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### Key elements

**Project name:** INSPIRED Moldova

**Location:** Republic of Moldova

**Implementing organisations:** European Partnership for Democracy (EPD); Center for Policies and Reforms (CPR Moldova), the National Assistance Centre for NGOs in Moldova (CONTACT), People in Need (PIN), the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), and Democracy Reporting International (DRI).

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### Objectives and main activities

This project aims to **empower Moldovan civil society** to actively influence national policies and drive the country's EU integration by engaging civil society organisations (CSOs) in policy processes across national, local, and digital spheres. Through **technical and financial support** for 70 Moldovan CSOs, the project will provide the essential tools and resources needed to **amplify their voices** and achieve lasting impact. It will also foster **dialogue and collaboration** with public authorities, ensuring civil society becomes a key player in advancing democracy in Moldova.

The project aims to achieve this through:

- **Policy dialogue at the national level:** This activity cluster aims to **open and expand participatory spaces**, allowing Moldovan CSOs to engage in improving and reforming the framework for civil society participation. It will also focus on specific sectoral policies from the EU accession chapters and negotiating roadmaps for reforms in these areas.

**Citizens' Assemblies and the Civic Engagement Conferences** will amplify citizens' voices through innovative deliberative methods, while grants will empower CSOs to monitor and improve the implementation of key policies.

- **Cooperation initiatives at every level:** Strengthening **multi-stakeholder consultation mechanisms** between Moldovan CSOs and public authorities at national, regional, and local levels to enhance effective policy implementation. INSPIRED Moldova will also provide capacity development for state authorities to work effectively with CSOs and support multi-stakeholder platforms.

Subgrants will be awarded to reinforce **local consultation mechanisms and foster community engagement**, addressing gaps in existing platforms and supporting new initiatives at district and municipal levels. Funding will also promote **grassroots mobilisation, civic engagement, and the inclusion of minority groups** in policy dialogues. **International twinning processes** will facilitate exchanges with European counterparts, sharing best practices in consultation and local democracy.

- **Digital toolkits for democracy:** Equipping civil society with essential digital toolkits and skills is crucial for effective citizen engagement and policy dialogue. IT skills and digital security of civil society will be enhanced through a training of trainers and a **digital capacity development programme**, enabling CSOs to work better in the digital age. Concurrently, **community-based media and democracy literacy activities** using the One World in Schools (OWIS) methodology will target youth to boost civic engagement and media literacy of citizens. Subgrants will support CSOs in promoting youth participation and digital advocacy through the Digital Ambassadors programme, while **enhancing social media monitoring skills** to counter misinformation and support democratic processes. Additional subgrants will aid CSOs in adopting digital tools to strengthen their online presence and engagement in advocacy.
- **Knowledge sharing and capacity development:** Focusing on strengthening the **organisational and technical capacity of Moldovan CSOs**, INSPIRED Moldova will enhance their ability to engage effectively in policy dialogue and contribute to a supportive environment. The project will empower CSOs with tools and knowledge to improve their interactions with citizens and their role in policy discussions.

The cluster will implement several key actions: it will provide **nationwide support through a civil society help desk**, offering resources and guidance to bolster CSO engagement in policy dialogues. A comprehensive **capacity-building programme** will develop CSOs' skills in advocacy, policy analysis, and digital tools. Additionally, the INSPIRED Moldova will facilitate **knowledge exchanges** on EU policies related to democratic governance and digital democracy. Subgrants will support **civic education campaigns** and promote the importance of an enabling environment for civil society.