ADDENDUM No. 1

To Financing Agreement
MOLDOVA – "EU4Moldova: Facility to support the health response to the COVID-crisis and Association Agreement related Reforms " – Cris No ENI/2020/42585

The European Commission, hereinafter referred to as "**the Commission**", acting on behalf of the European Union, hereinafter referred to as "**the EU**",

of the one part, and

the Government of the Republic of Moldova, hereinafter referred to as "**the Partner**", represented by the Ministry of Finance,

of the other part,

have agreed as follows:

The above-mentioned Financing Agreement, signed on 22/10/2020, is modified as follows:

Special Conditions

Article 3 – Addresses

1) This article is replaced to read as follows:

All communications concerning the implementation of this Financing Agreement shall be in writing, shall refer expressly to this action as identified in Article 1.1 of these Special Conditions and shall be sent to the following addresses:

a) **for the Commission**

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Annex I: Technical and Administrative Provisions for Implementation (TAPs)

2) The following budget items have been modified:

2.3 Indicative budget

Budget item	Budget before Addendum No. 1	Modification of Addendum No. 1	EU contribution after Addendum No. 1	Third party contribution after Addendum No. 1
Objective 1 - Strengthen capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency: Indirect management with entrusted entity	5 000 000	+ 275 360.24	5 275 360.24	100 000
Objective 2 - Strengthen institutional capacity for the implementation of the Association Agreement/DCFTA: one twinning grant	2 000 000	-273 644.56	1 726 355.44	
Objective 3 - Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the judiciary system: Indirect management with entrusted entity	1 000 000	N/A	1 000 000	30 328
Objective 4 - Strengthen capacity and sustainability of local media: Indirect management with entrusted entity	1 000 000	-1 715.68	998 284.32	
Total	9 000 000	0	9 000 000	130 328

The new version of Annex I is attached to this addendum.

All other terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement remain unchanged.

The addendum shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last party.

Done in two original copies, one copy being handed to the Commission and one to the Partner.

Done at Chisinau	Done at Brussels
FOR THE PARTNER	FOR THE COMMISSION
H.E. Dumitru BUDIANSCHI	Mr Lawrence MEREDITH
Minister of Finance The Republic of Moldova	Director Neighbourhood East
	Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations
Signature:	Signature:
Date: 09.11.2022	Date: 14.10.2022.

Annex: Annex I: Technical and Administrative Provisions for Implementation (TAPs)

ANNEX 1: Technical and Administrative Provisions

1. Title/basic act/ CRIS number	EU4Moldova: Facility to support the health response to the COVID-crisis and Association Agreement related Reforms CRIS number: ENI/2020/42-585 financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument	
2. Zone benefiting from the action/location	The Republic of Moldova The action shall be carried out at the following location: countrywide	
3. Programming document	Single Support Framework for EU support to the Republic of Moldova (2017-2020)[1]	
4. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Main SDGs: 3 Good Health And Well-being 16. Peace, Justice and Strong institutions, Other significant SDGs: 5. Gender equality, 10. Reduced inequalities,	
5. Sector of intervention/ thematic area	2. Strengthening institutions and good governance, including the Rule of Law and Security 4. Mobility and people-to-people contacts, including support to the continuous fulfilment of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan benchmarks and to education, training and research Complementary support for capacity development and institution building Complementary support for strategic communication	DEV. Assistance: YES

[1] https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/single_support_framework_2017-2020.pdf

