



National Forum on the Labor Market and Social Dialogue

AGENDA

Date: April 30, 2026

Location: Digital Park, Community Hall, 15 Mihai Viteazul st., MD-2004, Chișinău

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Live stream: privesc.eu & [youtube](https://youtube.com/expertgrup)

08:30 – 09:00	<u>Welcome coffee. Participant registration</u>
09:00 – 09:30	<u>Opening Remarks</u> Alexandru MUNTEANU , Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova Natalia PLUGARU , Minister of Labor and Social Protection Cosmin BOIANGIU , Executive Director, European Labour Authority Daniela VIDAICU , Executive Director, Soros Foundation Moldova Adrian LUPUȘOR , Executive Director, Independent Think Tank “Expert-Grup”
09:30 – 11:00	<u>Panel 1: The National Employment and Undeclared Work Reduction Program for 2027–2031: Formulating the Vision and Labor Market Policies in the Context of the European Integration Process</u> <u>Speakers:</u> Natalia PLUGARU , Minister of Labor and Social Protection Eugen OSMOCHESCU , Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization Dan PERCIUN , Minister of Education and Research Stas MADAN , Program Director, Independent Think Tank “Expert-Grup” Saurabh SHAH , ILO Technical Officer Valeriu SAINSUS , Ph.D. in Demography, Associate Professor Host: Adrian LUPUȘOR , Executive Director, Independent Think Tank “Expert-Grup” <u>Topics covered:</u> • <i>Key trends, challenges, and opportunities in the labor market: Why does Moldova remain a country with one of the lowest employment and wage levels in the region?</i> • <i>How can we achieve the employment targets set out in the Growth Plan and effectively integrate people with disabilities, NEET youth, and women into the labor market?</i> • <i>Public policy options for increasing employment in the demographic and migration context of the Republic of Moldova</i> • <i>How do we combat informal employment and encourage the formalization of jobs?</i> • <i>Integration into the European labor market: opportunities and challenges for Moldova (EURES, recognition of qualifications, protection of mobile workers)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00	<u>Panel 2. Active labor market measures: How can we improve their effectiveness and boost employment?</u> <u>Speakers:</u> Raisa DOGARU, Director, National Employment Agency of the Republic of Moldova Eduard GURIN, Chair of the HR Committee of the European Business Association Violeta VRABIE, Project Manager, UNDP Moldova Alexandru GOZUN, President, AmCham Moldova Sabina CERBU, Member of the Board of Directors, Association of Businesswomen of Moldova Galina CLIMOV, Executive Director, Alliance of Organizations for People with Disabilities Host: Vitalie RAPCEA, Program Director, Independent Think Tank “Expert-Grup” <u>Topics covered:</u> • Which groups are the most vulnerable and excluded from the labor market? • Why have most employment measures in recent years reached only a limited number of beneficiaries? • How can we increase the coverage and improve the targeting of active employment measures? • How do we achieve the target for active employment measures set out in the Growth Plan? • How can we boost labor productivity as a fundamental driver of wage income and job quality? • How do we encourage formal employment through active employment measures?
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<u>Panel 3. How can we promote formal employment and improve job quality through social dialogue?</u> <u>Speakers:</u> Sergiu HAREA, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Nicolae VUTCARIOV, Director, State Labor Inspectorate of the Republic of Moldova Corina AJDER, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Labor and Social Protection Igor ZUBCU, President, National Confederation of Trade Unions of the Republic of Moldova Vlad CAMINSCHI, Executive Director, National Confederation of Employers of the Republic of Moldova Ana GROZA, Executive Director, Foreign Investors Association in Moldova Host: Ana MIHAILOV, Country Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Moldova <u>Topics covered:</u> • Incentives for formalization: reducing formalization costs for employers (taxes, simplified procedures), subsidies and incentives for formal employment (ALMPs) • Decent wages and wage transparency (alignment with the EU acquis) • Access to social protection for all forms of work (including atypical forms) • Formalization of work in the digital economy and on platforms • Social dialogue in the Republic of Moldova in the context of EU commitments and solutions for strengthening social dialogue