

# Swedish Reform Cooperation in the Republic of Moldova

## Supported Projects 2021

The overall policy goal of Swedish Development cooperation is to create better conditions for people living in poverty and oppression. Agenda 2030, and the achieving sustainable development (social, economic and environmental), is a central element of the visions of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Our work in Moldova is governed by the [Strategy for Reform Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey 2014-2020](#) (the strategy was extended for a year), with the intention to forge closer links to the EU, policy reforms (towards democratization, modernization, eradication of poverty and increased support for human rights) that will benefit the population. In line with this aim, the strategy defines three result areas which are deemed crucial for long-term EU-integration, namely:

1. Enhanced economic integration with the EU and development of market economy.
2. Strengthened democracy, greater respect for human rights and a more fully developed state under the rule of law.
3. A better environment, reduced climate change and enhanced resilience to environmental impact and climate change.

The following sections specify projects currently supported by Sweden in Moldova for the implementation of the strategy. In addition, Moldova is a beneficiary of several regional programmes funded by Sweden, these are however not listed below.

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The free trade agreement between Moldova and the EU (Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement – DCFTA) came into force in 2016 and has made EU's market open to Moldavian products and services, and vice versa. One of Sweden's priorities is to foster changes so that Moldova's economy can make full use of the agreement. Against this background we work to enhance the competitiveness of local companies and systematic reforms to enable increased trade with the EU.

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**BUSINESS INVESTMENT CLIMATE REFORM III**

DURATION: 2019 – 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 28 million SEK (4 mln SEK for Inception Phase, 24 mln SEK for Implementation Phase)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: IFC (International Finance Corporation)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Economic Council, Business associations and SMEs

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**EBRD WOMEN IN BUSINESS PROGRAMME MOLDOVA**

DURATION: June 2018 – January 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 26 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Women entrepreneurs within the SME sector

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**TEKWILL - ICT EXCELLENCE CENTRE**

DURATION: September 2016 – September 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 52.6 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: USAID Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: ATIC Moldova, IT Centre of Excellence, ICT community and students

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**MOLDOVA COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT (MCP)**

DURATION: November 2016 – September 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 79 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: USAID Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Chemonics, US company

Moldovan industries in 4 clusters of industrial sectors (specialized agricultural industry, tourism, textiles and apparel, IT, precise engineering, creative design)

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**BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR TRADE TRANSNISTRIA**

DURATION: May 2019 – April 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 22.9 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: UNDP, SME sector in Transnistria

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**START-UP CITY CAHUL (EU4MOLDOVA)**

DURATION: June 2020 – June 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 71 million SEK (EU delegated funds of EUR 6.8 million)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Moldovan Association of Information and Communications  
Technology Companies (ATIC)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: school and university students, teachers, educational  
institutions, entrepreneurs

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Sweden is a strong advocate of democracy and human rights in Moldova. Sida therefore offers core support to civil society organisations to promote the development of democratic, transparent and resilient organisations and thereby a strong and versatile civil society. The organisations that Sida supports are active in areas such as non-discrimination, gender equality, LGBT, freedom of media, the environment and economic development.

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**CORE SUPPORT: EAST EUROPE FOUNDATION**

DURATION: December 2016 – April 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 29 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: East Europe Foundation

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: People with disabilities, women in rural areas, the elderly, youth, people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, inhabitants of rural communities; civil society organizations.

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: LGBT+ community in Moldova

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**TAX REFORM II**

DURATION: October 2018 - September 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 20 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Tax Agency

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldova State Tax Service, taxpayers

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**CORE SUPPORT: GENDER-DOC M**

DURATION: January 2018 - December 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 4.95 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: GenderDoc M

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: LGBT+ community in Moldova

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**CORE SUPPORT: LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER IN MOLDOVA (LRCM)**

DURATION: July 2017- December 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5.6 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Legal Resource Center Moldova (LRCM)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Justice sector professionals and institutions, citizens

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**UN WOMEN MOLDOVA IN STRATEGIC NOTE**

DURATION: February 2021 - December 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 33 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UN Women Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Government of Moldova, parliament, local authorities, civil society organizations, media, academia, women leaders and initiative groups and women from disadvantaged groups and minorities

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**INTERNEWS: SUPPORT TO MOLDOVAN MEDIA AND INNOVATIVE MEDIA LITERACY EFFORTS**

DURATION: October 2020 – September 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 6.1 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Internews Europe

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Journalists, media consumers

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**CONSULTANCY SUPPORT TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY CORE-SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

DURATION: June 2019- August 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 2.9 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Development Partners

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Civil society organizations in Moldova

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**ONE UN JOINT ACTION CROSS-RIVER SUPPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

DURATION: June 2019- December 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 29 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNODC, IOM

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Rights -holders and duty - barriers on both banks of the Nistru river

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**CORE SUPPORT: ARTEMIDA CENTER**

DURATION: June 2020 - May 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 4 988 995 SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: ARTEMIDA Center

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Victims of domestic violence, aggressors, decision-makers/institutions working to reduce and combat domestic violence

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**STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR A BETTER FUNCTIONING GAGAUZ AUTONOMY IN REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

DURATION: May 2019- February 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Crisis Management Initiative (CMI)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, People's Assembly of Gagauzia, Executive Committee of Gagauzia, Government of the Republic of Moldova, citizens

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**STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY OF AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN MOLDOVA 2020 - 2022**

DURATION: July 2020 - December 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: local justice sector actors, forensic institutions, CSOs, population

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**CORE SUPPORT: WOMEN'S LAW CENTER**

DURATION: April 2020 - December 2022

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 8.6 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: NGO Women's Law Center

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: GBV/DV victims, justice sector actors, police, women in penitentiaries, population, youth

People living in poverty, particularly in rural areas, are often the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Sweden works to promote increased environmental awareness and citizen engagement, while also contributing to preventing negative effects on the environment in Moldova. Apart from providing to core support to civil society organizations working with environmental issues, Sweden also supports environmental projects in Moldova together with international organization and agencies. A Climate perspective is integrated into all Sida's efforts in Moldova.

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**CORE SUPPORT: ECOVISIO**

DURATION: March 2018 - March 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5.4 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Public Association EcoVisio

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: environmental activists, social entrepreneurs, civil society organisations

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**CORE SUPPORT: ECOCONTACT**

DURATION: March 2018 – March 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Public Association EcoContact

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: public institutions, civil society organisations

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**STUDY ON ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE DNIESTER HYDROPOWER COMPLEX**

DURATION: November 2018 – June 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 6 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/ BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, environmental NGOs

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**CORE SUPPORT: ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGICAL TOURISM JOURNALISTS IN MOLDOVA (AJMTEM)**

DURATION: November 2020 - December 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Association of Environment and Ecological Tourism Journalists

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Journalists and schools

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**RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT MOLDOVA**

DURATION: December 2019- June 2021

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 7.3 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Agency for Regulation of Nuclear and Radiological Activity of Moldova

**RESILIENT COMMUNITITES THROUGH WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

DURATION: March 2020 - March 2023

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 22,7 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Women in rural areas of Moldova

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