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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Support to further modernisation of court management in the Republic of Moldova

This project seeks to promote further modernisation of the judicial administration, improving the evaluation, efficiency, and quality of the functioning of courts, in particular by strengthening the court management and preventing backlogs, improving the transparency, communication, and accessibility of courts, as well as the public trust and user satisfaction, in line with European standards.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Partnership for Good Governance". It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of strengthening justice (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

To improve the access to justice in the Republic of Moldova through strengthened efficiency and quality of courts.

Who benefits from the project?

- Ministry of Justice
- Superior Council of Magistracy
- Agency for Court Administration
- National Institute of Justice
- Judges
- Court users
- General public.

How does the project work?

Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- Strengthened efficiency and quality of services are achieved through improved evaluation of performance and modernised court management;
- Improved working conditions, transparency, and communication of the judiciary;
- Improved accessibility of the judiciary and user satisfaction.

What is the budget of the project?

▶ The total budget is EUR 635 000.

What is the project duration?

 The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026. The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 M (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe Co-operation Unit of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I).
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PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring their legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy. It supports, in particular, Eastern Partnership countries' domestic reforms to strengthen justice, counter economic crime, promote equality and non-discrimination, advance women's access to justice and combat violence against women. PGG provides support to the Republic of Moldova in its EU accession agenda, in line with Council of Europe standards.