

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

RULE OF LAW



The 6th edition of the Justice and Anticorruption Reforms Forum

We brought together approximately 200 professionals and experts interested in the rule of law, along with development partners and policymakers, on the main inclusive platform for debates on justice and combating corruption. Over two days, we addressed the key topics related to justice reform and anti-corruption efforts to identify **the most feasible reform solutions** and advance the implementation of ongoing reforms. The event reached an audience of approximately 100,000 people.



Analytical note on the Superior Council of Magistracy's Transparency and Efficiency

We monitored 49 sittings of the Superior Council of Magistracy (SCM) and assessed the impact of the new SCM composition on the transparency and efficiency of the judicial system's administration. After 13 months of monitoring, we identified several positive developments, as well as certain shortcomings regarding the standards for publishing supporting documents for public meetings. The research includes a series of practical and legislative recommendations, which were presented to SCM members.



Study on the Anonymization and Publication of Court Decisions

We analyzed approximately 1,300 court decisions from the past four years to assess how judges balance protecting the personal data of individuals involved in judicial proceedings while maintaining transparency in matters of public interest. Our research aimed to evaluate compliance with the Superior Council of Magistracy's regulations and provide a detailed overview of the balance between confidentiality and public access to judicial information. This study seeks to support the judiciary in effectively managing these processes.



Legal Opinions for Enhancing the Legislative Framework

We analyzed multiple draft laws initiatives and formulated approximately 20 legal opinions aimed at assisting authorities in improving the legislative framework related to the rule of law. This effort includes **aligning legislation** with European Union standards.



LRCM's Newsletter

We continued to compile the chronicle of key events in justice and the rule of law in 12 newsletters, published monthly and highlighted quarterly in four video summaries. These efforts were designed to reach and inform at least 2,500 justice professionals, as well as the wider public.

INTEGRITY AND FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION



Analytical Note on the Transparency of the Superior Council of Prosecutors' Activity

We monitored the 53 sittings of the Superior Council of Prosecutors (SCP) scheduled in the first 10 months of 2024 to assess how the new SCP composition ensures institutional transparency. The research findings were presented at a public event, along with a series of recommendations aimed at improving the transparency of the SCP in its new composition.



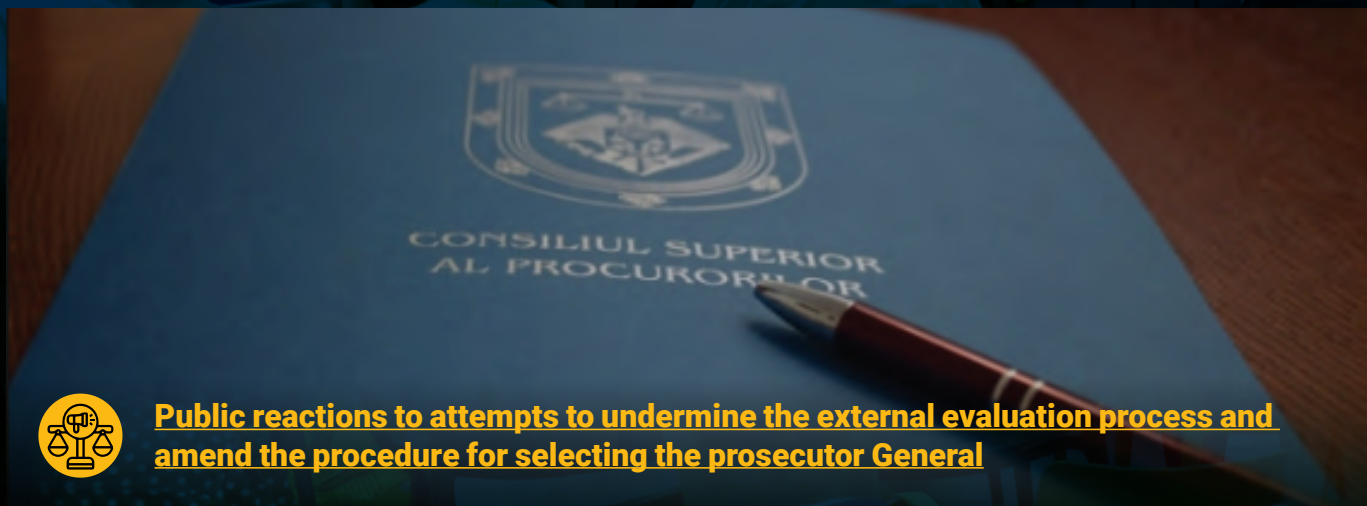
Alternative Communications for the Vetting Commission

We have analyzed and submitted approximately 15 alternative communications to the Judges' Vetting Commission, providing alternative reports that include information about the existence of relevant court rulings or behaviors of candidates that may raise questions about their ethical integrity. This effort aims to contribute to a well-informed and transparent evaluation process, reducing the risk of promoting or retaining compromised individuals within the system.



Monitoring contests for the most important positions in the Prosecutor's Office

We thoroughly monitored the selection processes for key positions in the Prosecutor's Office, including the one for the position of Prosecutor General, marked by controversies and delays, as well as the competition for the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office for Combating Organized Crime and Special Cases in September 2024. Our monitoring aimed to ensure the transparency of the selection processes and strengthen public trust in the prosecutorial system. We maintained consistent communication with the public and professionals in the justice sector, thereby contributing to increased transparency in these processes.



