

**INSPIRED Moldova****Duration:** 01.09.2024 - 28.02.2027**Countries:**
Moldova**EU contribution:** € 3 000 000**Total budget:** € 3 208 881**Implementer:**

European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), People in Need (PIN), Democracy Reporting International (DRI), Centrul

**Project description:**

INSPIRED Moldova aims to contribute to creating an enabling environment for civil society in Moldova by empowering civil society organisations (CSOs) to actively engage in policy discussions at all levels. Building on the momentum generated by the EU accession process, the action will facilitate policy dialogue processes on the enabling environment for civil society and relevant plans and programs stemming from the accession negotiations. Recognising the importance of democracy building in the new EU methodology as one of the first fundamental accession criteria, the initiative will strengthen the capacities of CSOs to act as catalysts of democracy both at national and local level and in the digital sphere. In addition, the action supports collaborative efforts to cultivate an inclusive and participatory environment conducive to improving public participation, including through the promotion of under-represented groups and women in Moldova. The project empowers Moldovan civil society to actively influence national policies and boost the country's EU integration by involving CSOs in policy-making processes at national, local and digital levels. The project will provide technical and financial support to 70 Moldovan CSOs with the essential tools and resources needed to amplify their voice and achieve sustainable impact. It will also encourage dialogue and collaboration with public authorities, ensuring that civil society becomes a key actor in promoting democracy in Moldova.

Expected results:

1. Participatory spaces for multi-level, multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on matters relevant to democratic governance are opened, expanded and nurtured by CSOs.
2. Joint cooperation initiatives between CSOs and public authorities at the national, regional and local level are launched and supported.
3. Digital toolkits for democracy are curated, disseminated and applied, providing CSOs with the necessary digital resources and know-how to effectively interact with citizens and engage in policy dialogue.
4. The organisational and technical capacity of CSOs to engage in policy dialogue and contribute to a more enabling environment at national, regional and local levels, is strengthened.