

AGENDA

08:30 Registration, welcome coffee

09:00 Opening. Welcome address on behalf of the organizers
Ana MIHAILOV, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova

09:05 Key messages of the State of the Country Report 2015
Adrian LUPUSOR, Executive Director, Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup

09:20 Keynote address
Andrian CANDU, President of the Parliament of Moldova (tbc)

09:30 **PANEL 1: Financial and economic security: how to restore banking resiliency, currency stability and economic growth in 2015?**

Moderator: **Natalia MORARI**, Journalist, Founder, Media Sapiens

Veaceslav NEGRUTA, Economist

Republic of Moldova's economy in 2015: risks and challenges

Andrei ROTARU, Counselor, National Bank of Moldova

Medium-term inflation forecast

Armine KHACHATRYAN, Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund

Fixing financial sector fundamentals – how to win back confidence and growth

David DALTON, Macro-economist on Eastern Europe, The Economist Intelligence Unit

Macroeconomic policy responses to internal and external shocks



Key questions:

- How exposed is the banking sector to negative shocks? What are the sources of risks?
- What caused the de-capitalisation of the banking system in 2014 and who will compensate for the losses?
- What are the causes of the national currency depreciation? What are the main risks for Moldova's economy and society as a whole?
- Who should take the lead in fixing the banking crisis issues?
- How to restore the stability of the national currency amid limited foreign exchange reserves?
- What are the main sources of risk for Moldova's economy?
- How to strengthen government foresight capacities in order to react more timely to potential economic shocks?

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **PANEL 2: Challenges to social security: how to avoid the economic crisis turning into a social crisis?**

Moderator: **Liliana BARBAROSIE**, Journalist, Radio Free Europe

Valeriu PROHNITCHI, Economist

Moldovan society: a socio-economic diagnosis

Laura GRECU, Viceminister, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family

Challenges for social security

Vadim CEBAN, First deputy chairman of the executive committee, UTA Găgăuzia

Possible ways of providing assistance to socially - vulnerable populations for mitigating impact of the economic crisis

Wicher SLAGTER, Head of Political and Economic Section, Delegation of the EU to the Republic of Moldova

The EU's role in overcoming Moldova's development challenges

Jörg RADEKE, Project Manager, German Economic Team Moldova

How to avoid the banking crisis turning into a social system crisis? – Moldova's economic policy at a cross-roads



Key questions:

What are the key risks of the upcoming economic slowdown for the poor?

What categories of population are mostly exposed to the economic slowdown, currency depreciation and raising inflation?

How to ensure a better targeted social assistance in order to help the poor exit from poverty trap?

How to alleviate risks and to explore the opportunities of the phenomenon of returning migrants from Russia?

How to better integrate them into the national economy?

What are the proper policies for fighting unemployment and how to integrate the idle workforce into the labour market?

12:30 Break for buffet lunch

13:30 PANEL 3: Transnistrian economy: key challenges and prospects for 2015-2016

Moderator: **Iulia KIRNITKI**, Executive Director, Debate Club

Gheorghe BALAN, Head of the Bureau for Reintegration

Transnistria: key challenges and prospects for 2015-2016

Iurii GANIN, Vicepresident, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tiraspol

The potential impact of trade aspects on the Moldovan-Transnistrian conflict

Adrian LUPUSOR, Executive Director, Expert-Grup

Risks in the Banking Sector and Implications for the Country's Economic Security

Vladislav KULMINSKI, President, Institute for European Policy and Reforms

What are the social consequences of the economic downturn in the Transnistrian region?



Key questions:

The view from inside: what are the key constraints the Transnistrian economy is facing? Can the constraints be turned into opportunities? How to make the Transnistrian economy more sustainable in the long-run?

What are the social consequences of the economic downturn in the Transnistrian region?

Is there a chance of DCFTA implementation in the region? What could be the mutual beneficial mechanisms of implementation?

What are the prospects for the Transnistrian economy for 2015-2016?

15:00 Concluding remarks

Ana MIHAILOV, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova

15:10 Reception