6. Amounts concerned	Total estimated cost: EUR 9,000,000 Total amount of European Union (EU) contribution EUR 9,000,000			
7. Aid modality(ies) and implementation modality(ies)	Project Modality **Direct management** through: - Grants **Indirect management** the entrusted entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 2.1.2.			
8 a) DAC code(s)	Main DAC code 15110 Public sector policy and administrative management 24010 Financial policy and administrative management 15130 Legal and judicial development 15153 Media and free flow of information 12220 Basic health care			
b) Main Delivery Channel	42000 - European Commission			
9. Markers (from CRIS DAC form)	**General policy objective**	**Not targeted**	**Significant objective**	**Principal objective**
	Participation development/good governance	☐	☒	☐
	Aid to environment	☒	☐	☐
	Gender equality and Women's and Girl's Empowerment	☐	☒	☐
	Trade Development	☒	☐	☐
	Reproductive, Maternal, New born and child health	☐	☒	☐
	RIO Convention markers	**Not targeted**	**Significant objective**	**Principal objective**
	Biological diversity	☒	☐	☐
	Combat desertification	☒	☐	☐
	Climate change mitigation	☒	☐	☐
	Climate change adaptation	☒	☐	☐
10. Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) thematic flagships	Human Development			

SUMMARY

This action will support the Republic of Moldova in the health response to the COVID-crisis and in the implementation of some reforms linked to the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA and Association Agenda with particular focus on the following topics:

- *Response to COVID-19 public health emergency.* The action will support an effective response to COVID-19 public health emergency and will strengthen the national capacity to effectively address it.

- *Financial Services.* The action will support the implementation of the Association Agreement (AA) with the aim to strengthen supervision, corporate governance and risk management in the financial sector.[2]

- *Strengthening rule of law, justice and security.* The action will support the justice reform process, ensuring that the basic rights such as access to justice and the right for an effective remedy are better respected and the legal profession is strengthened.

- *Support for local media.* The action will support the capacity and independence of local community-based media and increase access to balanced and reliable news reporting for citizens.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

1.1 Overall objective, specific objective(s), expected outputs and indicative activities

The overall objective (impact) of this action is to provide support to the health response to the COVID-crisis and to support the Republic of Moldova in the implementation of some reforms linked to the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA and Association Agenda.

The specific objectives (SO) (outcomes) for each component are:
SO.1: Strengthen capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency;
SO.2: Strengthen supervision, corporate governance and risk management in the financial sector;
SO.3: Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the judiciary system;
SO.4: Strengthen capacity and sustainability of local media.

Expected outcomes and outputs per each specific project are:
SO.1 (outcome 1): Strengthened capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency.
Expected outputs:

- Health and first-line workers have received qualitative protective gears in line with WHO's disease commodity package (Infection prevention & control).
- Relevant personnel have been trained to use personal protective equipment, and on case management (infection prevention and control, case management and equipment & logistics).

[2] http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/moldova/pdf/eu-md_aa-dcfta_en.pdf

- Capacity for COVID-19 detection scaled up in line with optimal strategies (national laboratories and operational support and logistics).
- Management of essential health services delivery (vaccination, services related to reproductive health, including care during pregnancy and childbirth, care of vulnerable populations, management of emergency health conditions, auxiliary services, such as basic diagnostic imaging, laboratory services etc.) and their resilience strengthened and improved.
- Citizens have received timely and high-quality information to act at individual level (risk communications and community engagement).

Indicative activities for SO. 1 will include the provision of key equipment for health centres and laboratories and of critical support in case management, laboratory capacity, infection prevention and control, surveillance, rapid response and communication. In addition, support will be provided to create surge capacity to respond to the outbreak while maintaining essential health services. To this end, activities to strengthen health system and rapidly reorganize service delivery reconfiguration to respond to COVID-19 outbreak will be carried out.
Activities implemented in the context of these outputs will be gender sensitive and the specific needs of women as part of the different stakeholder groups will be taken into account through these actions also ensuring that women take part in the relevant decision-making mechanisms whenever possible.

SO.2 (outcome 2): Strengthened supervision, corporate governance and risk management in the financial sector.
Expected outputs:

- Systemic risks to the financial system of the Republic of Moldova are reduced;

In terms of indicative activities for SO.2, peer-to-peer technical support will be provided to the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), National Commission for Financial Markets (NCFM) and other relevant authorities for legal drafting, enhancing supervisory capacities, improving communication with business community and general public.