Public reactions to attempts to undermine the external evaluation process and amend the procedure for selecting the prosecutor General

We publicly reacted to an action taken by the leadership of the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office aimed at **blocking the integrity assessment of anticorruption prosecutors**. Alongside several civil society organizations, we called on the authorities to maintain the **requirement for scoring in the competition** for the position of Prosecutor General.



Monitoring the Implementation of Anti-Corruption Policies within the Istanbul Convention Action Plan

We provided comments on the report on the Republic of Moldova in the framework of the fifth monitoring round of the Istanbul Convention Action Plan, developed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). We also participated in bilateral meetings and plenary sessions of the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

HUMAN RIGHTS



Analysis of the Republic of Moldova's Case Law at the European Court of Human Rights

For the 14th consecutive year, we have analyzed the violations identified by the ECtHR in the previous year and compiled a **summary of Moldovan cases concerning parent-child relationships**, aiming to understand the broader context regarding the respect for human rights in the Republic of Moldova.



The Guide for Identifying, Assessing, and Assisting Human Rights Defenders at Risk

We have developed a document on international standards, the rights and responsibilities of HRDs (Human Rights Defenders), the manner of carrying out their duties, and the necessary steps for informing and preventing potential abuses related to HRDs.



The Training Series for Justice Professionals on the Application of the New Criminal Procedure Code

In partnership with the National Institute of Justice, we organized a series of training sessions for approximately 400 judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and criminal investigation officers. During these sessions, held in a mixed format, we discussed and explained the recent amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code. This initiative aimed to support justice professionals in enhancing their competencies in criminal law and ensuring better protection of human rights. .



Analysis of Presidential Candidates' Electoral Platforms from the Perspective of Human Rights and the Rule of Law

We analyzed all 11 electoral platforms of the presidential candidates to assess how much priority was given to these areas by those aspiring to become president, as well as how realistic their electoral promises were. The findings of the research were presented at a public event before the first round of voting.



Informing the Council of Europe about the Execution of ECtHR Judgments by the Republic of Moldova

Together with our partners, we submitted a communication to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe regarding the execution by the Republic of Moldova of the ECtHR judgment in the case of the Turkish teachers. As a result of this process, a significant part of our proposals was recommended to the national authorities.



The Analytical Document on Case Law Regarding Freedom of Expression in the Media

We analyzed all irrevocable case-law resolved in the past five years to assess how consistent judicial practice is in cases involving journalists' freedom of expression. Additionally, we developed a series of recommendations to combat abusive lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP).

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY



Radiography of Attacks on Civil Society Organizations and Human Rights Defenders in the Republic of Moldova

We documented last year's attacks on civil society and human rights defenders, compiling them into a report aimed at discouraging hostile statements and behaviors against civil society organizations and human rights defenders.



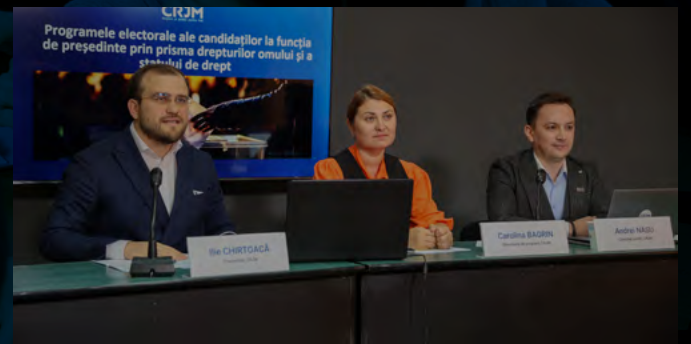
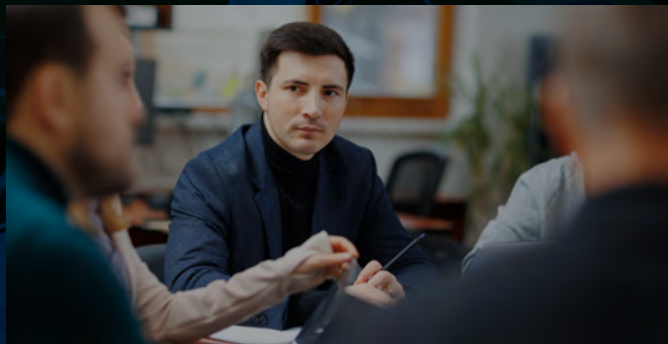
The 7th Edition of the "Applied Democracy" Program

We continued to train and encourage young people to promote and implement key principles of democracy. A total of 16 young individuals from different regions of the country participated in a five-day program where they learned about how justice functions, how human rights can be ensured, how to debate ideas, write projects, and understand the operations of institutions responsible for democratic processes in Moldova. Eight of these young participants received small grants to implement four initiatives promoting democracy.



Public Lectures for Students and Young Professionals

We organized four public lectures for students and young professionals across the country to enhance their knowledge in the areas of non-discrimination, digitalization, human rights, and integrity.





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