JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF LABOUR MARKET AND SOCIAL POLICIES

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova and Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as "Participant/Participants") share the view that it would be in their mutual interest to cooperate in the field of labour market and social policies and to identify means of cooperation in the field of social protection. They aim at ensuring that occupational safety and health standards and social protection are respected with regard to all groups of workers, in particular mobile workers and that mobile workers have access to social protection and counselling services on their rights in the field of social and labour law. Furthermore, they concur that it would be beneficial to work together to support the implementation of key areas of the EU acquis regarding social protection and the labour market as part of the ongoing accession process. This cooperation is intended to take place in the spirit of partnership based on friendship and with the aim of improving mutual knowledge of one another, and of promoting learning from one another.

Therefore, the Participants have come to the following understanding:

I. Fields of cooperation

As the main fields of cooperation, the Participants have identified "EU acquis and labour legislation", "tackling informal work" and "mobile workers and their social protection". Other fields of cooperation may be jointly decided upon by the two Sides.

II. Means of cooperation

With the aim of expanding knowledge of one another, both Sides have identified the following means of cooperation within the fields designated in Section I:

- exchange of information, experience and best practices,
- inter-departmental cooperation for specific questions regarding the application of EU-directives,
- online-meetings and study visits,
- creation of working groups.

III. Coordination and implementation

1. The Participants share the opinion that the activities carried out under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be funded by each participant individually subject to availability of budgetary means, as well as by other public or private legal entities involved in the activities.

2. The Participants understand that the costs incurred by the sending of delegations and seconding experts to implement the activities outlined within this Joint Declaration of Intent will be paid by the sending Participant.

3. The Participants concur that they will inform the public of the content of the present Joint Declaration of Intent and of the outcome of the cooperation activities of both Participants.

4. The following bodies will be assigned the task to coordinate the Implementation of the activities under the present Joint Declaration of Intent:

a. The External Assistance Coordination, International Cooperation and Protocol Service of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova,

b. The Directorate-General for European and International Employment and Social Policy of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

5. In the framework of the present Joint Declaration of Intent, bilateral Working Programmes may be decided upon by the two Participants.

6. Cooperation in accordance with the present Joint Declaration of Intent will commence upon its signature by both Participants and is intended to be continued for three (3) years. Three (3) months prior to the expiry of the present Joint Declaration of Intent both Participants may decide on its extension. The present Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended at any time in writing as decided by both Participants.

This Joint Declaration of Intent is not deemed to create rights and obligations under international law or to be legally binding.

Signed in Berlin on 4 April 2025 in duplicate in the English language.

FOR THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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