

Police Development Strategy in Moldova Needs Backlog Management

In 2020, the implementation of 2016-2020 Police Development Strategy has been marked by a substantial backlog (10 sub-actions (18.9%) of the 53 that had to be completed by the end of 2019 remained unfulfilled). Several activities outlined in the policy documents could not be carried out in the first semester of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, given that the activity of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and, implicitly, of Police was focused on monitoring citizens' compliance with the measures established by the National Commission for Emergency Situations in the Republic of Moldova.

At the same time, the fact that no public consultations on the new strategic document for the Police Development in the next period were initiated in the first semester of 2020 raises concerns.



In Report no. 4 on Civic Monitoring of Police Reform, Promo-LEX analyzed the activities outlined in the Budget Support Policy Matrix, as well as 10 sub-actions of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Police Development Strategy qualified as unfulfilled in the previous reports.

Thus, according to the analysis of Promo-LEX, the degree of implementation of the activities planned under the Police Development Strategy has not changed since the end of 2019. None of the sub-actions, rated by Promo-LEX as unfulfilled, has changed its qualifier.

However, it should be noted that one indicator set in the Policy Matrix for 2019 was reached in the first semester of 2020. Considering that the overall share of women in the Police as of 01.07.2020 is **18,14%**, we find that the indicator related to the increase of women's share in the Police, set in the Objective for 2019, was reached in the first semester of 2020.

The other 10 sub-actions in the implementation of the Police

Development Strategy that have been qualified as outstanding as of the end of 2019 target four of the five strategic objectives:

- Consolidating the accountability, efficiency, transparency and professionalism of the Police;*
- Equitable, efficient and effective application of human rights legislation in the activity of the Police;*
- Consolidating the capabilities of the Police to combat organized crime, trafficking in human beings, cybercrime, violence, including gender-motivated violence, drug and arms smuggling, money laundering and counterfeiting;*
- Creating a modern police service in line with the best EU and international standards and practices, able to respond proactively and equally to the needs of citizens and society as a whole.*

In particular, the remaining sub-actions are as follows:

- Elaboration of a guide on the assessment of collective performances, development of a system to assess individual performances and career advancement (outstanding since 01.07.2017);
- Improving the efficiency of the Coordinating Council of the GIP in the decision-making process (outstanding since 01.01.2017);
- Creation of the Council for coordination and monitoring of external assistance within the GIP in order to consolidate the capacity to absorb external financial assistance (outstanding since 01.01.2017);
- Deconcentration of activities for maintaining and ensuring public order at the level of territorial subdivisions of Police (outstanding since 01.01.2018);
- Improvement of the legal framework for the organization of public gatherings (outstanding since 01.07.2017);
- Development and approval of a curriculum to train the

staff selected for participation in international missions (outstanding since 01.01.2018);

- Establishing the role, place and duties of the criminal prosecution subdivisions within the Police in the context of judicial sector reform (outstanding since 01.01.2017);
- Adapting the legal framework for special investigation activity to the Community Standards (outstanding since 01.01.2019);
- Developing and approving drafts amending both legislative and regulatory frameworks with a view to regulating the competences of the Police in preventing and combating the phenomenon of money laundering (outstanding since 01.01.2017);
- Participating in the implementation of twinning (institutional twinning) projects on the implementation of the intelligence-led policing concept (outstanding since 01.01.2020).

Report no. 4 on Civic Monitoring of Police Reform can be found [here](#).



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