



**Ministry of Justice of
the Republic Moldova**

**Minutes no. 2 of 4 April 2014
Of the Meeting of the Steering Committee Responsible for Implementing the Financing
Agreement Between the Moldovan Government and the European
Union on the Program to Support the Justice Sector Reform**

Present at the meeting:

Chairperson of the Steering Committee: Sabina CERBU – Deputy Minister of Justice

Members of the Committee:

1. Victoria NEAGA – EU Delegation to Moldova
2. Serghei DIACONU – Deputy Minister of Interior;
3. Ludmila DIMITRIȘIN – Ministry of Finance (alternate member);
4. Adrian ERMURACHI – State Chancery;
5. Victor MICU – Superior Council of Magistracy;
6. Olga VACARCIUC – Human Rights Center;
7. Oxana NOVICOV – Union of Bailiffs of Moldova;
8. Victor ZAHARIA – Institute for Penal Reforms;
9. Ecaterina ROMANIUC – Council for the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination (alternate member).

Participants in the meeting:

1. Erik SVANIDZE – TA Project implemented with the EU support;
2. Oleg HÎRBU – EU Delegation to Moldova;
3. Silvia MARCHITAN – Ministry of Justice;
4. Natalia CRISTIAN - Ministry of Justice;
5. Daniela VIDAICU - Ministry of Justice;
6. Olga CEBANU – Ministry of Justice;
7. Sergiu STAVIȚA – Ministry of Justice;
8. Iulia GHEORGHIȘ – Ministry of Justice;
9. Natalia CARAUȘ – Ministry of Finance.

Secretary of the working group: Veronica Vition – coordinator of the working group secretariat.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. The Regulation on the Operation of the Steering Committee was presented and put in discussion. The regulation establishes the working procedure of the Committee, the responsibilities, mechanism, decision-making procedures and manner of documentation of the Committee's meetings. There were mentioned aspects related to decision-making and procedure of decision-making (in the process of making decisions and recommendations only members have the right to vote and they can be replaced by the alternate members who are delegated by the institution represented). At the same time, the regulation contains provisions about the deliberative aspect of the meeting (the meeting is deliberative if it is attended by at least half plus one member with the right to vote) and the transparency of the work of the Committee. The regulation is to be approved by Minister's order and posted to the webpage of the Ministry of Justice.

2. The representative of the Ministry of Justice presented the final report for meeting the conditionalities of the 2013 Policy Matrix, whose draft was presented and discussed at the meeting of 22 January 2014 of the Committee. The members of the Steering Committee were informed about the level of fulfillment of all the conditionalities by indicating the supporting documents for each activity.
3. The representatives of the EU Delegation to Moldova informed the participants about the manner of verification of fulfillment of the conditionalities to the European Union. The members of the Committee were informed about the evaluation mission of the European Union, established for April–May 2014, to be made up of two international experts. The EU Delegation drew attention to the fact of verification of the supporting information and of the need for cross-institution cooperation during the experts visit. It was expressly mentioned that the role of the Steering Committee was to monitor the implementation of the conditionalities and to assess both the progress of the reforms promoted and the difficulties encountered alongside by certain institutions.
4. The Ministry of Justice presented the list of activities to be implemented during 2014 according to the Policy Matrix. There was reiterated the importance of cooperation among institutions to ensure a good implementation of the respective actions.
5. The representative of the Ministry of Finance Ludmila DIMITRIȘIN intervened with a derogation from the specific conditions established in the Financing Agreement between the Moldovan Government and the European Union on the Program to Support the Justice Sector Reform by which he requested that action A.2.4 Evaluation of CPRF for 2011-2013 be amended to Evaluation of CPRF for 2011-2014 and have it implemented in 2015.

No questions were asked and no suggestions or comments were made.

The following was decided during the meeting:

1. To approve the report on the fulfillment of all the conditionalities of the 2013 Policy Matrix.
2. All responsible institutions to fulfill in full all of the actions of the 2013 Policy Matrix and present all additional supporting documents about the manner and level of implementation of the activities set out in the Matrix in order to present this information further to the evaluation mission of the EU.
3. To coordinate the activities of the responsible institutions during the EU evaluation mission in April – May 2014.
4. To submit the regulation on the functioning of the Steering Committee to the Ministry of Justice for approval.
5. To accept the request of the representative of the Ministry of Finance Ludmila DIMITRIȘIN, by implementing the action on the PEFA evaluation in 2015.

Chairperson of the meeting:

Sabina CERBU

Secretary of the meeting:

Veronica VITION