SO.3 (outcome 3): Enhanced transparency, accountability of and access to judiciary system
Expected outputs:

- Court monitoring is in place to reveal shortcomings of access to justice and fair trial rights and to inform future reform policy;
- Capacity of lawyers (and other legal professions if conditions allow) to ensure improvement of trial rights and the provision of legal aid is increased;
- If condition allows (for instance commitment of and ownership by the authorities), selected elements of the judicial reform are designed and implemented and shortcomings identified through court monitoring might be addressed.

In terms of indicative activities for SO.3, a methodology for court monitoring will be established and a system court monitoring carried out based on pre-identified shortcomings of fair trial rights, access to justice and the right to an effective remedy. Preliminary results will

be disseminated to and discussed with all actors in the justice sector, including the Legal Aid System, the Bar Association(s), including its the Lawyers Training Centre of the Republic of Moldova, the National Institute of Justice and Universities and Civil Society organisations. If conditions allow, technical assistance and international advice on the development of reform elements and their efficient implementation will be provided to relevant Moldovan authorities in the judiciary field.
Activities will be gender sensitive and the specific needs of women as part of the different stakeholder groups will be taken into account through these actions also ensuring that women take part in the relevant decision-making mechanisms whenever possible.

SO.4 (outcome 4): Independence and capacity of local media outlets to produce high quality content is strengthened.
Expected outputs:

- The access of citizens to high quality, balanced and reliable local journalistic content is improved;
- The technical and financial capacities of local media outlets is strengthened;
- The capacities of local media outlets in the sector of content production is strengthened;
- The sources of revenues for local media outlets are diversified.

In terms of indicative activities for SO.4, the financial sustainability of local media outlets will be supported by trainings on business and newsroom skills and core funding if possible. Providing small grants opportunities for developing new IT and infrastructure requirements for local media outlets, creating call for proposals for content development based on clear transparency rules and procedures, ensuring an equitable process, assisting in identifying new resources for revenues for local media outlets, creating new media initiatives in the focal regions of EU support, EU4Cahul and EU4Ungheni will be indicative activities.

1.2 Intervention Logic

For component 1, the intervention logic will be focused on mobilising an effective, rapid, and coordinated response to COVID-19 public health emergency in the Republic of Moldova and strengthening the national capacity to effectively prevent, prepare for, detect and respond to public health emergencies.

An important focus will be on the provision of key equipment for health centers and laboratories and the provision of critical support in case management, laboratory capacity, infection prevention and control, surveillance, rapid response and communication that will help national authorities in strengthening their capacity to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and prepare them for future outbreaks. To ensure a swift delivery of essential equipment and avoid overlaps, a pooled procurement mechanism will be put in place across the six partner countries. Synergies with ongoing EU projects will be sought.

For the component 2, considering the need to provide up-to-date practical peer expertise, the proposed activities are planned to be implemented through a twinning project.

For the Component 3, the implementer (possibly EU MS) will (1) seek support of Civil Society Organisations and International Partners to develop the methodology for country-wide court monitoring, to hire and train court monitors, and to analyse collected data; (2) hire training experts and procure equipment supporting the Lawyers Training Centre of the Republic of Moldova; and (3) hire experts facilitating the reform of legal professions, and provide expertise for the design and implementation of justice reform elements if conditions allow.

For Component 4, the overall objective is to empower and enable local media in the Republic of Moldova to produce high quality content and diversify their skills. This will directly contribute to achieving the 2020 targets of the EaP deliverable 3 (strategic communication and media). Strengthening independent media and freedom of expression is a fundamental value of the European Union, on which sustained focus will be placed in 2020 and beyond.

Local media in the Republic of Moldova require support in becoming financially viable outlets. This intervention aims to take a comprehensive approach to provide tailor-made support, while ensuring full complementary with existing and planned EU support in the sector. To this end, a strong synergy will be created with the regional programming EU4independentmedia, which will act as an umbrella action under which the bilateral EU support will be implemented. Similar to this, the tools and direct beneficiaries envisaged under this component will be fully coordinated with the on-going support provided via the "Strategic communication and support to mass-media" project (AAP 2017).

