

MOLDOVA

NATIONAL PLATFORM IN FOCUS: 2013-2014



In the period of 2013 - 2014 the Moldovan national platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Platform has achieved some solid results in the fields of legislative proposals and advocacy, as well as monitoring the governmental actions in regards of the EU integration and anti-corruption.

The platform particularly focused on promotion of European values, advocating for better government policies on anti-corruption and making policy proposals on such issues as better business climate and transparency of decision making in Moldova. The major events held by the platform included hosting the 5th Annual Meeting of the EaP CSF with more than 200 civil society representatives in attendance and the Youth Side Event in Chisinau in October 2013.

ACTION AGAINST THE CORRUPTION

The platform has closely followed the implementation of the National Anti-corruption Strategy and the Strategy for Reforming the Justice sector with the view on transparency of decision making process and made a number of appeals to the Moldovan government concerning high level corruption cases.

A package of proposals for improving the anti-corruption policies in the country was presented by the members of the platform, who also advocated for their inclusion in the state anti-corruption action plans and policies. The platform managed to achieve the inclusion of some of its proposal into the Action Plan 2014-2015 for the implementation of the National Anti-corruption Strategy.

The platform has also launched a public appeal regarding the lack of transparency in the adoption of the new electoral law by the Moldovan government. The appeal supported by the pressure from the civil society on the government resulted in the abrogation of the law.

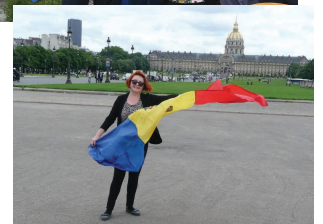
BRINGING MOLDOVA ON THE EUROPEAN PATH

As an active pro-European force, the Moldovan national platform has given a great attention to monitoring the performance of Moldovan government in the fulfillment of the obligations to the EU institutions in order to sign the Association Agreement.

The platform has actively engaged in the dialogue with the civil society in order to promote European values and explain the benefits of the European integration to the citizens of the country.

Such activities as public debates and radio programs aimed at raising the awareness of the public about the European structures and policies, Association Agreement and its' advantages against the Customs Union, benefits of visa-liberalization, energy security issues etc. managed to reach different layers of the society – from the habitants of rural areas to representatives of central and local public administration. The platform has also published and distributed two leaflets covering similar topics.

The members of the platform are now working on fundraising in order to turn successfully implemented activities into permanent action. The future plans include organizing events that would serve for dissemination of the European values in rural areas, such as pro-European bike marathon, public events and debates.



ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL AND BUSINESS CHALLENGES

The platform has directed some of its forces into addressing the challenges faced by the business in Moldova. The members of the platform participated in the public debates and discussions on problems of SMEs development in the country and presented proposals on improvement of business climate to Parliamentary commissions, Prime minister and the President of the country. The platform upheld the communication with the European Economic and Social Committee in order to update it about the state of the social dialogue in Moldova.

In regards of the environment, the Moldovan national platform initiated the implementation of the Climate Forum East project within the Eastern Partnership initiative. The project brought 15 organizations to sign the cooperation pact, provided training for journalists covering environmental topics and ensured the distribution of relevant information in the media. The public debates organized in cooperation with the National Commission of the Republic of Moldova for UNESCO took place in the frames of the project.

In 2014 the Moldovan national platform has clearly communicated its position on Ukrainian crisis through declaration that voiced the opinion of 50 civil society organizations in Moldova. The declaration was followed by the public action "Peace of Ukraine" that got wide public promotion and comprehensive media coverage.

