



“Action against Corruption in the Republic of Moldova”

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Project on “Action against Corruption in the Republic of Moldova”
Project area	Moldova
Budget	\$250,000
Funding	Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), US Department of State
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Duration	18 months (starting from 01 June 2020)

BACKGROUND

The Action against Corruption in the Republic of Moldova is a country specific intervention funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the US Department of State. The intervention focuses on addressing key priorities and needs in the Republic of Moldova which are closely interlinked with the reform processes initiated by the government and their obligations towards implementing international standards against corruption and the related monitoring recommendations.

More specifically the Action is designed to deliver assistance in the legislative, policy and institutional reforms by addressing pending recommendations from the [Fourth Evaluation Round](#) of the Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). For this purpose, the Project will carry out a comprehensive set of activities, including legislative/regulatory and strategic reviews, risk assessments and capacity building and training.

NEEDS, OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

The project **purpose** is to enhance capacities of the institutions to implement GRECO recommendations. The project actions will provide direct support to the authorities to address

the shortcomings identified in the GRECO 4th round evaluation, thus align the measures of the Moldovan authorities with the international standards and good practices for prevention and fight against corruption. This is expected to be achieved through the following outcomes:

Intermediate Outcome 1: Corruption prevention in respect of judges and prosecutors improved

1.1: The legislative/regulatory framework regulating the composition of the Superior Council of Magistracy reviewed and advise on necessary amendments to ensure its alignment with GRECO recommendations provided (GRECO IV round evaluation – R7);

1.2: Introduced mechanisms for integrity testing of candidates for appointment and promotion in the judiciary (GRECO IV round evaluation – R9);

1.3: The legislative/regulatory framework regulating the composition of the Superior Council of Prosecutors reviewed and advise on necessary amendments to ensure its alignment with GRECO recommendations provided (GRECO IV round evaluation – R15);

1.4: The legislative/regulatory framework regulating the disciplinary liability of prosecutors reviewed and advise on necessary amendments to ensure its alignment with GRECO recommendations provided (GRECO IV round evaluation – R18);

1.5: Capacity building for judicial inspection in view of strengthening the objectivity, efficiency and transparency of the disciplinary liability of judges provided (GRECO IV round evaluation - R13).

Intermediate Outcome 2: Strengthened capacities and effectiveness of NIA in handling asset and declaration of other interest by the judges, prosecutors and members of parliament

2.1: An assessment of the effectiveness of the National Integrity Authority (NIA) in the processing and verification of asset declarations is conducted (GRECO IV round evaluation – R4);

2.2: Support the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in delivering of training on Professional Code of Conduct and ethics for judges and prosecutors (E-Learning course) (GRECO IV round evaluation – R11 and R17).

Assistance activities in each field include assessments, provision of expert advice, workshops, trainings, and roundtables. The activity results are documented in technical papers, handbooks, or other written output which are available on the Project website.

COUNTERPARTS/BENEFICIARIES

- Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova;
- National Integrity Authority;
- Civil Society Organisations;
- Superior Council of Prosecutors;
- Superior Council of Magistracy;

- National Institute of Justice.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As the key actor in this thematic area and the EaP region, the Council of Europe, and more specifically the Department of Action against Crime, through its Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) is in-charge of implementing activities under this Project. For the purpose of implementation of certain activities where specific subject matter expertise is required it engages international long and short-term experts with proven experience in the field of fighting corruption and local experts so as to ensure high quality and relevance of the assistance delivered to the beneficiary institutions.

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