

EVENT ON EU SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO THE EDUCATION SECTOR IN MOLDOVA, 19-20 NOVEMBER 2024

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA (HYBRID ON DAY 2)

Background and Rationale

The event “EU Support Initiatives to the Education Sector in Moldova” is co-organised by the European Training Foundation (ETF) and the National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) in Moldova, in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova. It will bring together a variety of national partners from both public institutions and civil society organisations, with the main aim to share and discuss the full range of EU interventions supporting human capital development and the education sector in Moldova. This will provide the opportunity to take stock of achievements, discuss challenges, and/or identify current or future synergies between various EU initiatives. Additionally, it will provide a festive occasion for the ETF and NEO to jointly celebrate the 30th anniversary of both the Erasmus+ Programme in Moldova and the European Training Foundation.

Logic and Content

The joint event aims to:

- present the EU’s support to education and skills development in Moldova (projects and programmes led by the EU Delegation and its implementing partners);
- present preliminary findings and recommendations of the RED report on Moldova’s education sector;
- raise awareness of the Erasmus+ programme;
- celebrate the 30th anniversary of both the Erasmus+ Programme in Moldova and the ETF

On 19th November evening, a concert at Organ Hall will symbolise the celebration of the anniversaries.

On 20th November, a 1-day seminar will encompass three main elements:

- Presentation of EU support to education and skills development as part of EU-Moldova bilateral cooperation;
- Presentation of preliminary findings and recommendations of the Rapid Education Diagnosis report (RED) on Moldova implemented by ETF under the EU-funded “Supporting Education Reforms and Skills in Eastern Partnership” (SER) regional programme;
- Overview of thematic support provided to education in Moldova offered through the Erasmus+ Programme, highlighting education and learning opportunities, and the launch of the information campaign Erasmus+ 2025 Call for project proposals.

Participants

Participants of the event include:

- representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research (MER) of Moldova at central and sub-national levels, as well as the agencies under the MER, and officials of line ministries involved in education sector (e.g., finance, labour and social protection)
- representatives from educational institutions, including general education, vocational education, universities and higher education institutions;
- Key stakeholders in the education system, including representatives from parent representatives, teacher unions, and students;
- representatives from civil society organisations and development partners active in the education sector;
- representatives from the organising institutions and their funding partners:
- Representatives from the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova and the Erasmus+ Head Office, the EU Delegation to Moldova, DG NEAR and DG EAC, and the ETF.

The working language of the event will be Romanian with simultaneous interpretation into English on 20 November (for Sessions 1&2).

AGENDA

Tuesday, 19 November 2024: Joint celebration of the respective 30th anniversaries of the European Training Foundation (ETF) and of the Erasmus+ Programme in Moldova

Time	<i>High-level welcome: Organ Hall, Chisinau</i> <i>Stefan cel Mare si Sfânt Boulevard 81, MD-2012, Chişinău</i>
19:00 – 19:15	Opening speeches Moderated by <i>Claudia Melinte, Coordinator, National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ministry of Education and Research, <i>Dan Perciun, Minister</i>- EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, <i>Mate CSICSAI, Deputy Head of EU Delegation</i>- European Training Foundation (ETF), <i>Georgios Zisimos, Head of Policy Advice Unit</i>- National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova, <i>Claudia Melinte, Coordinator</i>
19:15 – 20:10	Concert
20:10 – 21:00	Reception

Wednesday, 20 November 2024: Seminar on EU initiatives in support of the Moldovan education system

Time	<p><i>Technical University of Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Block 1, Stefan cel Mare si Sfânt Boulevard 168, MD-2004, Chişinău</i></p>
09:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Daniel Funeriu, High Level Adviser on Education, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p>Introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Education and Research, <i>Dan Perciun, Minister</i> - Technical University of Moldova, <i>Viorel Bostan, Rector</i> - EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, <i>Magdalena Mueller-Uri, Head of Operations Section</i> - European Training Foundation (ETF), <i>Georgios Zisimos, Head of Policy Advice Unit</i> - National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova, <i>Claudia Melinte, Coordinator</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: EU support to education and skills development under EU-MD bilateral cooperation</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Daniel Funeriu, High Level Adviser on Education, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p>Enlargement policy, alignment of best practices from EU countries</p> <p>EU4Moldova: Focal Regions</p> <p>10 mil EU funded Project: Advancing Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova <i>Julda Kielyte, Team Leader for Inclusive Growth</i> - OECD, <i>Jan MAARSE, Analyst & Project Manager, Directorate for Education and Skills, Policy Advice and Implementation Division</i> - Development partners implementing EU programmes (UNICEF and UNDP speakers tbc) - ETF's activity areas in Moldova, <i>Filippo Del Ninno, Human Capital Development Expert - Country Liaison for Moldova, ETF</i>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 11.45	<p>Session 2: Presentation and discussion of preliminary findings of the Rapid Education Diagnosis report (RED) under the regional "Supporting Education Reforms and Skills in EaP (SER)" programme</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Daniel Funeriu, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Christophe Masson, Team Leader, European Commission, DGNEAR</i> - <i>SER programme, Timo Kuusela, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Focal Point for Eastern Partnership, SER Coordinator, ETF</i> - <i>Focus on RED findings, Marie Dorleans, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, RED Coordinator, ETF</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions and feedback harvesting on the preliminary RED findings - Wrap up, <i>Marie Dorleans, ETF</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED): discussion on policy recommendations</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Daniel Funeriu, EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on RED recommendations, <i>Marie Dorleans, ETF</i> - Discussions and feedback harvesting on the RED recommendations - Ministry of Education and Research, State Secretary (tbc) - Wrap up and Next steps, <i>Timo Kuusela, ETF</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions and next steps.
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Session 3: Erasmus+ support for education and learning opportunities in Moldova</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Claudia Melinte, National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova</i></p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Opening remarks - EUDEL, <i>Giuseppe Paglione</i></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government of the Republic of Moldova, <i>Rodica Crudu</i>, Secretary of State for European Integration - Ministry of Education and Research, <i>Nadejda Velisco</i>, General Secretary - EU HLA Mission, <i>Daniel Funeriu</i>, EU HLA on Education and Research, - Technical University of Moldova, <i>Rodion Ciupercă</i> - Professor - Technical University of Moldova, <i>Plugaru Madlen</i>, Game Design - Student - Technical University of Moldova, <i>Anastasia Teter</i>, Economics & Business - Student (tbc)
16:00 – 16:30	Networking cocktail