

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN CHIȘINĂU

## RESULTS IN 2025



The Council of Europe Office in Chișinău plays a key role in implementing the **Council of Europe Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2025-2028**, the fourth Action Plan developed for the country since 2013, by ensuring effective co-ordination and delivery of co-operation activities. This Action Plan builds on previous achievements while strengthening support for reinforcing the rule of law institutions, advancing judicial reform, promoting equality and non-discrimination, enhancing the protection of vulnerable groups, combating human trafficking, preventing drug use and addiction, and encouraging greater civil society and youth participation in democratic decision making.

The Action Plan also supports national efforts to address the challenges created by regional and global crises, including the consequences of the ongoing Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine. It **contributes to the Republic of Moldova's progress on reforms linked to the country's path towards EU accession**.

### BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



**66 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS**  
INCLUDING 58 PROJECT STAFF.



**THE ACTION PLAN TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET IS 42 MILLION EUROS.**

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS DRIVE SYSTEMIC REFORM AND ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY.



**7 REGIONAL AND 21 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS**  
INCLUDING 3 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE "PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE" PROJECT.

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### WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Your support ensures that Action Plan projects deliver tangible progress for the Moldovan society, advancing human rights, justice and media reforms, and building resilience amid regional uncertainty, through concrete outcomes and a strategic vision.

# IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



## ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

**Fighting corruption with stronger institutions.** The new law on adjudicating corruption cases, based on Council of Europe recommendations from a joint opinion of the Venice Commission and Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law, marks a milestone for justice reform. This reform raises standards of effectiveness, consistency, and integrity of corruption case handling in the justice system.

**Victims at the centre.** Council of Europe legal analysis paved the way for national reforms and ensure fair access to rehabilitation and financial compensation for victims of crime. This brings the Republic of Moldova closer to European best practice and ensures fair access to rehabilitations for all victims.

## PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

**Legislative progress for women.** Parliament amendments made to legislation expand legal definition to criminalise femicide, stalking, digital and economic violence, and to guarantee forensic and psychological support for domestic violence victims.

**Safeguarding children's rights.** With support from the Council of Europe, authorities are empowered to make evidence-based policymaking and enhance the child protection through standardised nationwide data collection analysis on child sexual abuse and exploitation.

## LEADING INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS

**Supporting migrant adolescents.** Authorities and professionals from education, migration, and social protection services empowered by Council of Europe organised trainings, and the use of the "Resilience Journal". Over 700 journals, distributed through activities led by the General Inspectorate for Migration and the Ministry of Education and Research, reached beneficiaries, preventing burn out and supporting mental health.

**Local democracy in action.** The first Local Open Government Action Plan was co-created by the Council of Europe and civil society, local authorities, citizens, and diaspora representatives. The town of Leova pioneered and becomes a national example. The plan inspired replication nationwide. This exemplifies our commitment to grassroots democracy and transparency.

## ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM

**Media reform and freedom.** The Republic of Moldova advanced its media legislation with European standards, aligning with the EU Audiovisual Media Services Directive and the European Media Freedom Act. This fortified the independence of the Audiovisual Council and the Public Broadcaster. The National Barometer on Media Literacy now provides reliable data on media consumption and literacy, supporting evidence-based policymaking.