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MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025

RULE OF LAW

9% moral damages
1% material damages
paid by the state to victims

Report on the Effectiveness of the Mechanism for Compensation for Damage Caused by Unlawful Actions of the State

We analysed over 260 cases resolved by final and irrevocable judgments in order to assess how victims of unlawful acts committed by investigative bodies, prosecution offices, and courts are rehabilitated. The data show that only 9% of the moral damages claimed and approximately 1% of the pecuniary damages claimed were awarded. The research highlights significant disparities in judicial practice, the profile of claimants, and the average length of proceedings. It is accompanied by recommendations and a public database designed to directly inform legislative amendments and adjustments in judicial practice, so that compensation becomes predictable, consistent, and effective rather than merely formal.

66% of prosecutors consider that the activity of the CSP is transparent

83% of judges consider that the activity of the CSM is transparent

Opinion Survey to Assess the Perceptions of Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers Regarding the Justice System and the Phenomenon of Corruption

We presented the results of a representative survey conducted among 476 judges, prosecutors, and lawyers to assess perceptions of the state of justice, professional independence, and corruption. The data indicate an increase in judges' self-assessment of their independence, but also a historic low level of salary satisfaction. The research highlights significant differences between professions in their perceptions of corruption, institutional transparency, and willingness to undergo external evaluation, providing a comparative perspective over time, as the study is conducted periodically.

Analytical Note on Achievements and Outstanding Challenges in the Justice Sector during the 2021–2025 Parliamentary Cycle

We developed an analytical note synthesising the key transformations in the justice sector, as well as the vulnerabilities that threaten the sustainability of reforms left at the end of the 11th Legislature. The document outlines the main reform measures undertaken, the remaining shortcomings, and a set of strategic recommendations for the upcoming period.

Legal Opinions for Improving the Legislative Framework

We analysed dozens of draft laws and formulated approximately 20 legal opinions aimed at supporting public authorities in improving the legal framework related to the rule of law, including in the context of aligning national legislation with European Union standards.

Monitoring Competitions for the Appointment of Judges

We monitored the largest competition for filling vacant judicial positions in recent years. The competition, organised in July 2025, registered 117 candidates. In our monitoring report, we highlighted a number of positive aspects, as well as several critical observations, presenting concise conclusions and recommendations that may contribute to improving the judicial selection process. We also conducted live monitoring of the sessions of the Superior Council of Prosecutors and the Superior Council of Magistracy.

INTEGRITY AND ANTICORRUPTION

7th Edition of the Justice and Anticorruption Reforms Forum

We brought together over 150 professionals and experts interested in the rule of law and mobilised development partners and decision-makers to discuss justice reform and anti-corruption efforts. For the seventh consecutive year, the RJCC Forum has represented the leading platform for professional and inclusive debates aimed at identifying the most effective reform solutions.

Legal Expertise on the Draft Law Establishing a Single Prosecutor's Office for Combating Corruption and Organised Crime (PACCO)

We publicly reacted to the authorities' initiative to dissolve the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office for Combating Organised Crime and Special Cases, noting that **the proposal does not align** with existing reform plans and represents a risky initiative that could also affect the EU accession negotiation process. In this context, we formulated two legal opinions, including one submitted to the Venice Commission.

Public Appeal to Ensure a Transparent and Merit-Based Appointment Process for Judges of the Constitutional Court

Together with other civil society organisations, we launched a public appeal to the Government and Parliament to ensure a transparent and merit-based process for appointing judges to the Constitutional Court. The initiative highlighted the absence of public selection procedures and called for open hearings, publication of candidates' files, and reasoned decisions. The appeal underlined the importance of strengthening the legitimacy of the Constitutional Court in the context of Moldova's European commitments.

Strengthening the Protection Mechanism for Whistleblowers and Combating Electoral Corruption

We contributed specific proposals concerning the **protection of individuals reporting breaches** of European Union law. We also advanced **proposals** aimed at effectively combating **electoral corruption**, preventing abuses, and ensuring that any restriction of political rights is decided exclusively by courts of law.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Analysis of the Case-Law of the Republic of Moldova before the European Court of Human Rights

For the 15th consecutive year, we analysed violations found by the European Court of Human Rights in the previous year and prepared an analytical note on the impact of **ratifying Protocol No. 12** to the European Convention on Human Rights on Moldova's legislation.

Analytical Note on the Interaction between the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union

We published an analytical note explaining the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as well as the impact these two international instruments will have in the context of Moldova's accession to the European Union.

Analysis of Electoral Programmes from a Human Rights and Rule of Law Perspective

We analysed the electoral programmes of all contestants in the parliamentary elections of 28 September 2025 to assess how human rights and the rule of law are addressed. The research shows that justice reforms are frequently invoked, while human rights are treated marginally. The study identified redundant or populist promises, as well as risks of regressive measures, providing a comparative overview of electoral platforms.

Public Lectures for Youth on Human Rights, Equality, and Anti-Discrimination

We organised a series of public lectures attended by approximately 150 young people from different regions of the country. The events aimed to deepen knowledge of **human rights**, explain the principle of equality, and present mechanisms for combating discrimination through practical examples and legal references.

