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Promoting multilevel dialogue, open government and human rights at local level in the Republic of Moldova



PROJECT LEAFLET

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The project **Promoting multilevel dialogue, open government and human rights at local level** (January 2025 – December 2028) aims to enhance local governance in the Republic of Moldova by strengthening multilevel dialogue, supporting the public administration reform, fostering open government, and ensuring the integration of a human rights-based approach into local decision-making processes. The project is implemented within the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova for 2025-2028.

Methodology

The project is dedicated to enhancing local self-government through multilevel dialogue, strengthened legal frameworks, policies and practices which are rights-based, transparent, accountable, participatory, and inclusive. It has three main lines of action:

- Building the knowledge of local authorities, their national association, and central authorities on good governance and local democracy principles and standards, and supporting public authorities at all levels to implement the Public Administration Reform Strategy.
- Supporting local and central authorities to embed open governance principles in their day-to-day work.
- Assessing the situation of human rights at the local level in the Republic of Moldova, and in turn, enhancing alliances and co-operation mechanisms between authorities at different levels and civil society, with the aim of fostering greater inclusion and human rights.

Activities

- Capacity development activities for local and central level authorities and the association of local authorities, delivered through online events, in-person workshops and roundtables, will deepen participants' understanding of local self-government, democratic principles and standards, human rights, and open government, and strengthen their capacity to apply these principles in their policies and practices.
- Expert support to authorities at the local and central levels to implement the Public Administration Reform Strategy, in line with Council of Europe and Congress' recommendations, as well as support in view of strengthening co-operation mechanisms between authorities and civil society to develop human rights-based approaches in policies and practices.
- Financial support in the form of small grants to set up alliances/pilot projects between civil society and local authorities to develop human rights-based policies, strategies and practices at the local level, including an institutional grant to the national association to enhance its expertise in the main fields covered by the project.

Outcomes

- Central and local authorities engage in regular, structured, and inclusive consultation and dialogue practices, strengthening multilevel governance and furthering the public administration reform.
- Central and local authorities commit to open government principles, implementing pertinent policies and strategies for the local level and in line with Council of Europe standards.
- Local authorities apply a human rights-based approach when developing and implementing policies and practices at local level, including in collaboration with the People's Advocate Office.

Partners

- Government of the Republic of Moldova
- Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (CALM)
- People's Advocate Office
- Civil society organisations
- Network of Associations of Local Authorities of Southeast Europe (NALAS)
- Open Government Partnership (OGP)