

Strengthening Security Sector Governance in Moldova

About DCAF

DCAF – the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance is dedicated to improving the security of states and their people within a framework of democratic governance, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and gender equality. Since its founding in 2000, DCAF has contributed to making peace and development more sustainable by assisting partner states, and international actors supporting these states, to improve the governance of their security sector through inclusive and participatory reforms. It creates innovative knowledge products, promotes norms and good practices, provides legal and policy advice, and supports capacity-building of both state and non-state security sector stakeholders.

DCAF in Moldova

For many years, DCAF has provided policy advice and capacity building assistance to Moldova. It supports professionalism and performance in the public sector, fosters cross-societal partnerships between legislative and executive institutions, civil society and citizens, promotes trust, and increases democratic resilience.

Project Facts

Beneficiaries

Security and Oversight Institutions in the Republic of Moldova - Parliament of Moldova, Supreme Security Council (SSC), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), General Police Inspectorate (GPI), Police Academy Stefan cel Mare, Civil Society Organisations

Donor

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

Implementing agency

DCAF

Implementation period

Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2025

Budget

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Project Management Bodies

Project Steering Committee: Strategic guidance, coordination, dialogue, monitoring

DCAF Project Team: HQ in Geneva & Local Office in Chisinau

Impact

Moldova's security sector contributes to enhanced stability, rule of law, and security for the state and its citizens. Citizens have more trust in the state.

Pillar I

Legislative and executive capacity to contribute to security policy design, legislative development and meaningful oversight.

Pillar II

Strategic and operational management capacities in MIA and GPI, to effectively implement modernisation processes and build integrity in line with EU practices and norms.

Pillar III

Informed multi-stakeholder public debate on the objectives, implementation and results of reforms aligning Moldova with EU norms and good practice in the area of security and rule of law.

EU Integration

Gender Sensitivity & Responsiveness

Environment & Climate Change

2030 SDG Agenda

Transversal themes

Guiding Principles

Local Ownership, Accountability, Human Security & Human Rights, Conflict Sensitivity

Project Pillars

The project team and activities are organised around three main objectives.

Enhancing National Security Governance

The first pillar focuses on enhancing national security governance by providing support to Parliament and the Secretariat of the Supreme Security Council.

The project aims to foster the democratic governance of the security sector in Moldova by increasing the executive and legislative capacity to:

1. Contribute adequately to the development of security sector strategies and policies;
2. Advance the legislative and regulatory development of the security sector in a responsive manner;
3. Engage in meaningful coordination and oversight of security sector agencies.

Supporting Strategic Management Capacity in the Law Enforcement System

The second objective aims to strengthen strategic and operational management capacities in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the General Police Inspectorate. The project will provide support in five target areas:

1. Building strategic and operational management capacities;
2. Strengthening internal communications;
3. Enhancing capacities for integrity planning and the prevention and reduction of corruption and other integrity violations;
4. Developing legislative proposals and internal regulations;
5. Mainstreaming gender sensitivity within policy, action plans, and curricula.

Building Public Trust

The third objective of the project is enhancing public trust and awareness of security sector reforms through engagement with state security sector institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs), and media.

The project will support state institutions in their external communication about reform processes, enhance civil society's ability to contribute to an informed debate on security and rule of law topics, and foster multistakeholder dialogue between state and non-state actors.

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