

PROJECT: ENHANCING DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - PHASE II

The project is developing a system for supporting and protecting the rights of vulnerable groups in the Republic of Moldova (LGBTI, women, ethnic and religious minorities, persons with disabilities, amongst the others), while also enhancing social inclusion and strengthening protection against discrimination, hatred and hate crimes.

The project is implemented under the [Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova \(2025 - 2028\)](#), by the Council of Europe [Anti-discrimination Cooperation Unit \(ACU\)](#), together with the Council of Europe [Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit \(SOGIESC\)](#).

Building on the results of Phase I (2021 - 2024), this project is providing a tailor-made technical assistance to the Republic of Moldova for the implementation of the [CM/Rec\(2010\)5 on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity](#), but also [CM Recommendation CM/Rec\(2024\)4 on combating hate crime](#) and [CM/Rec\(2022\)16 on combating hate speech](#), [ECRI Report \(sixth monitoring cycle\)](#), as well as for the effective execution of the European Court of Human Rights judgments on racial profiling and investigation of hate crimes on SOGIESC grounds.

The Phase II of the project is implemented from January 2025 to December 2026.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT?

- General Police Inspectorate
- “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy
- General Prosecutor's Office
- Equality Council
- Agency for Inter-ethnic Relations
- Ombudsman's Office
- Local and regional authorities
- Civic society organisations
- Civil servants
- Media/Journalists
- Roma community mediators
- Marginalised groups (LGBTI, ethnic and religious minorities, persons with disabilities)
- All citizens and residents

WHAT IS THE BUDGET OF THE ACTION?

The total project budget is 800,000 EUR funded through the Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova for 2025 – 2028.

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

- Providing technical assistance, expertise and good practices, for an improved domestic legislation and policies on human rights and equality in alignment with European standards, focusing on vulnerable groups.
- Enhancing implementation capacity of public authorities, relevant services and stakeholders in the sectors of justice, law enforcement, health, labour and social

protection, education and asylum to prevent and combat discrimination and hatred on all grounds.

- Increasing awareness among the general public on cultural and societal prejudices and empowering civil society and vulnerable groups to act against discrimination, hatred and intolerance.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT WORK?

- The project operates through a combination of tailored policy and legislative support, capacity-building activities, and awareness-raising initiatives.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION?

- [Enhancing diversity and equality - Phase I \(2021-2024\)](#)
- [Council of Europe Office in Chisinau](#)
- [Council of Europe Anti-discrimination Cooperation Unit](#)
- [Council of Europe Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit \(SOGIESC\)](#)
- [Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova \(2025 - 2028\)](#)

Council of Europe Office in Chisinau



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