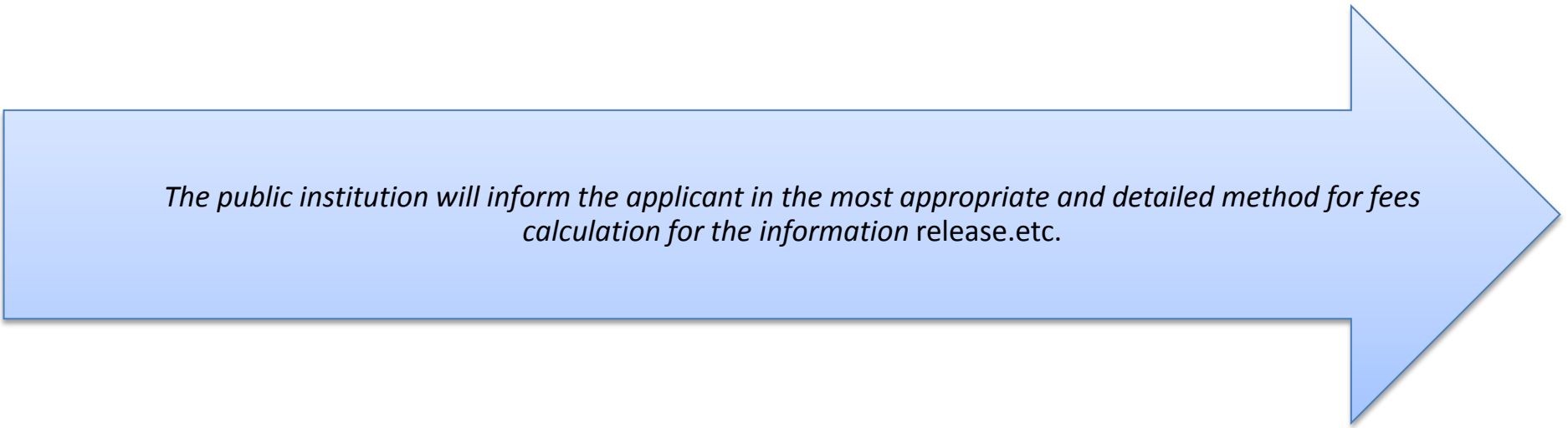
Geological information is worth about between 5 euros - 50 euros



If the information the applicant provided incomplete or contains irregularities, the public institution is obliged to introduce changes and additions free of force, except when the information requires additional costs and contingencies and outstanding efforts



If the information provided to the information applicant contains inaccuracies or incomplete data, the public institution is obliged to introduce changes and additions free of charge, except for cases when such corrections require additional costs and contingencies not planned in the primary presentation of information.



*The public institution will inform the applicant in the most appropriate and detailed method for fees calculation for the information release.etc.*

Moldova was successfully implemented open data portal, which is administered at central government level. All institutions are required to disclose information to be published on the open portal

- **Short description of the portal**

- Welcome on the open government data portal! Here you have the opportunity to search, download and reuse open government data in order to improve transparency, productivity and accountability of the public institutions as well as for commercial purposes. Open data are data provided by the public authorities in a machine readable format and available for reuse. These data contain no personal information, trade or state secrets. The public authorities are responsible for the identification and publication of data of great interest to citizens and enterprises. This practice will promote transparency, productivity and accountability within the public sector. Date.gov.md encourages active participation of citizens. All citizens, including you, may promote and use open data.

- **Brief introduction and description of the initiative**

- The date.gov.md platform represents one of the key pillars of the Governance e-Transformation agenda and aims at facilitating citizens' access to data of central public administration authorities. The Open Data Initiative expresses the government's interest in developing transparent governance and applying innovations to help citizens. Thus, the authorities are becoming more responsive while citizens can actively participate within the decision-making process. The access to public government data represents an innovative initiative among governments, civil societies and information and communication technology (ICT) communities from around the world.

- **About the conditions for re-use**

- Every natural person or legal entity may re-use the document made available by a public authority or institution in accordance with the conditions for accessing and re-using information relating to the public sector. The re-use of the document can be performed in order to:
  - reproduce, copy, publish and transmit it pursuant to the relevant legislation;
  - disseminate and distribute it;
  - adapt, modify, transform and extract data from it in order to create derived documents;
  - exploit it for commercial purposes, for instance, by combining it with other documents or including it into your own product or application.

Thanks for your attention!