

Quality Journalism for Democracy

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EaP countries:
Moldova

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Social media account links:
facebook.com/risemoldova

Project website: rise.md

Project description:

The project was designed as a tool that will bring together local journalists, local public authorities, lawyers, activists and citizens in order to report, investigate and prevent cases of corruption, organized crime, money laundering, etc. at local and national level.

During the two years of implementation of the "Quality Journalism for Democracy" project, RISE Moldova aims to register significant progress in building up the organization into a national centre of investigative journalism, with a video department and five regional independent investigation departments consisting of Romanian and Russian-speaking journalists. Also to establish a department of investigative journalists connected to RISE Moldova in Transnistria.

Expected results:

- To create an active national network of investigative media centers that covers all regions of Moldova was created.
- To establish RISE Moldova as a national Centre of investigative journalism with a video department and five regional departments that cover each of the following regions: Centre, North, South, Gagauzia and Transnistria.
- To create a national network of investigative centers affiliated to RISE Moldova. (RISE journalists spent a total of 119 days for training-by-doing in the regional newsrooms).
- To design RISE Leaks, an interactive platform, for citizens from all regions of Moldova which will point issues that could become subjects of investigations.
- To train local media professionals to make professional, independent, investigations on local and national issues that concern corruption, money fraud and crime. (66 journalistic investigations were published during the two years of the project).
- 15 regional journalists to receive grants of 2000 Euro.
- A total of 10 events to be organized during the project (trainings with local and international trainers, a Boot Camp, presentations of the Report on Transnistria and RISE Leaks platform and an Evaluation workshop).
- Four cases in court have been won and legal precedents were created to facilitate journalist's access to information and to protect them against ill-founded and abusive defamation lawsuits.