**Project: Advancing Media Freedom in the Republic of Moldova**

**About the project**

Freedom of expression and media pluralism in the Republic of Moldova remain a priority for the Council of Europe and reinforced by the Council of Europe Action Plan for Moldova 2025-2028. In December 2023, European Union has opened accession talks with the Republic of Moldova, bringing a new set of requirements that the country must report and align with, including further reforms of the media and audiovisual sector.

The project aims to further support strengthening freedom of expression and capacity of the audiovisual regulator, public broadcaster, ongoing institutionalized efforts of Moldovan authorities in in countering information disorder, improving media literacy, strengthening the society’s resilience against disinformation campaigns as well as implementation of legislation on access to information and includes three main components.

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| **Component 1**  Further improvement of audiovisual, media, and access to information regulatory legal framework in light of previous Council of Europe recommendations and requirements of the EU accession talks and support for its implementation. | **Component 2**  Strengthening the capacities of media professionals, independence of the public service broadcaster and its documentary films department. | **Component 3**  Building capacity of national authorities and civil society in countering information disorder, raising media literacy and public awareness in this area. |

**What is the project duration?**

January 2025 - December 2028

(48 months)

**What is the budget of the project?**

2 000 000 EUR

**What do we aim to achieve?**

* Relevant national authorities have the capacities **to improve and implement the audiovisual, media, and access to information legal framework** in line with the Council of Europe standards.
* The **public service broadcaster and independent media outlets** have enhanced capacities for content diversification, increased independence and professionalism.
* Relevant authorities and stakeholders **are empowered to tackle the risk of information disorder and promote media literacy** in the country.

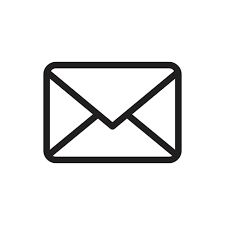
**Who benefits from the project?**

* Ministry of Culture
* Parliamentary Committee for mass media
* State Chancellery
* Audiovisual Council
* Centre for Strategic Communication and Combating Disinformation
* Public Service Broadcaster (Teleradio-Moldova)
* Telefilm-Chisinau
* Media outlets and
* Media civil society organisations

**How to get more information?**

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