

## MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2023

### Rule of law



We organized the fifth [Justice Reform and Anticorruption Forum](#)—the main platform for inclusive debates about justice and fight against corruption.



The Ministry of Justice, Parliament, and the Constitutional Court benefitted from the [legal expertise of the LRCM](#) to improve the legal framework concerning the reform of the SCJ, the vetting of the judiciary, and the work of the National Institute of Justice.



We monitored the work of the Superior Council of the Prosecutors and published [a report with recommendations for ensuring more transparency](#) in its work.



We organized a study visit to Estonia and Finland for Parliament, judges, prosecutors, and lawyers to help them learn from the experience of these countries in streamlining and digitalizing criminal procedures, ensuring confidentiality during prosecution, and upholding human rights during criminal proceedings.



Jointly with our partners from civil society, we analyzed the [progress in fulfilling the commitments](#) related to opening accession negotiations of Moldova to the European Union.



We published [12 high-quality newsletters](#) to keep over 2,000 LRCM subscribers informed about the key events and processes related to the rule of law in Moldova.

### Integrity and fight against corruption



Along with our partners from civil society, we conducted a [legislative audit](#) for the period 2015–2020 and identified the trickiest legal loopholes that foster corruption risks in justice, healthcare, economy, and environmental protection.



We provided legal expertise to authorities in developing procedures related to [civil confiscation](#), [de-oligarchization](#), and the [anticorruption judicial system](#) and assisted the National Integrity Authority in improving its internal procedures for verifying civil servants' assets and interests.



We supported the broadening of the powers of the Anticorruption Prosecution Office as part of the reform to delimit the competences of the National Anticorruption Center and the Anticorruption Prosecution Office.



We submitted alternative, objective information about progress made by the Republic of Moldova in fighting corruption during the fifth round of monitoring the Istanbul Anti-corruption Action Plan developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).



We published an extensive [survey](#) that offered an impartial view of the perceptions of lawyers, prosecutors, and judges on justice and corruption.

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## Human rights



For the 13th year in a row, we analyzed the [violations found by the ECtHR during the previous year](#), prepared a summary of all condemnations from the past 26 years, and analyzed domestic violence cases in which the ECtHR had condemned Moldova.



We contributed to strengthen the knowledge of the employees of the Office of the Ombudsperson and civil society representatives about international HRDs protection standards.



We organized [public lectures](#) about human rights for approximately 100 students and young professionals.



Together with other civil society organizations, we emphasized the necessity for further follow-up on the execution of judgments of the ECtHR in the [case concerning the deportation of Turkish teaching staff members](#) and in the group of cases [Şarban](#) (unjustified arrests) and [Levința](#) (investigation of torture) as well as the need for the restriction of the powers of the [Intelligence and Security Service](#) to intervene in private life.



We made recommendations to improve the new legislation on [access to information](#) and [whistleblowers](#), many of which eventually became law.



Along with international experts, we contributed to the training of human rights defenders (HRDs) and civil society representatives from Moldova on [personal and digital safety](#) and offered individual assistance on cybersecurity.



We highlighted the importance of [monitoring legal cases involving them](#), and showed [how to report cases to the UN's special rapporteur on human rights defenders](#).

## Democracy and civil society



We successfully implemented a [nationwide outreach campaign](#) dedicated to the designation mechanism (2% law), showcasing success stories and encouraging taxpayers to contribute to the strengthening of civil society.



We published a guide on the [fiscal oversight of nonprofits](#), aimed at enhancing the resilience of civil society and improving its interaction with tax administration authorities.



Jointly with other organizations, we documented cases of attacks against civil society to highlight and deter such hostile behaviors.



We participated in the annual ["Cooperation between Parliament and Civil Society"](#) conference and helped to establish a reliable platform for dialogue and civic engagement in decision-making processes within Parliament.



We contributed to the strengthening of journalists' capabilities by informing and explaining processes related to democracy and the rule of law.



In 2023, we received financial support from the European Union, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the US Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, the Embassy of Finland, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the German Agency for International Cooperation, the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, and the Soros Foundation Moldova.

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