

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

MOLDOVAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

NOVEMBER 2015- END OF SEPTEMBER 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOLDOVAN NATIONAL PLATFORM



This year, for the first time in the work of the Moldovan National Platform, an internal regulatory act was signed by all the members and a 2 years Strategic Action Plan was signed.

Five new organizations became members of the National Platform.

In 2016, the Moldovan National Platform hosted the meeting of the Steering Committee and the WG1 Conference on Human Rights.

Together with the Institute for European Policies and Reforms and the EU Delegation to Moldova, the National Platform managed to co-organize two summer schools on the EU integration process. This year, a major pro-EU campaign was not held. However, a project on the topic was submitted to SlovakAid.

KEY TOPICS/ISSUES OF FOCUS FOR THE MOLDOVAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

During 2016, the key priorities of the Moldovan National Platform of the EaP Civil Society Forum were to efficiently stimulate the work of member organizations, to boost the advocacy capacity of the member NGOs and to mediate the dialogue between NGOs and the EU Delegation, the Moldovan government and other institutions.

Advocacy campaigns of the National Platform were generally focused on the implementation of the Association Agreement and sectorial issues related to this. The MNP is a part of the consultation process for the new action plan for implementation of the AA in Moldova and one of the main stakeholders in developing the EU-Moldova Association Platform.

Sectorial efforts by the working groups focused on:

1. A. Presidential Election Monitoring (WG1)
B. Increasing social involvement and civic activism
C. Monitoring press independence and the judiciary reform
2. A. Trade barriers for the SMEs in the context of the DCFTA (WG2)
B. Cooperation with State institutions to implement the Association Agreement with the European Union.
3. A. Ecological Situation OF the Nistru River (WG3)
B. Eco-Friendly Education of Young People
4. A. Promotion of the Vocational & Technical Education, Mobility (WG4)
B. Communication about EU integration process
C. Communication campaigns on EU opportunities in education & youth field
5. A. Combating Informal Economy (WG5)
B. Having a single minimum wage

The National Platform was also involved in more than 30 strategic high level discussions and meetings (ministries and government). The National Platform insisted for an investigation on the unpublished results of the National Census – as a result, the Director of the National Bank of Statistics resigned and an action plan was elaborated.

For what concerns the cooperation among Member organizations of the Moldovan NP, at the national and regional level the following results were achieved:

- 5 Commonly organized projects at the national level;
- Application for 3 EaP CSF projects;
- Partnerships in most of the EaP re-granting scheme projects.

RELATIONS WITH THE MOLDOVAN AUTHORITIES

Two meetings were held with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both of them focused on the new Association Agreement implementation plan for the years 2017-2019.

The Moldovan National Platform of the EaP CSF had 2 high level meetings with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova. One of them focused on the investigation about the unpublished results of the National Census. Another high level meeting was related to the Massive protests of the civil society when a new government was nominated.

RELATIONS WITH THE EU DELEGATION AND EU MEMBER STATES

In the past year the Moldovan National Platform cooperated closely with the EU Delegation and the Slovak Embassy. During the reporting period, 4 meetings were held with the representatives of the EU Delegation. The discussions focused mainly on problems faced by the Moldovan civil society, but also on how to promote the EU integration process more efficiently. The discussions also covered the opportunity of mutual support in the implementation of reforms and advocacy campaigns.

The MNP-Slovak Embassy cooperation was mostly focused on the organization of common activities to spread information about the EU integration process and the implementation of the Association Agreement. Two meetings were held on this topic. As a result, a project was submitted to SlovakAid and the Platform became active in the work of several SlovakAid projects for the promotion of EU values.

At the WG level, advocacy meetings were organized based on the priorities described above.

WG 1 – 20 sectorial meetings

WG 2 – 25 Sectorial Meetings

WG 3 – 10 Sectorial Meetings

WG 4 – 10 Sectorial Meetings

ISSUES/TOPICS RAISED BY THE MOLDOVAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

In Moldova

- Implementation of the Association Agreement;
- Publication of the Census Results;
- Investigation on the Banking Fraud;
- Raising Awareness on the discredit of the Diplomatic Corp in Moldova.

At the EU level

- Supporting Calls to Free Azerbaijan and Armenian Activists;
- Re-Launch of the EaP CSF Youth Window of the Erasmus + Programme.

At the country level, two main issues had a very illustrative impact: the designation of the Chief of the National Bank of Statistics and the push for a new action plan to overcome the census crisis, and the joint Government-Civil Society Development of the new Action plan on the implementation of the Association Agreement. An important progress was also made in the re-launch of the National Participatory Council, in which the members of the National Platform played a significant role.