

MACRO 2023

Annual International Conference, 11th edition

The Moldovan Economy in the Context of European Integration: Solutions to Stimulate Development, Inclusion and Economic Resilience

12 December 2023

PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome remarks

Felix HETT, Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Ukraine and Moldova

10:10 – 10:30 Presentation of the key findings of State of the Country Report 2023

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

10:30 – 12:00 Panel 1. The macroeconomic situation: the current state, forecasts and how to boost economic growth in the context of European integration

Key questions:

- *How prepared is the Republic of Moldova for the accession negotiations from the perspective of the macroeconomic situation?*
- *What are the causes of the modest recovery of the national economy in 2023?*
- *What are the main sources for driving the potential for economic growth?*
- *How do we accelerate economic growth in a sustainable and inclusive way?*

Moderator:

Stas MADAN, Programme Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Keynote Speaker:

Ecaterina RUSU, Programme Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Speakers:

- **Viorel GARAZ**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova
- **Natalia GAVRILITA**, Member of the National Bank of Moldova Supervisory Board, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
- **Alexandru STRATAN**, Rector, Academy of Economic Studies from Moldova
- **Dumitru VICOL**, Economist
- **Tana FOARFA**, Executive Director, Europuls, Adviser on economic, monetary and fiscal policies in the European Parliament

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*

13:00 – 14:50 **Panel 2. How to transform labour from a constraint into a source of economic growth? Solutions to alleviate labour shortages and increase labour productivity**

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 economic development model?*
- *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:

Vitalie RAPCEA, Programme Director, "Expert-Grup" Independent Think-Tank

Keynote Speaker:

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

Speakers:

- **Mariana LUCRETEANU**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- **Marcel SPATARI**, Expert Syndex Romania, former Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova
- **Alexandru GOZUN**, President, AmCham
- **Sergiu SAINCIUC**, Vice-president, National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova
- **Dr Matloob PIRACHA**, Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Kent (UK)

14:50 – 15:00 **Key conclusions of the event**

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

Ana MIHAILOV, Head of Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova

15:00 – 16:00 *Coffee and networking*