



## Press Release

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### **The European Union provides a further substantial support and assistance to the Justice Sector Reform in the Republic of Moldova**

*The EU has launched today three new projects for providing assistance to the Justice Sector Reform in the Republic of Moldova. The European Union is offering additional financial support in the sum of 10 million EUR, through on-going four technical assistance projects.*

The EU assistance projects for the field of Justice Sector Reform aim at supporting the Moldovan judiciary, prosecution and pre-trial investigation institutions, and enforcement, penitentiary and probation systems in their reform process. Another objective is a better coordinated effort of various justice sector institutions to implement the Justice Sector Reform Strategy and Action Plan.

On the occasion of the launch event, Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola, the Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, mentioned: "A better functioning justice sector is fundamental for investor confidence. We expect that the newly launched EU funded Technical Assistance projects will give additional impetus to the implementation of the justice sector reform. A more accountable, transparent and independent justice system will positively impact on the daily life of all Moldovans. It is time to implement major structural reforms in the justice sector."

Justice sector reform is one of the key priorities of EU-Moldova cooperation and constitutes the basis for fruitful development of the country in the framework of the Association Agreement with the European Union.



## **Background information:**

The EU provides direct budgetary support for the implementation of the actions and reforms provided in the Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2011-2016, which amounts to 60 million EUR.

In addition to this, technical assistance and twinning support is provided to various Moldovan institutions and agencies in the justice sector under its European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative (ENPI) with a total financing amount of 10 million EUR.

