

AGENDA

08:30 Registration, coffee and networking

09:00 Welcoming remarks on behalf of the organizers

Michael WEICHERT, Acting Representative Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Moldova and Romania

09:15 Key findings and messages of the State of the Country Report 2017

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

09:30 **Panel 1: Rethinking the economic growth model of Moldova**

Moderator: Liliana BARBĂROȘIE, journalist Radio Europa Liberă

Speakers:

Valeriu PROHNIȚCHI, Policy Specialist, UNDP Moldova

Mariana RUFA, Executive Director, European Business Association

Erik REINERT, Professor of Technology Governance and Development Strategies, Technical University of Tallinn, Estonia

Irina VLAH, Governor of ATU Gagauzia



Key questions:

How to make a small and open economy grow in a sustainable way?

What are the main issues of the current growth model of Moldova and proposals for its rethinking?

How to develop a sustainable and synergic mix between industrialisation and agriculture development?

What are the current economic issues and prospects in EU and how do they impact the Moldovan economy?

11:00 Coffee break and networking

11:30 **Panel 2: Making the economic growth work for the people**

Moderator: Constanta POPESCU-MEREACRE, Program Director "Political Economy and Advocacy", Independent Think Tank Expert-Grup

Speakers:

Viorica DUMBRĂVEANU, Vice Minister of Health, Labour and Social Protection

Oxana DOMENTI, Member of Parliamentary Committee on Social Protection, Health and Family

Sergiu SAINCIUC, Vice President, National Confederation of Trade Unions

Martin HUTSEBAUT, European expert, ex-ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation)

Sergiu GAIBU, Program Director, Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup

**Key questions:**

How to ensure that the economic growth is translated into rising living standards and wellbeing of the population?

How to transform economic growth into more decent jobs?

How to alleviate the poverty risks amid domestic and external economic uncertainty?

How can the technological developments in Europe be transformed in opportunities for FDI, growth and jobs in Moldova?

13:15 Lunch (buffet)

14:10 **Panel 3. Good governance: the key elements defining the success of Moldova of 2030**

Moderator: **Dumitru BUDIANACHI**, Program Director, Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup

Speakers:

Liliana CARASCIUC, Executive Director, Transparency International - Moldova Chapter

Ion GUMENE, Programme Director, Independent Think Tank Expert-Grup

Ion STURZA, President, Fribourg Capital

Kálmán MIZSEI, European Union Advisory Mission

Iurie CIOCAN, Director, Reform Implementation Centre

**Key questions:**

Can good governance coexist with bad government and vice versa? What is more important: the system or the politicians?

How to foster the checks and balances and make the government more accountable?

What are the current governance issues of Moldova and how do they hinder development?

How governance reforms impacted the countries of the EU?

What are the current trends and innovations in the field of governance at the global level that can be replicated in Moldova?

Europe at a crossroad: between Brexit and electoral year in Europe – implications for Moldova.

16:00 **Key conclusions of the event**

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

16:15 Reception