

Promo-LEX Association launched the “Civic monitoring of the Police reform in Moldova” Project

The Republic of Moldova needs profound reforms in the activity of internal affairs bodies and police bodies as institutions mandated to protect the rights of the people. Starting from this premise, Promo-LEX Association has officially released today, July 1st, the *“Civic monitoring of the Police reform in Moldova”* Project, implemented with the financial support of the European Union.

The project is based on the supervisory role of civil society organizations during the implementation of reforms, as well as on the right of citizens to participate in the decision-making process. Thus, through its monitoring actions, in the next three years, Promo-LEX Association will contribute to strengthening the accountability, efficiency and transparency of the Police reform in the Republic of Moldova.



The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the General Police Inspectorate, national and international experts, as well as H.E. Mr. Peter Michalko, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to Moldova.

“As in other parts of the world, the citizens of the Republic of Moldova have the right to a professional and modern police service that meets human rights standards and agrees to operate in a transparent manner. Two years ago, the European Union started its support program for police reform in Moldova. This project launched today together with Promo-LEX Association is indeed proof that we are determined to continue on this path, and, therefore, in close cooperation with the delegation of the European Union, Promo-LEX will monitor the work carried out under the program for police reform. The actions will include monitoring major public procurement procedures that track the way the taxpayers’ money is spent”. said H.E. Mr. Peter Michalko, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to Moldova.

The event included the presentation of the objectives and activities of the project, the methodology for monitoring the Police Development Strategy for 2016-2020, as well as the agreement on the delivery of EU budgetary support for the implementation of the police reform strategy.

Promo-LEX's Executive Director, Ion Manole, stressed the importance of actions taken at local level: " ... one of the most important actions in this project is the technical and financial assistance of civil society organizations, including local NGOs and media institutions, to implement various initiatives at local level, to monitor and inform society about the objectives and results obtained from the police reform, thus contributing to the increase of citizens' trust in the police.. "

The project primarily focuses on the work of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the General Police Inspectorate, which need not only direct financial support for the implementation of the Police Development Strategy for 2016-2020, but also a neutral external opinion on the implementation of this reform and the results achieved in respect thereof.



Minister of Internal Affairs, Andrei Năstase, present at the event, said that: “This project will certainly be an important pillar for the democratic control of civil society over the police reform process. The monitoring thereof should bring about those changes the police needs in relation to the citizen, through the achievement of the main goals of accountability, efficiency and transparency, not just in words, but also in reality.”

It is important to note that Promo-LEX Association has relevant experience in monitoring various reforms carried out in the country, previously also monitoring the Justice Sector Reform. As is always the case, the main beneficiaries of the project are citizens, who will obtain objective information about the police activity and the progress of the reform, and who will have the opportunity to contribute or influence this reform by participating in the activities foreseen in this project.

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