

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Strengthening the capacities of the justice sector actors to deliver justice in line with European standards, in particular to fight discrimination in Moldova
Location	Republic of Moldova
Implemented by	Council of Europe - Support to the Human Rights National Implementation Division, Human Rights Policy and Development Department, Human Rights Directorate, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law
Budget/funding	Total: EUR 655,000.00 80% is funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe
Relevance for EU strategic documents, incl. 2020 Deliverables	EU Joint Staff Working Document Eastern Partnership 20 Deliverables for 2020, Priority II: Strengthening Institutions and good governance, 10. Implementation of key judicial reforms and Target by 2020: Independent training institutions delivering initial and continuous training to the judiciary, in line with the EU standards and best practices.
Relevance for Council of Europe Action Plan and priorities	Council of Europe Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2017-2020. I.2 Promoting human rights and dignity; Point II.1 Ensuring Justice.
Relevance for Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms and advisory bodies	The project will promote CoE standards of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental freedoms and the European Social Charter, - ECRI General Policy Recommendation No.7: National legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination, - ECRI revised General Policy Recommendation No.2: Equality Bodies to combat racism and intolerance at national level.
Duration	32 months (May 2019 – December 2021)
Objectives of the action	Overall objective To deliver justice that is better aligned with European standards in the field of discrimination in the Republic of Moldova
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice of the Council for Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring the Equality (Equality Council) is further strengthened, and it can more effectively fulfill its role. • The Lawyers Training Center organizes and delivers its courses in an effective manner. • The capacity of the judges and prosecutors to deliver higher-quality justice on discrimination cases enhanced through the harmonised application of European standards.
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessing the training needs of justice sector 2. Implementing HELP courses jointly with National Institute of Justice and Lawyers Training Center, according to the training needs of the participants 3. Organizing gender sensitive capacity building on non-discrimination for justice sector actors (judges, prosecutors, judicial staff) 4. Carrying out a national survey on public and professional perception on the preparedness of justice sector actors and Equality Council to deal with discrimination cases 5. Assessing the curricula of Lawyers Training Center 6. Assessing the needs of the Lawyers Training Center 7. Developing a gender sensitive training methodology for the Lawyers Training Center 8. Assisting the Lawyers Training Center in developing and adopting regulations for its activity 9. Delivering gender sensitive capacity building on non-discrimination to lawyers and intern lawyers 10. Delivering capacity building activities to the Equality Council staff and involving the staff in training courses for justice sector actors aimed at contributing to strengthening their capacities to prevent and fight discrimination and increasing the visibility of the Equality Council 11. Strengthening the monitoring instruments of the Equality Council for better

	implementation of its decisions (expert advice, guidelines and amendments to regulations), etc
Outcome indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved regulations of the Lawyers training Center; • Improved curricula of Lawyers training Center; • Gender sensitive methodology developed; • The monitoring mechanism of the Equality Council is improved according to the Council of Europe recommendations; • Justice actors have better capacity to deal with discrimination cases; • 2 new training courses incorporated by the Lawyers Training Center as part of continuous training curriculum; • Increase in the level of long-term effectiveness of the Equality Council's sanctions assessed and an recommendations produced; • Training materials which, will be gender sensitive, provided (ex. presentations by international consultants; jurisprudence of ECtHR, CoE publications, etc) • Increase in status of knowledge of legal professionals (judges, prosecutors, clerks and judges' assistants) trained on the application of European standards.
National partners	Council for Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring the Equality, National Institute of Justice, Lawyers Training Center
Target groups	Staff of the Equality Council, staff of the National Institute of Justice, staff of the Lawyers Training Center, justice actors (judges, prosecutors, assistant judges, clerks, etc.), policy and decision makers
Final beneficiaries	The general population who should enjoy equal rights and better protection against discrimination in line with the European standards