PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Vetting and Justice Reform in the Republic of Moldova



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Countries:
Moldova

Website(s): vetting.md/

Project description:
The project “Vetting and Justice Reform in the Republic of Moldova” supports the final phase of the pre-vetting process and the full vetting of judges, alongside capacity building for the Superior Council of the Magistracy (SCM). These efforts contribute to Moldova’s Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2022-2025, which aims to strengthen integrity, professionalism, and public trust in the judiciary.
The project is co-funded by the European Union and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and implemented in close coordination with international partners, including the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe. In addition, the project supports the secondment of a Moldovan Liaison Prosecutor to EUROJUST, enhancing cooperation between Moldova and EU Member States in cross-border criminal cases.

Expected results:
1. New SCM and SCP members appointed through a transparent pre-vetting process based on ethical and financial integrity criteria;
2. A full vetting process launched for judges at all levels, ensuring that only candidates with proven integrity remain in office;
3. SCM’s capacity enhanced to ensure independent and professional self-governance of the judiciary;
4. Stronger judicial cooperation with EU Member States through EUROJUST, improving Moldova’s response to cross-border crime;
5. Increased public confidence in the justice system, supported by transparent processes and alignment with EU and international standards.