

No significant progress in Justice Sector Reform Implementation was made during the third quarter of 2013



During a Round table on 15 November 2013, Promo-LEX and the Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance launched the [Third Quarterly Monitoring Report on the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy \(monitoring period 1](#)

[July – 30 September 2013\)](#).

The monitoring effort focused on the observation of 2 basic components: assessing the implementation of actions included in the Justice Sector Reform Strategy Action Plan, and monitoring court trials. The Report analyzed 2 categories of actions, as follows: actions due for implementation by the end of third quarter of 2013 and actions overdue by 30 July 2013.

According to experts one cannot speak of significant progress in implementing the actions outlined under the Action Plan for JSRS implementation. Thus, of a total 209 actions due for completion by 30 September 2013, only 126 were completed, while the 83 remain unfulfilled by the end of Quarter III, 2013, which represents a total completion rate of 60% (compared with 59% at the end of the previous Quarter). It is also true that the Government confronted with a major political crisis, which delayed certain processes, including the signing of an agreement on the delivery of EU budgetary

support to the justice sector. After the confirmation of a new Government, some of the planned actions were accelerated, but the responsible institutions must make considerable efforts to fulfill the overdue actions along with the actions due for the next period.

Referring to the performance of the institutions involved in the implementation of the JSRS and found the following. In 2012 and the first three Quarters of 2013, National Legal Aid Council and the Ministry of Internal Affairs implemented less than a half of the actions in their responsibility, achieving an implementation rate of 40% and 25% respectively. The National Anticorruption Center, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutor General's Office, and the Center for Human Rights of Moldova achieved a better implementation rate. There are several institutions that reached a 100% implementation rate, and these are the *National Integrity Commission* and National Council for Reforming the Law Enforcement Bodies. However, the Action Plan contained a very small number of actions to be implemented by these institutions, and, most importantly, the actions assessed as implemented in accordance with the performance indicators need to be monitored in terms of their real impact.

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