



Moldova Economic Growth Analysis (MEGA) “The Economy and Public Finances in 2021: Risks, Forecasts and Policy Recommendations for Recovery”

*Location: Expert-Grup office and Zoom Platform
Date: 16 February 2021*



ABOUT MEGA

The event is organized as part of the third objective/pillar of the project “Inform, Empower, Act. Civil Society for good budgetary governance in Moldova”, focussed on advocating for policy change at the central level, in order to ensure an enabling environment across the entire country for budgetary transparency, participation and inclusiveness. The is funded by the European Union and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and implemented by the Independent Analytical Center “Expert-Grup” as lead applicant, the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE) and the Eastern European Studies Centre (EESC) from Vilnius, Lithuania.

During the event, the team of project experts will present the main findings of the publication “Moldova Economic Growth Assessment (MEGA)”, which provides comprehensive assessment about the dynamic of governance and reforms in Moldova related to the budgetary framework. Taking into account that the budgetary framework is dependent on economic and social sectors, the paper will also include the analysis of recent trends and forecasts of key economic and social indicators of Moldova.

The event will gather policy makers, civil society organizations (CSOs), donor community, opinion leaders and academia in order to engage in strategic dialogue on fostering the budgetary transparency, participation and inclusiveness in Moldova. It will provide a platform for debates about the current economic and social situation amid the ongoing recession, its implications on the system of public finances and necessary policy measures for ensuring the needed economic recovery.

The event will be structured in three parts. The first part will be devoted for welcoming remarks from representatives of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Finances and Organization of Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development . The second part will include the presentations of main findings of the publication, provided by the project team. In the last part, the event will open the floor for questions and answers with the audience.

The event will take place on 16 February 2021, at the premises of Expert-Grup, with online live broadcasting via Privesc.eu and Zoom (the agenda is presented below).

II TARGET AUDIENCE

STATE INSTITUTIONS

- Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and, in particular, the Parliamentary committees „Economy, Budget and Finances” and „Control Commission of Public Finances”
- State Chancellery of the Government
- Ministry of Finances
- Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure
- National Bank of Moldova
- Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment

CIVIL SOCIETY

- CSOs that are active in the area of participatory budgeting (e.g. IDIS Viitorul, Transparency International)



- Members of the National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

DONORS' COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- EU Delegation
- KAS
- World Bank
- International Monetary Fund
- UN Country Team
- UNDP
- USAID
- Embassy of Netherlands
- GIZ
- Embassy of Germany
- US Embassy
- Embassy of Romania
- Embassy of Sweden
- Swiss Cooperation Office in Moldova

OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

- Academia representatives (e.g. Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Institute of Economic Research of Moldova).
- Representatives of EU and other development partners funded projects implemented the regional and local levels
- Mass media (e.g. Logos Press, Moldstreet, ProTV, Agora, TVR Moldova, Moldova 1, Canal Regional, etc.).

III. PROGRAMME

Working Language:	<i>RO translation is provided in ENG</i>
Venue:	<i>Expert-Grup and Zoom</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Opening remarks <i>Gintautas Baranauskas, Deputy Head of Operations, the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova;</i> <i>Tatiana Ivanicichina, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova;</i> <i>Iulia Costin, Director of Organization of Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development;</i> <i>Adrian Lupusor, Executive Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank.</i>
10.20 – 11.00	Presentations of the publication "The Economy and Public Finances in 2021: Risks, Forecasts and Policy Recommendations for the Economic Recovery"
	Key messages of the publication <i>Adrian Lupusor, Expert-Grup</i> Public finances

	<i>Tatiana Savva, Expert-Grup</i> Firms <i>Stas Madan, Expert-Grup</i> Households <i>Alexandru Fala, Expert-Grup</i> Monetary Policy <i>Alexandru Fala, Expert-Grup</i> Financial Institutions <i>Dumitru Pintea, Expert-Grup</i> External sector and foreign trade <i>Vadim Gumene, Expert-Grup</i>
11.00 – 11.50	Questions and answers
11.50 – 12.00	Key conclusions and the way forward. Closing the event.