In addition to this, while providing support to local media, steps will be undertaken in order to ensure the positioning of the EU as a neutral actor, with public and transparent call for proposals being organised. In light of types of content to be supported, a thorough analysis will be undertaken in order to identify the most viable and requested type of content, in order to increase maximum impact (ex. entertainment content). In order to improve the skills of local media, several trainings for enhancing management and marketing skills shall be foreseen.

1.3 Mainstreaming

All activities under this programme will be designed and implemented in accordance with principles of good governance and human rights, gender equality and environmental sustainability, wherever these issues are of particular relevance to the institutions to be assisted.

Good governance and human rights

All efforts to further public administration reform in Moldova will apply the human rights based approach and be based on the principles of good governance, equality and the inclusion of socially or economically deprived groups. The capacity building aspect of this programme will focus on supporting and strengthening the commitment of the Moldovan Government to the principles of public administration developed by the European Commission in close cooperation with the OECD/SIGMA[3].

Gender equality

[3] http://sigmaweb.org/publications/Principles-of-Public-Administration_Edition-2017_ENG.pdf

Gender and diversity issues will be mainstreamed into the design of reforms undertaken under this programme. The inclusion of women in decision-making processes will be one of the principles in the capacity building aspect; however, since it is designed as a demand-driven action, inclusion of gender equality related issues will be defined at a later stage, before contracting. Efforts will be made to ensure the participation of women in politics.
Support in the area of statistics will aim to contribute towards making sex disaggregated data available in Moldova. Target groups for support will have a distinct gender dimension: media users, energy consumers, court users, IT users.

The environment, natural disasters and climate change
None of the supported activities under this action should result in a harm to climate.

1.4 Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This intervention is relevant for the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It contributes primarily to the progressive achievement of SDG(s) 16. Peace, Justice and Strong institutions, 5. Gender equality, 10. Reduced inequalities and 3. Good Health and Well-being.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

2.1. Implementation modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures[4].

2.1.1. Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

Indicatively one Twinning project will be envisaged. This project will contribute to achieving the specific objective defined for Component 2: Strengthen supervision, corporate governance and risk management in the financial sector.
The main expected results for this twinning project are:

- Systemic risks to the financial system of the Republic of Moldova are reduced;

This call shall be launched possibly on second quarter 2020 under a suspensive clause prior to the adoption of this decision. This is justified because it will allow to meet the requirements for legal approximation established under the AA.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

In line with Article 4(10) (b) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014, participation in Twinning calls for proposals is limited to public administrations of the EU Member States, being understood

[4] www.sanctionsmap.eu Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

as central or regional authorities of a Member State as well as their bodies and administrative structures and private law bodies entrusted with a public service mission under their control - provided they act for the account and under the responsibility of that Member State.

2.1.2. Indirect management with entrusted entities

This action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria: proven knowledge and expertise in the given areas of intervention, as well as a track record and the capacity to develop good working relations with local partners and demonstrated capacity to deliver work. In addition, demonstrated operational and technical capacities required to manage procurement contracts including works, supplies and grants can be flexibly and efficiently handled. The implementation by these entities entails the implementation of the activities under the specific objective 1: Response to COVID-19 public health emergency, specific objective 3: Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the judiciary system, and specific objective 4: Strengthen capacity and sustainability of local media

As for Components 1, 3 and 4, if negotiations with the above-mentioned entity/ies fail part of this action may be implemented in direct management in accordance with the implementation modalities identified in section 2.1.3 below.

2.1.3. Changes from indirect to direct management mode due to exceptional circumstances

In case the negotiations under the indirect management mode fail, the action may be implemented through grants under direct management to implement activities under the components 1, 3 and 4 requiring the involvement of civil society organisations and local media organisations in accordance to 2.1.3.1 and 2.1.3.2 and 2.1.3.3.

