

The exercise of the right to peaceful assembly versus the management of the organization of assemblies in 2016



The Promo-LEX Association issued a retrospective of the exercise of right to peaceful assembly in the Republic of Moldova in 2016. The study presents a short analysis of the most prominent assemblies that were organized in 2016, and focuses the ways in which the authorities ensured that assemblies ran smoothly. Although there is generally a positive trend in the protection of the right to assemble freely, there were a few cases in which participants in assemblies and police employees obviously overstepped their rights and obligations.

The study finds that 2016 was the year with the highest number of political events crucial for the evolution of the domestic democratic system. This evolution took place against a background of continuous pressure from groups of people protesting against several systemic issues. On the one hand these assemblies polarized society; on the other hand, they were the reason for certain actions by the authorities that brought to light long-hidden problems and realities.

The electronic version of the study can be found [here](#).

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