

Promoting a human rights compliant criminal justice system in the Republic of Moldova

Programme summary

Programme title	Promoting a human rights compliant criminal justice system in the Republic of Moldova
Country	Republic of Moldova
Budget	2 839 000 €
Funding	Voluntary contribution – Government of Norway
Duration	36 months (1 March 2018 – 28 February 2021)
Partners and beneficiaries	Ministry of Justice, Parliament, Supreme Council of Magistracy, Supreme Court of Justice, Public Prosecution Service, Superior Council of Prosecutors, Office of the People’s Advocate/National Council for the Prevention of Torture, National Institute of Justice, Department of Penitentiary Institutions, National Probation Inspectorate, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection Moldova, Lawyers' Union of the Republic of Moldova.
Main objective	To ensure a higher respect for human rights and the rule of law by assisting the national authorities in building up an efficiently functioning criminal justice system, in line with European human rights standards, and based on the principles of humanisation, resocialisation and restorative justice.
Expected outcomes of the programme	<p><i>The programme is implemented jointly by the two entities of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law: Human Rights National Implementation Division (Component 1) and Criminal Cooperation Unit (Component 2).</i></p> <p>Intermediate Outcomes under Component 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced administration of criminal justice supported by coherent criminal justice policy and legislation in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate outcome 1.1: Coherently designed criminal justice policy is well-coordinated among national stakeholders and evidence-based, and criminal justice legal framework is further harmonised with European standards. Immediate outcome 1.2: Judges’ and prosecutors’ capacities are enhanced to apply novelties of criminal justice reforms and ECHR standards in practice. More effective prevention of human rights violations within the criminal justice system through enhanced external monitoring and civil society involvement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate outcome 2.1: Operational and professional capacities of

	<p>the Ombudsperson institution to carry out its mandate effectively and efficiently under the new legislative and Constitutional framework are increased</p> <p>Immediate outcome 2.2: Operational and professional capacities of the NPM to ensure the effective monitoring of places of the deprivation of liberty are enhanced</p> <p>Intermediate Outcomes under Component 2:</p> <p>1. Improved management of prison, rehabilitation and health care services for inmates.</p> <p>Immediate outcome 1.1: Regulatory framework and prison management policies are improved to create more secure and rehabilitative regimes.</p> <p>Immediate outcome 1.2: Policies for organisation of health care (including mental health) in prison are further aligned with international standards and best practices and material conditions are improved considering also specific needs of female prisoners.</p> <p>Immediate outcome 1.3: Professionalism of various categories of prison staff is improved and their continued development is supported by comprehensive human resource policy and strengthened capacities of the Prison Training Centre.</p> <p>2. More effective and targeted implementation of community sanctions and measures in support of offenders’ social reintegration.</p> <p>Immediate outcome 2.1: Organisation and management of probation tasks are strengthened in line with the Council of Europe recommendations and best European practices and cooperation with other criminal justice actors are improved.</p> <p>Immediate outcome 2.2: Probation methods are further improved and staff capacities in implementing them are strengthened.</p>
<p>Implemented or planned activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs-assessments; - Research and base-line studies; - Policy and legislative expertise; - Capacity development activities including development of curricula, training, workshops, conferences, experience-exchange meetings and study visits; - Awareness raising activities; - Procurement of equipment; - Pilots in prisons.