

# **Promo-LEX Association launches the civic platform [www.politia.monitor.md](http://www.politia.monitor.md) to encourage communication between citizens and the Police**

The General Inspectorate of Police (GIP) is currently implementing the 2016-2020 Police Development Strategy. To this end, in 2017, the Government of the Republic of Moldova signed with the European Union the financial agreement aimed at the "Support for Police Reform".

The main indicator of the efficiency of Police Development Strategy is the level of confidence citizens have in the activity of the Police. According to the survey, held by the national Public Opinion Barometer at the end of 2019, about 39.5% of the citizens stated that they have much or some confidence in the Police. Account should be taken of the fact that the target was set at 41%. Thus, there has been noticed a slight but variable increase in the citizens' confidence in the Police, which in April 2016 was of 25,8%. We also find that, in addition to the efforts made to implement the internal reforms, to equip and train police officers, transparent and open communication with citizens and society, as a whole, has played an important role in achieving a higher level of public confidence in the Police.

Starting with December 2018, the Promo-LEX Association has contributed to achievement of this goal by implementing the project "Civic Monitoring of Police Reform in the Republic of Moldova", carried out with the support of the European Union.

In this period, Promo-LEX prepared and published two monitoring reports on the implementation of the Police Reform, contributed to the training of 26 communicators of the General Inspectorate of Police, awarded three sub-grants for the actions of local social organizations. Additionally, in partnership with the General Inspectorate of Police, the Association carried out a Campaign to inform citizens about the objectives and achievements of the Police Reform. The campaign reached 23 settlements of the country. Now, to enhance the communication and interaction between citizens and the Police, Promo-LEX launches the [www.politia.monitor.md](http://www.politia.monitor.md) platform.

Thus, as of May 8, 2020, any person can report online, through the interactive map of [www.politia.monitor.md](http://www.politia.monitor.md), problems or violations of the law committed by citizens, civil servants, police officers, including:

- acts of corruption,
- cases of influence peddling or illicit enrichment,
- abuse of office and misuse of powers,
- forgery of public documents,
- improper fulfillment of duties,
- acts of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment,
- cases of discrimination,
- violation of legal regime of incompatibilities,
- conflicts of interest,
- violation of police employees' rights.

Likewise, violation of police officers' rights can be reported, account being taken of their official status. Promo-LEX will monitor all the cases reported regardless of their nature, and will undertake the necessary actions in those limited cases that will require the intervention of the representatives of the Association.

The platform also contains a set of standard forms that provide free legal guidance to those who would like to

formally notify the competent authorities of the violations reported through the interactive map.

At the same time, the platform will inform the citizens about the progress of the Police reform, as well as about the activities and results of the “Civic Monitoring of Police Reform in the Republic of Moldova” project, implemented by the Promo-LEX Association.

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