

Swedish Reform Cooperation in the Republic of Moldova

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The overall goal of Swedish development cooperation is *to create better conditions for people living in poverty and oppression*. Agenda 2030, and achieving sustainable development is a central element of this vision.

Swedish bilateral cooperation in Moldova is guided by the *Strategy for Sweden's Reform Cooperation with Eastern Europe 2021-2027*, including:

1. Human rights, democracy, the rule of law and gender equality
2. Peaceful and inclusive societies
3. Environmentally and climate-sustainable development and sustainable use of natural resources
4. Inclusive economic development

Projects currently supported by Sweden in Moldova are aligned to the Reform Agenda of Swedish Development Cooperation and thereby aim to enhance broader objectives of *European integration, peace and security, strategic partnerships, trade, business promotion and job creation* and are listed as follows:

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Sweden is a strong advocate of rule of law, democracy and human rights in Moldova. Swedish assistance is channelled through Moldovan CSOs, multilateral organisations and Swedish expert agencies to enhance rule of law including transparency, accountability and anti-corruption, human rights, gender equality, media independence and acting against dis-information.

MOLDOVA STATE TAX SERVICE REFORM III

DURATION: July 2023 – June 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 23.9 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Swedish Tax Authority

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldova State Tax Service, Ministry of Finance

SUPPORT TO UN WOMEN MOLDOVA STRATEGIC NOTE 2023- 2027

DURATION: April 2021 - July 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 63.4 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: UN Women Moldova

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

STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY OF AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE 2020 - 2025

DURATION: July 2020 - October 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 33.5 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: local justice sector actors, forensic institutions, population, Women's Law Center (WLC), Institute for Penal Reform (IPR), EcoContact

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION: STRENGTHENING ELECTORAL INTEGRITY (co-funded with UK, EU) 2025-2026

DURATION: April 2025 – November 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 12 904 602 SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Promo-Lex

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Parliament, Central Electoral Commission (CEC), political parties, civil society organizations (CSOs), Non-governmental organizations and initiative groups from UTAG, media outlets and journalists

SUPPORTING E-TRANSFORMATION OF POLICING PROCESSES RELATED TO
CONTRAVENTION CASES 2022-2026

DURATION: October 2022- August 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 10.6 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: UNDP Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Police
Inspectorate, Moldovan citizens

CORE SUPPORT WOMEN'S INITIATIVES 2022-2025

DURATION: December 2022 – June 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 3,5 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Center of Social and Legal Innovations "Women's Initiatives"

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: women from disadvantaged groups and
minorities, civil society organisations from the left bank of Nistru river

OPEN FUN FOOTBALL SCHOOLS MOLDOVA 2024-2028

DURATION: April 2024 - December 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 22 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Cross Cultures Project Association (CCPA)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Ministry of
Education and Research (MoER), Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP),
General Police Inspectorate (GPI), Chisinau Municipality, Local communities
including UTA Gagauzia and TN region, youth, Football Moldova Federation
(FMF), Association for Participatory Criminal Justice (AJPP)

CORE SUPPORT CENTER FOR ANALYSIS AND PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

DURATION: May 2022-May 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 7.5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Citizens, public authorities, private sector,
justice sector

ASSISTANCE TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS – "STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC
RESILIENCE IN MOLDOVA" (EDMITE III, co-funded with NO, DK, CA) 2024-2026

DURATION: October 2024- January 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 20.2 million SEK (Swedish contribution)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Citizens, electoral institutions, Central
Electoral Commission CEC, CICDE, political parties.

ONE UN JOINT ACTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE TRANSNISTRIA REGION 2022-2025 (II)

DURATION: December 2022-September 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 26.3 million SEK

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

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: CSOs, citizens on both banks of River Nistru

CORE SUPPORT BALTI LEGAL CLINIC 2023-2026

DURATION: March 2023 - December 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 7.5 million SEK

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Balti Legal Clinic (BLC)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Citizens from Northern Moldova, public authorities, Local Security Councils, Balti Court

INTERNEWS: MEDIA LITERACY AND MOLDOVAN MEDIA 2022-2025

DURATION: December 2022 – June 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25.6 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Internews Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldovan media outlets, journalists, audiovisual council

CORE SUPPORT CENTRE FOR POLICIES AND REFORMS 2022-2025

DURATION: December 2022 – July 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 4,9 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Centre for Policies and Reform Moldova

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: citizens, entrepreneurs, public authorities

CORE SUPPORT WOMEN'S LAW CENTER 2023-2027

DURATION: December 2023 – June 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 11,9 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Women's Law Center

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: women from disadvantaged groups and minorities public authorities, CSOs

SALAR: Support to Public Administration Reform in Moldova 2025-2029

DURATION: April 2025 – September 2029

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 79,9 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Sveriges Kommuner och Regioner (SALAR)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Government of the Republic of Moldova,
local public authorities

ADVANCING INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR A MODERN JUSTICE SECTOR
2024-2027

DURATION: September 2024 - December 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 59 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Justice (MOJ), National Institute
of Justice (NIJ), National Integrity Authority (NIA), Union of Authorized
Administrators (UAA), National Anti-Corruption Center (NAC), Civil Society

ARTEMIDA: Combating violence against women, Moldova 2024-2028

DURATION: December 2024 – December 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 10 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Artemida

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: women from disadvantaged groups, public
authorities, CSOs

Sweden supports initiatives that enhance sustainable peace and human security by addressing the causes of conflict, strengthening inclusion, dialogue and peacebuilding, and contributing to the reconstruction of communities affected by conflict. This objective is integrated into most projects and as a main objective of some interventions supported by Sweden.

