



## Press Release

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Chisinau

### **The EU-OECD SIGMA assessment exercise has been launched in the Republic of Moldova**

*The launch event of the SIGMA exercise took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, with the participation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Valeriu Strelet, EU Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Pirkka Tapiola, as well as the Head of SIGMA, Karen Hill.*

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

The Principles Public Administration developed by SIGMA reflect the core areas of public administration reform (PAR), such as: strategic framework for PAR; policy development and co-ordination; 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 to the Republic of Moldova, SIGMA will carry out a review and evaluation of public administration in Moldova in the areas covered by the SIGMA Principles of Public Administration. The findings and recommendations of the SIGMA review will help the Government to design and implement reforms in this sector. This is the first time that SIGMA is carrying 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 raise awareness among the high-level representatives of all of the public institutions in Moldova in relation to the importance of public administration reform and to identify fields of improvement.

The final version of the report will be published in the first half of 2016.

**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.

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