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Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Combating discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes in the Republic of Moldova

This project seeks to contribute to better protection of rights of vulnerable groups and minorities, as well as to build the capacity of state authorities, legal and law enforcement professionals, civil society, etc., to adapt domestic frameworks in line with European and international standards, and to apply those standards to combat discrimination, hate speech and hate crime in the Republic of Moldova.

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 promoting equality and non-discrimination (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives of the project?

- ▶ Improved record of reforms in the Republic of Moldova to combat discrimination, hatred and racism in line with European standards, including a better protection of ethnic and sexual minorities.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ministry of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Education
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs
- ▶ National Institute of Justice
- ▶ General Prosecutor’s Office
- ▶ Ombudsperson’s Office
- ▶ Equality Council
- ▶ Civil society
- ▶ General public

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative review, disaggregated data collection, capacity-building and awareness raising actions, networking and peer-to-peer activities.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Relevant institutions and non-state stakeholders in the Republic of Moldova are better equipped for fighting against discrimination and hatred and for a better protection of vulnerable groups;
- ▶ Strengthened capacities of the national stakeholders to react to discrimination and hatred in line with ECRI standards/recommendations and with other European standards;
- ▶ Increased awareness in the Moldovan society on the danger of discrimination and on the importance of taking a stand against hatred and discrimination.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total budget is EUR 560 000.
- ▶ 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 [No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit](#), in the Council of Europe's Anti-Discrimination Department (Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, DG II).

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2026.

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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.