

CONCLUSIONS

Local Steering Committee

EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance 2019 – 2021

Chisinau, 25 September 2019

The Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) **Local Steering Committees (LSC)** of a tri-partite nature (European Union, Council of Europe, Beneficiaries) have been established regarding each of the countries covered by PGG. The LSCs meet once a year with a view to:

- monitor the implementation of the APAs in each country;
- monitor the implementation of regional/multi-country projects regarding both regional action and the specific actions of the country concerned;
- formulate recommendations with a view to steering the projects;
- transmit proposals for revised APAs to the PGG-SC and formulate recommendations as to the initiation of any other national intervention under PGG, as well as any recommendations regarding regional Action;
- make proposals to the PGG-SC as to the use of reserve funds.

The first meeting of the LSC for the Republic of Moldova was held on 25 September 2019 in Chisinau in accordance with the Agenda shown in Appendix I. The list of participants is shown in Appendix II.

Recommendations and conclusions

Further to detailed presentations of the different PGG projects involving the Republic of Moldova and in-depth exchanges of views, the LSC made recommendations and came to the following conclusions:

- The LSC underlined the relevance of the PGG projects for 2019-2021 and their contribution to the achievement of the goals set out in the Council of Europe Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova, the Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova and the EU 2020 Deliverables for the Eastern Partnership Region.
- The PGG projects, both country-specific and regional, involving the Republic of Moldova were considered to be relevant to accompany on-going reforms in the justice area, to combat economic crime and to prevent and combat discrimination and domestic violence.
- Most projects are already being implemented following the completion of the inception phase. The LSC agreed to initiate the implementation of the project "Support to further strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system". It also underlined that a certain degree of flexibility

is needed in order to ensure that projects in the justice area can accommodate to the ambitious government reform plans.

- The Quick Response Mechanism has been acknowledged. The three requests made by the Republic of Moldova since the beginning of the programme show that the country has a good awareness of the tool and makes use of it.
- Considering the significant number of players working in areas related to PGG in the country, co-ordination will be ensured with other international partners, notably USAID, the OSCE and UNDP.
- The Council of Europe will keep the European Union closely involved in the implementation of the project activities, including early information of visibility and steering events, information on progress, early warning regarding issues with project beneficiaries, other stakeholders or planned revision of activities.
- The LSC participants agreed to pay particular attention to the visibility of the PGG actions aiming at showing the PGG benefits of the programme to citizens.
- The LSC stressed that the ownership of the national stakeholders is crucial to sustain the interventions' results and the Technical Project Committee meetings should be organised on a regular basis as platforms for comprehensive discussion among all projects' stakeholders.

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APPENDIX I

LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE

EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance 2019-2021 for Eastern Partnership countries

AGENDA

CHISINAU, 25 September 2019
Hotel Radisson Leogrand, Room Raut

09:15-09:30

Welcome and registration

09:30-10:00

Opening session (open to the media)

Chair: William Massolin, Head of the Council of Europe Office in the Republic of Moldova

Ambassador Peter Michalko, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova

Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Petru Alexei, Head of Council of Europe and Human Right Unit, Multilateral Co-operation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

10:00-10:15

Coffee break

10:15-10:45

Presentation of the PGG II – state of implementation and programming

Chairs: Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe/ Marco Gemmer, Head of Operations Section at the European Union Delegation

Country specific projects

- **Project "Support to further strengthening the efficiency and quality of the judicial system in the Republic of Moldova"**

Presentation by Leonid Antohi, Justice and Legal Co-operation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Exchange of views

- **Project "Strengthening the capacity of judicial sector actors to deliver justice in line with European standards, in particular to fight discrimination, in the Republic of Moldova"**

Presentation by Tigran Karapetyan, Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of

Law, Council of Europe (*Specific Technical Project Committee held in the afternoon*)

10:45-11:45

Chair: Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Regional projects

- **"Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime"**
Presentation by Igor Nebyvaev, Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, the Council of Europe
Exchange of views
- **"Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards"**
Presentation by Eva Konecna, Coordinator, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Exchange of views
- **"Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in Eastern Partnership countries"**
Presentation by Eva Konecna, Coordinator, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Exchange of views
- **"Women's access to justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards"**
Presentation by Eva Konecna, Coordinator, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Exchange of views

11:45-12:05

Quick Response Mechanism (QRM): presentation and exchange of views

Presentation by Pilar Morales, Head of the Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

12:05-12:45

Communication and visibility: presentation and exchange of views

Presentation by Pauline Cadeac, Communication Officer, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

12:45-13:30

Conclusions and recommendations

13:30

Lunch

For members of the Technical Project Committee only:

14:30-16:00

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APPENDIX II List of Participants

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3. Pilar Morales, Head of Department, Council of Europe, Strasbourg
4. William Massolin, Head of Council of Europe Office in Chisinau
5. Eva Konecna, Co-ordinator, DGI
6. Tigran Karapetyan, Department of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation, National Human Rights Implementation Division, Eastern Partnership and Russian Federation Unit, DGI
7. Leonid Antohi, Justice Reform Co-operation, DGI
8. Igor Nebyvaev, Economic Crime Division, DGI
9. Giulia Re, Economic Crime Division, DGI
10. Eduard Pesendorfer, Programme Manager, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova
11. Petru Alexei, National Co-ordinator, Head of Europe and Human Rights Division, Directorate for Multilateral Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
12. Lilia Pascal, Member CoE Gender Equality Commission, Head of Division, Policy for Ensuring Equality between Women and Men
13. Silvia Plamadeala, Council of Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination, and Ensuring Equality of the Republic of Moldova
14. Elena Gorodisteanu, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
15. Victoria Palanciuc, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
16. Dumitru Obada, Advisor to the Director, National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
17. Valentina Contescu, National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
18. Viorica Grecu, Director of the Lawyer's Training Centre
19. Olga Pojiltov, International Co-operation Directorate, National Anti-corruption Centre
20. Oxana Gisca, Head of Supervision and Compliance Division, Office for Prevention and Fight against Money Laundering
21. Olga Vacarciuc, Secretary General, Ombudsperson Office
22. Emanoil Plosnita, Moldovan Bar Association
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