

PROJECT TITLE: PROMOTING RULE OF LAW IN MOLDOVA THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY OVERSIGHT

PROJECT CONTEXT

The project is developed in the context of the USAID Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) 2013-2017 for Moldova, development objective 1: More Effective and Accountable Democratic Governance.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

The project purpose is to improve rule of law and accountability of the justice system in Moldova via active civil society oversight and participation in decision-making processes.

WHICH ARE THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES?

The project seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote an enabling environment for civil society organizations (CSOs);
- To increase the accountability and transparency of the Moldovan justice system;
- To promote effective implementation of European human rights standards in Moldova;
- To strengthen the institutional capacity and to ensure the sustainability of LRCM.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WE INTEND TO DO?

- Improving legislation on the registration and operation of CSOs and advocacy for improving civil society participation in decision-making at the level of the Parliament;
- Monitoring of the appointments/elections in the judiciary self-administration bodies and of appointments and promotions of judges;
- Analyzing the justice reform initiatives, judicial practice and their impact on the society;
- Identifying strategic cases for litigation before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR);
- Monitoring and promoting effective execution of ECtHR judgments by Moldova;
- Delivering seminars for judges, lawyers, & prosecutors on ECtHR jurisprudence;
- Advocacy for the amendment of the legal framework for ensuing equality and non-discrimination;
- Advocacy for strengthening the national non-discrimination mechanism;
- Public reactions on problematic initiatives concerning justice and human rights;
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of LRCM to react promptly to initiatives within the area of expertise;
- Strengthening cooperation between LRCM and its partners, including mass-media.

Donor:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Period:

October 2016 – September 2020

Budget:

USD 1.200,000

Direct beneficiaries:

- ✓ Civil society organizations;
- ✓ Judges, prosecutors, lawyers;
- ✓ Superior Council of Magistracy;
- ✓ Parliament, Government.

Indirect beneficiary:

- ✓ Society of the Republic of Moldova

Implemented by:

- ✓ Legal Resources Centre from Moldova (LRCM)

WHAT ARE THE EXPECT RESULTS

- A legal framework conducive for a more effective and sustainable civil society;
- A more transparent and accountable justice system;
- European human rights standards effectively applied in Moldova;
- Strengthened LRCM watchdog and institutional capacities.

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