2.1.3.1. Grant: (direct management) "Strengthened capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency"

(a) Purpose of the grant

The main objective will be to strengthen the national capacity to effectively prevent, prepare for, detect and respond to public health emergencies. The grants will contribute to achieving objectives under component 1.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The potential applicants for funding for this grant will be international organizations and/or civil society organisations.

2.1.3.2. Grant: (direct management) "Systemic court monitoring to inform future reform policy and if conditions allows, support the design and implementation of the judicial reform".

(a) Purpose of the grant

The main objective will be to enhance transparency, accountability of the judiciary and access to justice and improved right for an effective remedy. The grants will contribute to achieving objectives under component 2.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The potential applicants for funding for this grant will be entities from EU Member States or Moldova, which are legal entities, in particular CSOs and/or grass-root organisations.

2.1.3.3. Grant: (direct management) "Independence and capacity of local media outlets"

(a) Purpose of the grant

The main objective will be to empower and enable local media in the Republic of Moldova to produce high quality content and diversify their skills. The grants will contribute to achieving objectives under component 3.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The potential applicants for funding for this grant will be legal entities such as EU member state organisations, local media organisations, CSOs and/or grass-root organisations.

2.2. Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply, subject to the following provisions.

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of products and services in the markets of the countries concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult.

2.3. Indicative budget

	EU contribution (amount in EUR)	**Indicative third party contribution**
Objective 1 - Strengthen capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency: Indirect management with entrusted entity	**5 275 360.24**	100 000
Objective 2 - Strengthen institutional capacity for the implementation of the Association Agreement/DCFTA: one twinning grant	**1 726 355.44**	N/A

Objective 3 - Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the judiciary system: Indirect management with entrusted entity	**1 000 000**	30 328
Objective 4 - Strengthen capacity and sustainability of local media: Indirect management with entrusted entity	**998 284.32**	N/A
Evaluation (cf. section 2.6) **Audit/ Expenditure verification** (cf. section 2.7)	will be covered by another Decision	N.A.
Communication and visibility (cf. section 2.8)	N.A.	N.A.
Total	**9 000 000**	130 328

2.4. Organisational set-up and responsibilities

The Ministry of Finance is the coordinating institution responsible for external assistance and will contribute both to the programming of the activities to be performed and to the monitoring of the resulting projects.

The Steering Committee (SC) will be created for each individual action proposed to supervise the implementation of the project. The Steering Committee shall review and guide the work of the action and supervise its overall implementation. The SC shall meet at least twice a year or more frequently if necessary.

The Steering Committees of all projects resulting from this action will include representatives of the Ministry of Finance, the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova and other stakeholders relevant to the actions.

As part of its prerogative of budget implementation and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, the Commission may participate in the above governance structures set up for governing the implementation of the action.

2.5. Performance and Results monitoring and reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (outputs and direct outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the Logframe matrix (for project modality) or the partner's strategy, policy or reform action plan list (for budget support).

SDGs indicators and, if applicable, any jointly agreed indicators as for instance per Joint Programming document should be taken into account.

Reports shall be laid out in such a way as to allow monitoring of the means envisaged and employed and of the budget details for the action. The final report, narrative and financial, will cover the entire period of the action implementation.

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

2.6 Evaluation

Having regard to the nature of the action, a final evaluation will be carried out for this action or its components via independent consultants through a joint mission contracted by the Commission via an implementing partner.

It will be carried out for learning purposes, in particular with respect to an overall independent assessment of the past performance of the Action, paying particular attention to its measured against its expected objectives; and the reasons underpinning such results.

The Commission shall inform the implementing partner at least two months in advance of the dates foreseen for the evaluation missions. The implementing partner shall collaborate efficiently and effectively with the evaluation experts, and inter alia provide them with all necessary information and documentation, as well as access to the project premises and activities.

