

# Partnership for Good Governance



## NOTE FOR THE PRESS

### Supporting national efforts for prevention and combatting discrimination in Moldova

#### Who will benefit?

- ▶ Citizens who should enjoy equal rights and better protection against discrimination;
- ▶ Council for prevention and elimination of discrimination and ensuring equality (Equality Council);
- ▶ Ombudsperson Office.

#### How will the project work?

- ▶ Through bilateral work as well as multilateral exchange of experience;
- ▶ Special emphasis on common issues and special approach;
- ▶ Flexible forum for stakeholders to discuss European anti-discrimination standards;
- ▶ Emphasis on expertise, capacity building measures and tools.

#### How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget for the project is around 800,000 Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

#### Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To contribute to enhancing human rights protection and strengthening anti-discrimination;
- ▶ To support the alignment of human rights policies and practice by ensuring compliance of legislative and regulatory frameworks with European standards;
- ▶ To strengthen the capacities of legal professionals and human rights institutions.

#### What are the expected results?

- ▶ Development of recommendations for improving the legal framework in the field of equality and non-discrimination;
- ▶ Development of regulations for the Equality Council;
- ▶ Study visits; training sessions; workshops; conferences; awareness raising actions on prevention of discrimination;
- ▶ Development of study related to non-discrimination;
- ▶ Adaptation of the European Rights Education for Legal Professionals course on non-discrimination, its launching and Training of trainers;
- ▶ Supporting the activity of the Consultative Council of non-governmental organisations to be established in 2018;
- ▶ Continuing to support the Equality Council in developing capacities for amicus curiae, etc.

#### How long is the project?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 July 2015 until 31 December 2018

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### Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ The project is implemented by the Council of Europe's Human Rights National Implementation Division, Human Rights Policy and Development Department, Human Rights Directorate, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law

### How do we get more information?

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*These co-operation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.*

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