

# The Promo-LEX Association draws attention to the risk of not implementing the 2016-2020 Police Development Strategy on time and in full

The Promo-LEX Association, presented today, the Report no. 3 on “Civic Monitoring of Police Reform in the Republic of Moldova”. The Report contains a comprehensive analysis of the degree of achievement during 2019 by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the General Inspectorate of Police of the objectives covered by the 2016 – 2020 Police Development Strategy and Policy Matrix on the implementation of the budget support for the years 2017 to 2020, offered by the European Union for the Police Reform.



During the conference held for the presentation of the Report, His Excellency, Mr. Peter Michalko, Ambassador of the European

Union Delegation in the Republic of Moldova, stated the following: *“Moldovan Police have taken important steps in implementing the reform in this sector in recent years. However, a number of issues remain. What needs to be done, for example, is to change the perception of the Police, from a*

*body of power into a service-oriented institution operating in favor of Moldovan citizens. The European Union supports these efforts, as well as both the cooperation and close partnership between public authorities, the police and civil society, helping to ensure the proper implementation of the reform and the best possible service to citizens and rights thereof."*

The findings in the alternative report cover activities whose date for completion expired prior to 2019 and which have been qualified as unfulfilled in the Association's previous reports. It also includes ongoing activities for the implementation of the 2016-2020 Police Development Strategy, as well as those activities that had the completion deadline expired at the end of 2019. The Promo-LEX conclusions are drawn up by reporting the actions and sub-actions fulfilled against the performance indicators and deadlines stipulated in the aforementioned strategic documents.

Thus, Promo-LEX found that out of the total number of activities planned within the Police Development Strategy, during the period between 2016 and 2019, 53 out of 84 sub-actions were to be fulfilled, i.e. 63%. These cover all the 5 strategic objectives:

Under **Objective 1: Consolidating the responsibility, efficiency, transparency and professionalism of the Police**, the following results were achieved: out of 25 sub-actions, 5 had been fully implemented, 10 partially fulfilled, 6 remained unfulfilled, while in the case of 4 sub-actions, the Association could not assign any rating due to too general formulations or unmeasurable indicators.

In this context, Promo-LEX draws attention to a considerable risk of failure to meet the performance indicators set for 2020, related to the achievement of the ratio of 40% officers versus 60% non-commissioned officers employed with the Police sector and operationalization of the Integrated Training Center for Law Enforcement (ITCLE).

As for the **Objective 2: Fair, efficient and effective application of human rights legislation in the activity of the Police**, following the analysis of four sub-actions, it was found that 2 of them are fulfilled, while the 2 other – unfulfilled.

Similarly, according to Promo-LEX observations, only 3 (30%) of the sub-actions covered by the **Objective 3** have been fulfilled: *Consolidating the capacities of the Police to fight organized crime, trafficking in human beings, cybercrime, violence, including gender-offenses, drug and weapons smuggling, counterfeiting and money laundering*. Under the same objective, one sub-action (10%) remained unfulfilled, 3 (30%) are partially fulfilled, while in the case of the other 3 sub-actions (30%) it was difficult to assess the achievement thereof.

Also, in the period between 2016 and 2019, 11 sub-actions were to be implemented under the **Objective 4: Creating a modern police service in compliance with the best international standards and practices of the European Union, able to respond proactively and equally to the needs of the citizens and the society as a whole**. According to the Promo-LEX findings, 2 of these were fulfilled, while 1 remained unfulfilled. Other 6 sub-actions were qualified as partially fulfilled, while in the case of 2 actions it has not been possible to assign any rating.

As for the degree of achievement of the **Objective 5: Promoting and implementing the principle of zero tolerance for corruption, discrimination and ill-treatment in the activity of the Police**, 3 sub-actions were to be implemented by the end of 2019. In reference thereto, Promo-LEX qualified two sub-actions as partially fulfilled, while the third sub-action was qualified as unfulfilled.

In conclusion, Promo-LEX notes that, of all actions and sub-actions implemented by authorities between 2016 and 2019, 13 sub-actions (25%) were qualified as being fulfilled, 21 sub-actions (40%) – partially fulfilled, 10 sub-actions (19%) – unfulfilled. Other 9 sub-actions (17%) are too generally formulated, thereby make it impossible to measure the achievement thereof.



It was also found that, out of 8 sub-actions whose deadline was the year 2019, 2 (25%) were qualified as being partially fulfilled, 1 sub-action was qualified as unfulfilled (13%), while in the case of 5 sub-actions Promo-LEX could not give any comments on the achievement thereof (4 of them covering the acquisition of equipment). On the same lines, it was found that at least 4 sub-actions present a considerable risk of non-implementation of the performance indicators: 3 of them cover the development of information systems, while 1 covers the conduct of public procurements.

Also, Promo-LEX ascertained that, of all performance criteria set for 2019 within the Policy Matrix on the implementation of the budget support, 4 actions reached the indicators set (44.4%); in the case of other 4 actions the indicators thereof were partially achieved (44.4%), while in the case of one action the indicators thereof failed to be achieved (11.1%).

The Report no. 3 on Civic Monitoring of Police Reform can be accessed [here](#).



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