The evaluation report shall be shared with the partner country and other key stakeholders. The implementing partner and the Commission shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations and, where appropriate, in agreement with the partner country, jointly decide on the follow-up actions to be taken and any adjustments necessary, including, if indicated, the reorientation of the project.

The financing of the evaluation shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing Decision.

2.7 Audit

Without prejudice to the obligations applicable to contracts concluded for the implementation of this action, the Commission may, on the basis of a risk assessment, contract independent audits or expenditure verification assignments for one or several contracts or agreements.

The financing of the audit shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing Decision.

2.8 Communication and visibility

Communication and visibility of the EU is a legal obligation for all external actions funded by the EU. This action shall contain communication and visibility measures which shall be based on a specific Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action, to be elaborated at the start of implementation.

In terms of legal obligations on communication and visibility, the measures shall be implemented by the Commission, the partner country (for instance, concerning the reforms supported through budget support), contractors, grant beneficiaries and/or entrusted entities. Appropriate contractual obligations shall be included in, respectively, the financing agreement, procurement and grant contracts, and delegation agreements.

The Communication and Visibility Requirements for European Union External Action (or any succeeding document) shall be used to establish the Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action and the appropriate contractual obligations.

Communication and visibility measures for the project activities under this Action Document will be reinforced, coordinated and implemented through the Action Document for Strategic communication and media support, which is part of the Annual Action Programme 2017 for the benefit of the Republic of Moldova.

With regards to the Neighbourhood East, all EU-supported actions shall be aimed at increasing the awareness level of the target audiences on the connections, the outcome, and the final practical benefits for citizens of EU assistance provided in the framework of this action. Visibility actions should also promote transparency and accountability on the use of funds.

APPENDIX - INDICATIVE LOGFRAME MATRIX (FOR PROJECT MODALITY)

The indicative logframe matrix will evolve during the lifetime of the Intervention. The activities, the expected outputs and related indicators are indicative and may be updated during the implementation of the Intervention as agreed by the parties (the European Commission and the implementing partner/s).
The logframe matrix must be used for monitoring and reporting purposes. At the latest in the first progress report, implementing partner/s should include the complete logframe including all baselines and targets for each indicator). Each progress report should provide the most up to date version of the logframe as agreed by the parties (the European Commission and the implementing partner/s) with current values for each indicator. The final report should enclose the logframe with baseline and final values for each indicator.
Additional notes: The term "results" refers to the outputs, outcome(s) and impact of the Action. Assumptions should reflect risks and related management strategies identified in the Risk analysis.

	Results chain: Main expected results (maximum 10)	**Indicators (at least one indicator per expected result)**	**Sources of data**	**Assumptions**
Impact (Overall Objective)	The overall objective (impact) of this action is to provide support to the health response to the COVID-crisis and to support the Republic of Moldova in the implementation of some reforms linked to the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA and Association Agenda.	• Percentage of the implemented commitments set out in the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA	• Association Council (Government, EU reports) • Association Committee and relevant Subcommittees (Government, EU reports) • Commission reports • Shadow reports	• The Government of Moldova remains committed and able to allocate sufficient resources to support the implementation of the AA reforms and strategies. • Policy Dialogue between justice sector actors, Parliament, Government, prosecutors, civil society and lawyers, is established.
Outcome(s) (Specific Objective(s))	SO.1: Strengthened capacity to respond to COVID-19 public health emergency	• % of suspected cases tested • Number of new confirmed cases in healthcare workers	• WHO and country reporting on COVID cases	

