



Press Release

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The EU-OECD SIGMA assessment conclusions have been presented to the members of the National Council for Public Administration Reform

The presentation event of SIGMA conclusions' exercise took place on the 12th of May before the second meeting of the National Council for Public Administration Reform, with the participation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Pavel Filip, EU Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Pirkka Tapiola, SIGMA representatives and the members of the National Council for Public Administration Reform.

The EU-Moldova Association Agreement public administration reform and an accountable, efficient, transparent and professional civil service are identified as key elements necessary for domestic reforms in the Republic of Moldova.

The Principles of Public Administration developed by SIGMA reflect the core areas of public administration reform (PAR), such as: strategic framework for PAR; policy development and coordination; public service and human resources management; accountability of administration; service delivery; and public financial management (including external audit and public procurement).

Upon the request of the EU Delegation and in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Moldova, SIGMA carried out a review and evaluation of public administration in the Republic of Moldova in the areas covered by the SIGMA Principles of Public Administration. The main findings and recommendations of the SIGMA review are included as Annex to this document. The SIGMA exercise will assist the Government in designing and implementing reforms in this sector. This is the first time that SIGMA carried out a global review out of the Enlargement beneficiaries and it will define comparative benchmarks showing the performance of Moldovan Public Administration.

The main goal of the event was to present the conclusions of the exercise to the members of the National Council for Public Administration Reform and to the broader public. The SIGMA baseline assessment started in September 2015 and it was concluded in April 2016.

The full version of the report is available on the SIGMA website: <http://www.sigmaxweb.org/>.

Background information:

SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management) is a joint initiative of the European Union and the OECD.

Its key objective is to strengthen the foundations for improved public governance, and hence support socio-economic development through building the capacities of the public sector, enhancing horizontal governance and improving the design and implementation of public administration reforms, including proper prioritisation, sequencing and budgeting. SIGMA has been working with countries on strengthening their public governance systems and public administration capacities for over 20 years.

The main findings of the current exercise are available an annex to this document.



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