

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project title	<i>Supporting the Republic of Moldova in addressing the risks and harms related to drug use and addictive behaviors</i>
Country/region	Republic of Moldova
Budget	EUR 600,000
Donor	Council of Europe Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2025–2028
Duration	1 January 2025 – 31 December 2026
Partners and beneficiaries	Ministry of Health Ministry of Internal Affairs Ministry of Justice National Administration of Penitentiaries
Main objective and objectives	The Project “Supporting the Republic of Moldova in addressing the risks and harms related to drug use and addictive behaviors (2025-2026)” aims at improving the wellbeing and mental health of people through applying a comprehensive approach to addressing risks and harms of drug use and addictive behaviours, including in custodial settings, by placing human rights in the centre of drugs and addiction policies. Project objectives • Professionals working on treatment and care of detained people, coping with or at risk of addictions, apply contemporary approaches and techniques in line with internationally recognised practices. • Policy makers and specialists (law enforcement, prevention, health and social professionals) apply the acquired knowledge and tools to implement comprehensive national approaches to addressing substance use and related dependences at policy and institutional levels.
Expected results	• Knowledge and skills of multidisciplinary national stakeholders on addiction prevention and treatment are enhanced. • Treatment and rehabilitation programmes for people who are incarcerated and cope with substance use disorders or addictive behaviors are introduced or improved. • A knowledge base for policy makers working in the drug policy field is provided for elaborating comprehensive approaches to addressing substance use and related dependences.

	• Policy makers and specialists enhance their knowledge and skills for implementing the national drug and addiction strategy. • Policy makers and their governmental structures receive guidance for improving multiagency coordination and implementation of targeted interventions across all pillars of the national drugs and addictions strategy.
Key activities	• Strategy development support — Providing expert input and facilitating national workshops for developing Moldova's first comprehensive National Strategy on Drugs and Addictions. • Capacity-building for professionals — Delivering multidisciplinary training, workshops and guidance for healthcare, social care, justice, law enforcement and prison staff on contemporary approaches to addictions. • Strengthening prison-based programmes — Supporting the introduction and improvement of treatment and rehabilitation programmes in custodial settings, including structured interventions for gambling disorder. • Improving institutional coordination — Providing tools, recommendations and practical guidance to enhance national mechanisms for drug policy coordination and implementation. • Evidence-based policy support — Assisting authorities in collecting and analysing data needed to design effective, human-rights-centred responses to substance use and addictive behaviours.