

RESULTS FACTSHEET

Partnership for Good Governance in the Republic of Moldova

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Key figures

- Two successive phases since 2015
- 16 projects under the PGG II
- 2 country-specific projects for the Republic of Moldova with a budget of EUR 1,329,000 in total
- 4 regional projects covering the Republic of Moldova

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

Through the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) the European Union and the Council of Europe are working together to strengthen governance in the Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus).

The PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Project: Support to further strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system in the Republic of Moldova (Nov 2019-Feb 2023)

The PGG II contributes to **improving the functioning of the justice system** through strengthened efficiency and quality of courts and a better system of enforcement of court decisions.

The following results have been achieved with the support of the PGG II:

Legislative/policy framework improved

- The **Judiciary enhanced its self-assessment** on the basis of key performance indicators and **advanced in terms of public accountability with regard to the efficiency and quality of courts' services**. The **strategy, guidelines, and practices of communication of the judicial system with the mass media were improved**.
- Moldovan authorities were provided with a **commentary to the Enforcement Code to ensure the unification of the practices of enforcement of court decisions** in civil and administrative matters.

Institutional frameworks/capacities strengthened

- The **quality of internal procedures of the Supreme Council of Magistracy and the Agency for Court Administration (ACA) was improved on the evaluation of performance and taking management decisions**, especially in the field of allocation of resources and budgeting through the "Guide on the allocation and distribution of resources within the judiciary". The decision-making process on the allocation

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of judicial resources was strengthened and the awareness and knowledge of more than 50 representatives were raised on the use of CEPEJ tools on the distribution of resources based on objective data about workload, efficiency and quality of judicial services. These deliverables will help the authorities to improve the work with judicial statistics and reporting, thus increasing the transparency of judiciary and public trust.

- The **JUSTAT concept was finalised** in September 2021 with a view to establishing a **web-based IT tool to publish and analyse comprehensive judicial statistics. The concept was** approved by the Superior Council of Magistracy with a recommendation for its implementation in 2022.
- The **awareness** of some 40 participants from different national courts, the Superior Council of Magistracy, and the Agency for Court Administration was increased through training activities conducted in co-operation with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) **on the European best practices in the field of communication and relations with the public and media.** The capacity of the NIJ was strengthened by **updating the training curriculum on court management, The development of a new online training course was engaged.** A total of 262 judges and members of courts' secretariats improved their knowledge in various aspects of court management in co-operation with the NIJ.
- The **enforcement of court decisions was strengthened** through close co-operation with the National Union of Enforcement Agents (NUEA) and the Ministry of Justice, to improve the professional management. The implementation of a consistent **methodology for the evaluation of the enforcement agents** was promoted to improve the efficiency and the quality of their services. Advice was provided on the use of key performance indicators, as well as a comparative analysis and recommendations for further development of two information systems – alternative registers of enforcement procedures developed by the NUEA and the Ministry of Justice
- Following the provision by the Programme of **the commentary to the Enforcement Code**, it was further disseminated to professionals via cascade seminars where awareness and knowledge of more than 140 enforcement agents and 60 judges were improved on various aspects of enforcement procedures and examination of related files.
- The **publication of annual reports on the results of the enforcement system and a new webpage of the NUEA** supported by the Programme, contributed to transparency and communication. The PGG II continued the co-ordination with the NUEA and the Ministry of Justice towards an improvement of the enforcement of judicial decisions through upgrading the register of enforcement procedures.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

Project: Strengthening the capacities of the justice sector actors to deliver justice in line with European standards to fight discrimination in the Republic of Moldova (May 2019-Feb 2023)

The PGG II is supporting justice sector actors to ensure justice delivered at the national level in the field of anti-discrimination is better aligned with European standards.

Legislative/policy framework improved

- The Ministry of Justice was supported with **expertise on the draft amendments to the non-discrimination legislation** (Laws No. 121 and No. 298), focusing on improvements, harmonisation with European standards and building on the recommendations provided under the PGG I. The promotion of **this draft is included in the Government's Action Plan until March 2022.**

Institutional frameworks/capacities strengthened

- **The Equality Council drafted and approved its monitoring strategy**, following the recommendations of the PGG II reflected in the report on the assessment of the monitoring mechanism and instruments of the Equality Council to create a more effective monitoring system. The staff of the Equality Council also enhanced their skills related to writing decisions and started to rethink the process of motivation of the decisions, thanks to the methodological workshop organised by the PGG II.
- **47 trainers of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and 131 legal professionals improved their skills and knowledge on various aspects of discrimination** and are expected to start using them in their work, leading to enhanced access to justice for vulnerable groups. In addition, a new pool of certified trainers was created with the HELP team of the Council of Europe.
- **The gender analysis report** produced by the PGG II provided **recommendations on the existing gender challenges in the activity of the Equality Council, National Institute of Justice and Lawyer's Training Centre.**

Public awareness raised

- **Awareness of the national authorities and the society was raised on access to justice of vulnerable groups**, in particular on the variety of shortages in the national practice and legal framework that prevent certain categories of people from benefitting free access to justice.
- **Awareness of non-discrimination standards and enhancement of relations between the national authorities and NGOs in the region was raised** during an international conference that served as a forum for an open exchange of experience and solutions for better protection against discrimination.
- The visibility of the Programme and the European Union/Council of Europe co-operation in the country were enhanced through the production of **two videos highlighting the work of the Equality Council** and showing testimonials from its beneficiaries. Both videos were published on the webpage of the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau with **6 070 visitors since June 2019**. The video with storytelling was boosted on Facebook and reached around **27 000 people aged between 13 and 65**.

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More information:

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pgg2/republic-of-moldova>

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Regional projects implemented in the Republic of Moldova:

- ▶ Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime
- ▶ Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards
- ▶ Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech
- ▶ Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards

For more information, consult the Factsheet on Regional projects.