

MACRO 2021

Annual International Conference, 9th edition

Republic of Moldova after 30 years of independence. Key conclusions and ways forward to sustainability

Date: 23 November 2021

Time (EET): 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom.us Platform (Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3HckejU>)

The context

In 2021 Republic of Moldova marks the 30th Anniversary of Independence. The 9th edition of the **MACRO Annual International Conference** will discuss the key conclusions and lessons learned from 30 years of independence of the state, with a focus on key successes and failures, missed and future opportunities, and the country priorities for enhancing the economic, social and governance systems.

PROGRAMME

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| 9:00 – 9:10 | Opening speeches
Marcel RÖTHIG , Representative of the "Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung" in Ukraine and Moldova |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | Presentation of the key findings of State of the Country Report 2021
Adrian LUPUSOR , Executive Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank |
| 9:30 – 11:30 | Panel 1. Economic and social reforms during 30 years of independence: key conclusions and lessons learned

Key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>How did the Moldovan economic system evolve since independence? Why is Moldova still a country in transition to market economy? What are the main challenges for setting up a fully functional market economy in Moldova?</i>○ <i>What were the most important economic and social milestones of the last 30 years?</i>○ <i>Why is Moldova still avoided by main regional FDI flows?</i>○ <i>What were the main economic and social reforms during the 30 years of independence? What were the biggest successes and failures, and the main missed opportunities? How to leverage on the experience gained for advancing the economic reforms in Moldova?</i>○ <i>What should be the main 'take aways' of the new government, judging from the 30 years of successes and failures of economic and social reforms?</i>
Moderator:
Vasile BOTNARU , Journalist, Head of the Radio Free Europe Chisinau

Keynote Speaker:
Valeriu PROHNITCHI , Programme Director "Research and Methodology", "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Speakers: |

Oleg SEREBRIAN, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in the Federal Republic of Germany, Former Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

Ion TIGHINEANU, Academician, PhD, University Professor, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Valentina BADRAJAN, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Account Moldova, former Deputy Minister of Finance

Alexandr MURAVSCHI, Former Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and Former Minister of the Economy

11:30 – 12:15 **Buffet lunch and networking**

12:15 – 14:15 **Panel 2. What next? Ways forward based on the lessons learned from 30 years of independence**

Key questions:

- *What should be the new model of economic growth that would make the economy more competitive and enhance the quality of people's lives?*
- *What are the main strengths and weaknesses of the Moldovan economy that should be taken into account for building a new model of economic development?*
- *What are the main challenges and opportunities for the next 30 years?*
- *How can Moldova be better prepared for future risks, on the one hand, and seize more effectively the future opportunities, on the other hand?*

Moderator:

Liliana BARBAROSIE, Journalist, Radio Free Europe Chisinau

Keynote Speaker:

Stas MADAN, Senior Economist, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Speakers:

Sergiu GAIBU, Minister of the Economy of the Republic of Moldova

Marcel SPATARI, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova

Dona SCOLA, National Country Program Coordinator, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Cornel BAN, Associate Professor of International Political Economy at Copenhagen Business School

14:15 – 14:30 **Key conclusions of the event**

Adrian LUPUSOR, Executive Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Anna MIHAILOV, Head of Office, "Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova"

14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee and networking**