

## Shields for human rights defenders – Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the Republic of Moldova



**Period of implementation:** 01.02.2021 - 31.05.2024

**EaP countries:**

Moldova

**Total budget:** € 400 000

**Implementing organisation(s):**

Legal Resources Centre, Public Association EcoContact, International Commission of Jurists

**Project website:** [crjm.org/](http://crjm.org/)

**Project description:**

The project's main objective is to enhance the human rights monitoring and protection in Moldova by empowering Human rights defenders (HRDs) to operate in a safe and enabling environment, in compliance with their full rights and freedoms. Under the project, the following activities will be implemented:

- Monitoring cases against HRDs in need and providing assistance, including legal assistance, when needed;
- Advocacy before national and international institutions for HRDs in need;
- Training and capacity building for the HRDs regarding the standards on protection of the HRDs rights, on international fair trial standards, standards on the environment protection, on behavior in risk situations, etc.;
- Monitoring and promotion of an enabling legal framework for non-commercial organizations and HRDs.

**Expected results:**

The project aims to reach the following results:

- At least ten HRDs that were victims of human rights violations will benefit directly from EU funded assistance.
- At least twenty state institutions and non-state actors will be supported on security, protection of the civilian population, and human rights.
- Half percent of HRDs that benefited from assistance during the project implementation (trial monitoring of cases, legal and other types of assistance, training, etc.) will feel more enabled and empowered to perform their human rights work.
- One court trial monitoring methodology will be developed.
- At least nine people are going to be trained on trial monitoring.
- At least ten court trials against HRD will be monitored.
- At least five HRDs in need will benefit from legal, emergency, or digital security assistance.
- Ten trainings will be delivered for HRDs, including environmental HRDs and the legal community.
- At least three joint public reactions and/or legal opinions on high-level officials' statements, legislative initiatives, and public policies regarding the legal framework for the civil society and HRDs, including in Transnistria, will be written and published online.
- At least three submissions/statements/shadow reports will be submitted to international stakeholders (UN, HR Council,



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