



Statement on transparency and monitoring over the use of EU funds

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Pro-European parties, which have access to governance after 2009, have established as priority objective Moldova's European integration as a prerequisite for the country's development and modernization. Moldovan citizens have supported these efforts, as confirmed by all elections that took place after 2009. At the same time, to achieve this ambitious goal, in recent years Moldova has benefitted from diplomatic support, logistics, as well as considerable financial EU support, estimated at hundreds of millions euros.

However, once reaching the governance, the pro-European parties have self-associated with the European integration process, considering that EU will support them in circumstances. Moreover, they took advantage of EU generosity and committed numerous legal and financial abuses. Consequently, after six years of pro-European governance, the citizens' general perception is that politicians, declaring themselves pro-European, are just wearing the banner of European integration. Their practices, the level of corruption and lack of transparency in decision making and management of European funds show that their approaches are far from European ones.

In recent years, under the guise of European integration authorities acquiesced numerous abuses, including those in the use of external funds, a fact that cannot be associated with the process of European integration. In fact, the so-called promoters of European integration have undermined the European vector of our country's development and allowed the situation to deteriorate further. As a result, despite the substantial aid that EU and other development partners provided to Moldova, citizens do not feel that things are changing into better in our country, and their confidence in European bodies has diminished significantly, thus jeopardizing the country's European pathway.

In this context, the Civil Society Platform 'For Europe', which promotes European integration as a strategic perspective of Moldova's development and is willing to support the efforts of modernization and Europeanization of the country, to accelerate reforms strengthening the rule of law and the development of a sustainable economy, calls upon European Union, as the main donor of Moldova and an European structure interested in stability, prosperity and democracy on its Eastern border:

- to refrain from further **tolerating** anti-European and anti-democratic deviations of Moldovan authorities;
- to **set up** a strict control over the management of EU funds and grants, so as to prevent their use for purposes other than those provided for in the financial agreements;
- to **Condition** harder the assistance provided to Moldova so as to avoid anti-European and anti-democratic actions of authorities;
- to **establish** some clear conditionalities for Moldovan Government regarding the valorification of financial resources and to monitor strictly their fulfillment;
- to **support** the efforts of civil society in developing methodologies for monitoring the impact of expenditures made by Government from EU funds, including those for promoting the European pathway of the Republic of Moldova).
- to **REQUEST** the authorities to observe the transparency in decision making and effectiveness of public-private dialogue taking into account Moldova's commitments under the Association Agreement.

Civil Society Platform 'For Europe' believes that once these conditions are made true, they will contribute to restoring the public confidence in European bodies and in European Union in general. The member organizations of the Platform reaffirm their commitment to strengthen efforts to bring Moldova closer to European values and standards. However, they believe this is possible only if the governance does honour its commitments in a fair and transparent manner, and civil society will provide methodological support in order to monitor the commitments taken by authorities.

Civil Society Platform 'For Europe' is a voluntary association of Moldova's civil society organizations, the purpose of which is to strengthen European integration options and democratic development of the country. The Platform was founded on 30 June 2014, at the initiative of National Platform of EaP CSF and other civil society actors in order to gather non-governmental organizations, public institutions and other actors in the society around a national idea: to make Moldova ready for joining the European Union.

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