				• The beneficiary institutions are properly staffed and have the necessary absorption capacities to receive and absorb technical and other support. • Civil Society Organisations are willing to participate and be involved in the policy dialogue, its communication and other activities relevant to the Moldovan EU integration process. • Civil Society Organisations working in the field of mass-media and audio-visual are continuing their efforts in voicing the main concerns in the sectors.
	SO.2: Strengthened institutional capacity for the implementation of the Association Agreement/DCFTA	• Number of measures implemented under the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA	• Association Council (Government, EU reports) • Association Committee and relevant Subcommittees (Government, EU reports) • Commission reports • Shadow reports • EU, WB & IMF reports and NBM and NCFM Annual Reports	
	SO.3: Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the judiciary system	• Number of new cases before the European Court of Human Rights against the Republic of Moldova	• European Court of Human rights reports and data	
	SO.4: Strengthened capacity and sustainability of local media outlets	• Number of local media outlets receiving EU support which are free from political or economic influence	• Project management/progress reports	
Outputs	Expected outputs *SO.1*: • Health and first-line workers have received qualitative protective gears in line with WHO's disease commodity package (Infection prevention & control).	• Number of additional masks and protective gear delivered • Number of relevant personnel trained and able to use effectively acquired skills • Number of tests performed with additional test kits/reagents supplied	Country reports Logistics reports WHO Global Health	

	• Relevant personnel have been trained to use personal protective equipment, and on case management (infection prevention and control, case management and equipment & logistics). • Capacity for COVID-19 detection scaled up in line with optimal strategies (national laboratories and operational support and logistics). • Delivery of essential health services and their resilience strengthened and improved. • Citizens have received timely and high-quality information to act at individual level (risk communications and community engagement).	• UHC index measuring access to essential health services with a focus on primary health care • Percentage of population reached		
	Expected outputs *SO.2*: • Systemic risks to the financial system of the Republic of Moldova are reduced; • New legislation on supervision of insurance sector and on third party liability motor insurance aligned to EU acquis is developed and enforced; • A new legal framework strengthening supervision of non-bank	• Decreased number of banks, which present to NBM non-accurate reports (COREP) for risks identification at an early stage • The quality of Annual Financial Stability Reports is improved; • New secondary legal framework on supervision of insurance sector and on third party liability motor insurance aligned to EU acquis is developed and approved;	• AA and DCFTA implementation monitoring reports by the EU and shadow reports; • Legislation approved and published in the Official Monitor of the RM • Annual report of the supervisory authorities	

	credit organisations (NBCOs) is developed and enforced; • NBM internal regulations on oversight activities are revised, developed and enforced; • Moldovan legislation and regulatory framework is compliant with SEPA Schemes requirements and the application procedure as a non-EEA member is completed.	• Necessary methodologies, regulatory and supervisory tools under the new legal framework (primary and secondary legislation) for the supervision of the non-bank credit organisations are fully developed and enforced • New internal regulations on oversight for FMI and payment services, aligned to international best practices and EU acquis, are developed and approved	Qualitative assessment by the IMF/WB (FSAP) and other international institutions • Project management/progress reports	- Government priorities are communicated clearly and adhered to during implementation; - Timely and adequate implementation of procurement procedures;
	Expected outputs *SO.3*: • Court monitoring is in place to reveal shortcomings of access to justice and fair trial rights and to inform future reform policy; • Capacity of lawyers (and other legal professions if conditions allow) to ensure improvement of trial rights and the provision of legal aid is increased; • If condition allows (for instance commitment of and ownership by the authorities), selected elements of the judicial reform are designed and implemented and shortcomings identified through court monitoring might be addressed.	• Court monitoring methodology developed and implemented with civil society support • Number of private and legal aid lawyers trained by the Lawyers Training Center (disaggregated by sex) (Number of actors)	• Project management/progress reports • National and international statistical data and reports • EU shadow reports	

	Expected outputs *SO.4*: • The access of citizens to high quality, balanced and reliable local journalistic content is improved; • The technical and financial capacities of local media outlets is strengthened; • The capacities of local media outlets in the sector of content production is strengthened; • The sources of revenues for local media outlets are diversified.	• Number of people covered by local journalistic content (disaggregated by sex) (Number of actors) Number of new business models developed (at least one out of media initiatives)	• Monitoring reports of international experts • Public surveys and international indexes • National stakeholder reports, including from civil society	