ENGAGING CITIZENS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES 2021-2025

DURATION: June 2021 – December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 56.8 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: East Europe Foundation

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: People with disabilities, women in rural areas, the elderly, youth, inhabitants of rural communities, civil society organizations

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONALISED AND SUSTAINABLE DIALOGUE ON GAGAUZIA 2022-2025

DURATION: February 2022 - December 2024

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 23.2 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation (CMI)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldovan Parliament, People's Assembly of Gagauzia, Moldovan citizens, Agency for Interethnic Relations

SWEDISH SUPPORT TO POLICE REFORM IN MOLDOVA 2023-2026 (II)

DURATION: May 2023 - April 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 39 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Swedish Police Authority (SPA)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA), General Police Inspectorate (GPI), Local Security Councils, WPS

STRENGTHENING SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE IN MOLDOVA 2022-2028 (DCAF)

DURATION: January 2023 - December 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 73.8 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: DCAF/Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Moldovan Parliament, Supreme Security Council, Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA), Security Intelligence Service (SIS), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Women in Police Association (WPA), Platform for Security and Defense Initiatives (PISA), Institute for Democracy and Development (I4DD), Swedish Civil Contingency Agency (MSB)

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN MOLDOVAN PRISON AND
PROBATION SERVICE 2024-2028

DURATION: July 2024 - December 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 38.2 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Swedish Prison and Probation Service (SPPS)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Justice (MOJ), National Administration for
Penitentiaries (NAP), National Inspectorate for Probation (NIP)

AREA 3

Environmentally Climate-Sustainable Development and Sustainable use of Natural Resources

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 adaptation of laws and policies to EU requirements and a transition to green energy. Swedish projects are implemented through civil society organizations, international organizations and Swedish expert agencies.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE DNIESTER RIVER (DNIESTER II) (including the EU Water Directive)

DURATION: August 2021- August 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 34.9 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Environmental Governmental Institutions

RESILIENT COMMUNITITES – ENERGY & WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT (ResCom phase 2) 2024-2028

DURATION: August 2024 – July 2028

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 70 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Women in rural areas of Moldova, Local Public Authorities, energy communities and civil society in all regions of Moldova

GREEN JUSTICE (including adaptation to EU requirements in environment) 2021-2025

DURATION: September 2021 - August 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 28.05 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: EcoContact (Moldovan CSO with environmental lawyers)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Environmental and Legal Institutions

RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT MOLDOVA Phase II 2021-2027

DURATION: December 2021-December 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 16.88 million SEK + SEK 29.4 million SEK EU-delegated funds

PARTNER AGENCY: Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Agency for Regulation of Nuclear and Radiological Activity of Moldova, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Internal Affairs

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN 2023-2025

DURATION: September 2023 - December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 6.7 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: EcoVisio and E-circular (Moldovan CSOs)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, Waste Management Regions 1, 5 and 8

COOPERATION IN HYDROLOGY AND METEOROLOGY SMHI – SHS MOLDOVA 2024-2029

DURATION: July 2024 - June 2029

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 30 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment, State Hydrometeorological Service

CORE SUPPORT CSO ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIOTICA 2022-2025

DURATION: March 2022- December 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 6.2 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Ecological Society Biotica

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Ministry of Environment and Local Public Authorities;

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 Moldovan products and services, and vice versa. Sweden supports Moldova to enhance trade and export, and to improve the business climate and job creation.

BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR TRADE INCLUDING TRANSNISTRIA REGION 2022-2025

DURATION: November 2022 – June 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 50 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: AGENCY: UNDP

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: UNDP, SME sector on the left bank of river Nistru (Transnistria region).

STARTUP CITY CAHUL (EU4MOLDOVA) - EU DELEGATED PROJECT 2020-2025

DURATION: June 2020 – June 2025

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 71 million SEK (100% EU delegated funds of EUR 6.8 million)

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

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

INOTEK4CAHUL 2024-2027

DURATION: July 2024 – June 2027

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 15.5 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Inotek – EU Innovation Centre Cahul

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: State University of Cahul, Inotek Foundation, business community from southern Moldova, schools, schoolteachers and pupils.

PROCREDIT BANK MOLDOVA PORTFOLIO GUARANTEE 2024-2033

DURATION: December 2024- December 2033

SWEDISH GUARANTEE: 30 million Euro

PARTNER AGENCY: ProCredit Bank Moldova

LOCAL BENEFICIARY: Micro, small and medium enterprises including agrosector, women-led businesses, green transition.

INNOVATE MOLDOVA PROGRAMME

DURATION: April 2025 – December 2026

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 45 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: Foundation for Advancement of Moldova (FAM)

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: Innovation centres including Art Cor and Cyber Cor, and support organisations, business associations, SMEs, startups, universities, schools, students, teachers, pupils.

EAST EUROPEAN FOUNDATION MOLDOVA: IMPACT SPACE 2024-2028

DURATION: December 2024 – June 2029

SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION: 25 million SEK

PARTNER AGENCY: East Europe Foundation

LOCAL COUNTERPART/BENEFICIARY: civil society organizations, social entrepreneurs, SMEs
