

## Focus

Our focus in this project is to provide tailored, high-quality expertise and support to Moldovan sector institutions involved in the enforcement, probation and rehabilitation process, in the belief that we can facilitate change and enable direct beneficiaries through a sustained peer-to-peer approach.

## Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries are institutions involved in enforcement, probation and rehabilitation process: the Penitentiary Department and the network of prisons, the Central Probation Office, and the Union of Bailiffs.

Other indirect beneficiaries include associated work colleagues, such as social workers, psychologists, teachers, as well as any person or entity who becomes involved with the justice system, as offenders or victims, plaintiffs or defendants, and the general public at large.

## Vision of the project

Our vision for this project is to contribute to the improved enforcement of civil and criminal judicial decisions in Moldova with an emphasis on respect for Human Rights by all parties involved, competence and professionalism of relevant actors, efficient and effective legal procedures and inter-institutional cooperation mechanisms.



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Support to the enforcement, probation and rehabilitation systems in Moldova

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EUROPEAN UNION ENPI PROGRAMME

# SUPPORT TO THE ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION AND REHABILITATION SYSTEMS IN MOLDOVA



An EU project carried out by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (the Netherlands), in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (Germany), Penal Reform International (UK), Netherlands Helsinki Committee (the Netherlands) and Institute for Penal Reform (Moldova)

## Description

The Republic of Moldova strives to reform its justice sector and has adopted a comprehensive strategy and action plan to structure this reform effort. This project, *Support to the enforcement, probation and rehabilitation systems in Moldova* (Component 2: Increased efficiency of the justice system, ENPI AAP2011) is part of the increasing technical assistance and twinning support that the EU provides for the justice reform in Moldova.

## Objective

The overall objective of this project is to support the implementation of the sustainable reform of the justice sector in Moldova and to increase the efficiency of the judiciary and other agencies in the justice sector. This objective corresponds to the overall objective of the ENPI Annual Action Plan 2011 for the Moldovan justice sector.

## Purpose

The project has a fourfold purpose, outlining key aspects of the justice sector reform regarding the enforcement, detention, probation and rehabilitation systems in Moldova:

- To support the enforcement, probation and rehabilitation systems in Moldova, particularly in the context of the reforms proposed in the Strategy for Justice Sector Reform (SJSR) 2011-2016 and Action Plan
- To help to improve the legal framework and procedures for regulation and oversight by the regulatory bodies of bailiffs and probation officers



- To help to reform the legal framework to facilitate the work of probation officers, to improve punitive and rehabilitation policies and the relevant statutory basis, including the relevant provisions of substantive and procedural criminal law
- To support increasing the capacity of probation officers, penitentiary workers and enforcement officers to perform their work by applying modern and efficient methodologies

The first purpose implies the development outcome at the end of the project. The subsequent three purposes single out different fundamental parts of a functional and effective post-trial judgment execution system:

- Institutional framework (via regulatory bodies or executive agencies)
- Policy framework
- Operational performance

## Approach

The two major intervention areas of this project – institution and capacity building for probation and rehabilitation and capacity building for efficient enforcement of court decisions – are not stand-alone pillars.

They deal with two distinct subjects, each of them connected to other areas of the justice reform process.

The two main action areas of the project are:

- Institutional and organisational development and change
- Capacity building and development at individual level for relevant actors and at institutional level



## Selection of main activities

Component I - Institutional, capacity building and support

- Support with implementation of SJSR
- Assistance in drafting and assessment of amendments to legislation
- Assistance in revision of beneficiary organisation structures
- Assistance in strengthening the mechanisms for effective application of ethical standards and anti-corruption conduct
- Support the development of studies on improved enforcement, probation and rehabilitation processes
- Creation of conditions for rehabilitation and social reintegration of former offenders, through education and professional programs

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Component II - Legal /academic support and contribution

- Training for staff of beneficiaries institutions involved in enforcement, probation and rehabilitation systems to ensure effective SJSR implementation
- Support with establishment of staff performance assessment systems and development of training plans
- Support with development of handbooks on legal regulations and best practices of enforcement, probation and rehabilitation
- Support for creation of national trainers' networks in enforcement, probation and penitentiary administration
- Training for use of integrated information systems

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Component III - Communication & awareness raising and interaction with civil society

- Support with communication about enforcement, probation and rehabilitation reforms with general public, particular interest groups, and across justice sector institutions
- Support in strengthening collaboration with civil society to raise public trust in the enforcement, probation and rehabilitation institutions
- Assistance with development of institutional communication capacities, including trainings for spokespersons

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