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Institutional Capacity-Building Programmes for EU Accession Negotiations

We organised two institutional capacity-building programmes for Moldovan officials involved in EU accession negotiations. The first focused on implementing the Roadmaps for Chapters 23 and 24, while the second addressed broader inter-institutional coordination following the completion of the bilateral screening process. Both programmes included expertise and experience-sharing from Romania and Western Balkan states.

Information Sessions in Moldovan Localities on the EU Accession Process

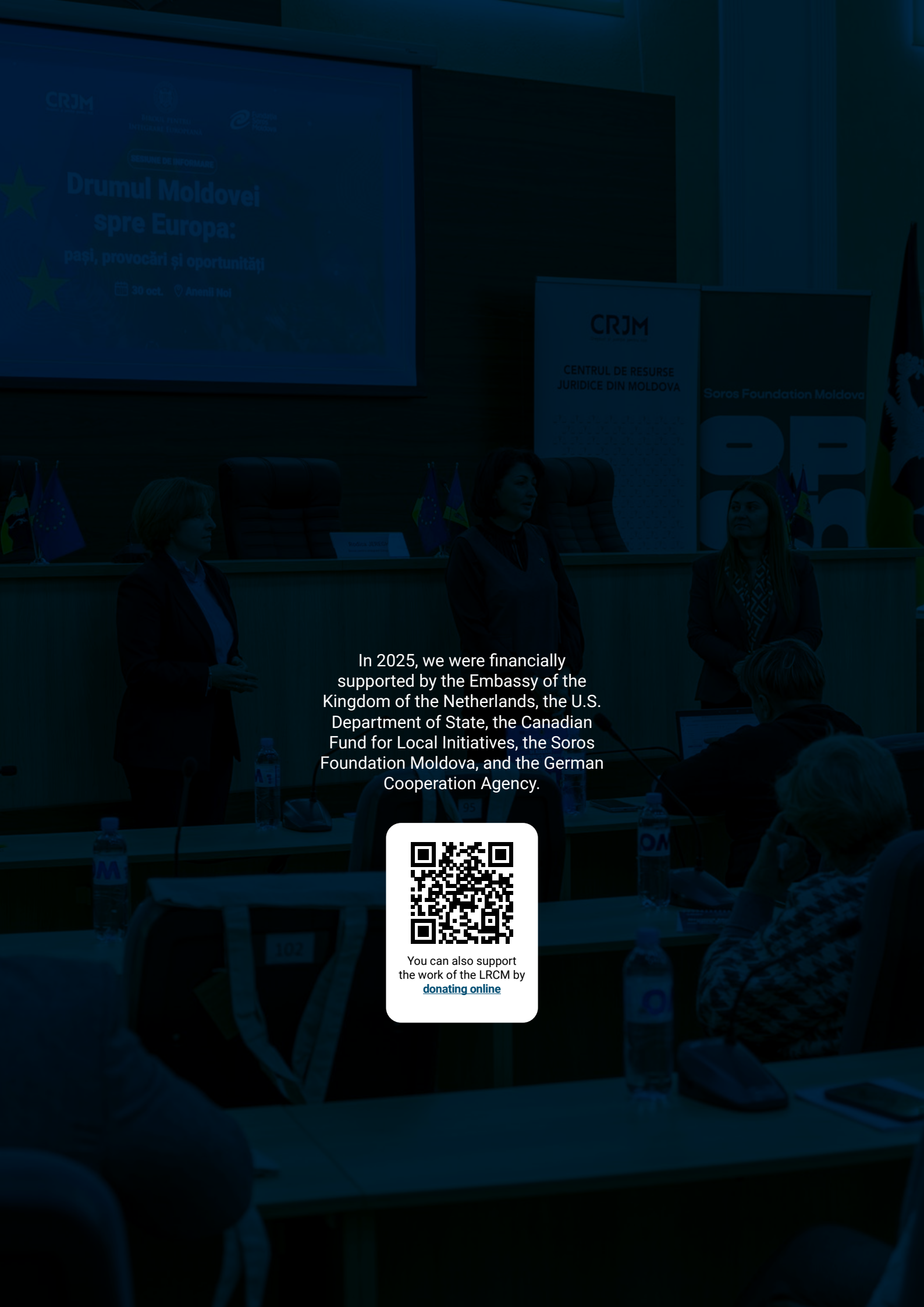
We organised a series of information sessions dedicated to Moldova's European path, attended by over 120 representatives of local public authorities, entrepreneurs, and community leaders from three regions of the country. Discussions addressed the stages, challenges, and opportunities of EU accession, in the context of the completion of bilateral screening. The activity contributed to informing local communities and fostering citizens' engagement in the European integration process.

Radiography of Attacks against Civil Society Organisations and Human Rights Defenders in the Republic of Moldova

We documented attacks against civil society and human rights defenders during the previous year and compiled them into a synthesis aimed at discouraging hostile statements and conduct directed at civil society organisations and human rights defenders.

Roundtable on Strengthening the 2% Mechanism for Non-Profit Organisations

We convened civil society representatives and public authorities to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the percentage designation mechanism, which has reached nine years of implementation. Discussions addressed the mechanism's evolution since 2017, data on the number of designations and accumulated funds, and the underutilisation of its potential. The event highlighted technical and awareness-related challenges, unequal distribution of funds, and outlined proposals for legislative improvements and digitalisation of the process.



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