

MACRO 2024
MOLDOVAN ECONOMY AMID ELECTORAL CYCLES

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 12TH EDITION

Date: 12 December 2024

Location: Radisson Blue Hotel, room Raut

AGENDA

09:00-09:30 Registration, coffee and networking

09:30-09:40 Welcome addresses on the part of organizers

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

09:40-10:00 Presentation of the key findings of SCR 2024

Adrian LUPUSOR, Executive Director of the Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup

10:00-12:00 **Panel 1. Moldova Economic Outlook 2024-2025: Opportunities, Constraints and Risks**

Key issues to be discussed:

- *How did the Moldovan economy evolve during 2023-2024? Key challenges and forecasts for 2024-2025;*
- *What is the impact of the Parliamentary and Presidential elections on economic and social policies promoted in 2024 and planned for 2025?*
- *What are the main vulnerabilities the Moldovan economy is facing amid electoral cycles? Focusing the discussions on budgetary situation, current account, trade deficit, and level of government indebtedness;*
- *How to tackle the key vulnerabilities and consolidate the competitiveness of the Moldovan economy in the framework of accession negotiation?*

Moderator:

Natalia CATAN, Journalist

Keynote speech:

Dumitru PINTEA, Associate Expert, Expert-Grup

How to increase Moldova's resilience and economic potential by facilitating access to capital

Speakers:

Dumitru ALAIBA, Deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization

Mariana RUFA, Executive Director, European Business Association

Stas MADAN, Programme Director, Expert-Grup

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch and networking

13:00-15:00 Panel 2. Economic Governance, Budgetary Transparency, and Efficacy of the State Development Programmes

Key questions:

- *Correlation between the quality of governance and economic growth;*
- *Government development programmes and their efficacy (e.g. agricultural subsidies, financing for SMEs, European Village programme): is there a case of political clientelism and how to ensure proper governance and maximum impact?*
- *Transparency of public procurements, recent changes to MTender platform and how to ensure proper budgetary transparency.*

Moderator:

Vitalie RAPCEA, Programme Director, Expert-Grup

Keynote speech:

Valeriu PROHNIȚCHI, Economic Expert

Correlation between quality of governance and economic growth

Speakers:

Oleg VEREJAN, President of the Actuarial Association of Moldova, Associated Expert at Expert-Grup

Viorel FURDUI, Executive Director, CALM

Serghei MERJAN, Programme Director, Expert-Grup

Diana ENACHI, Economist, IDIS Viitorul.

15:00-15:15 Final Remarks

Ana MIHAILOV, Director of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova

Adrian LUPUSOR, Executive Director of the Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup

15:15-16:00 Coffee and networking