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Republic of Moldova: Mainstreaming Migration into Development

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Migration as a phenomenon

- ▶ Several waves of migration during last 20 years
- ▶ Labour outflow influenced negatively GDP growth
- ▶ Brain drain
- ▶ Negative social impact
- ▶ Remittances account for cca 30% of the GDP (poverty reduction)
- ▶ Future: maturity of diasporas – permanent emigration – drop in remittances – demography

Main policy of the MD Government:

1. To create effective mechanisms for management and monitoring of migration flows
2. Mainstreaming **remittances** into development
3. To enhance the **linkages** of the Government with **Diaspora** to foster its contribution to the development of the country
4. To favour **legal mobility** of labour force
5. To protect the **human rights** of migrants and their families (especially of the most vulnerable categories - victims of trafficking and unaccompanied minors)
6. To support **children and elderly** left behind
7. To ensure the **social protection** of the migrants.

Legislative and institutional framework

- ▶ Law on migration / 06.12.2002
- ▶ Law on labour migration / 10.07.2008
- ▶ Law on foreigners / 16.07.2011
- ▶ Law on integration of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova / 27.12.2011
- ▶ Law on asylum in the Republic of Moldova / 18.12.2009
- ▶ National Strategy in the field of Migration and Asylum (2011-2020)
- ▶ Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy (2011-2015)

National institution	Fields of responsibility
Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family	<i>Labour migration, employment and reintegration of return migrants</i>
Ministry of Internal Affairs / Bureau for Migration and Asylum	<i>Migration and asylum policy planning</i>
Bureau for Interethnic Relations	<i>Cultural connection with diasporas</i>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration	<i>External cooperation, readmission, relations with Moldovans abroad</i>
<i>Diaspora Agency – soon to be created</i>	

Relating to global and regional trends

EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

- ▶ Communication of the EC on Global Approach for Migration (2007)
- ▶ EU-MD cooperation within JHA area and EU-MD Visa Dialogue
- ▶ Signature of EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership (June 2008)
- ▶ Tailor shaped to MD interests / not legally binding / will driven

Partners:

European Commission
FRONTEX
European Training Foundation

15 EU Member States

Sources of financing:

- ENPI
- Thematic Programme for Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum
- Bilateral financial assistance from the EU member states
- National sources

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EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

MP Monitoring and Coordination Mechanism

- ▶ **High Level Meetings of the MP**
back to back to EU-MD JLS Sub-committee
(EU-MD coordination mechanism)
- ▶ **Local Cooperation Platform**
(The local monitoring mechanism)
- ▶ **Extended Local Cooperation Platform**
(coordination mechanism with non-signatory partners)
- ▶ **Score board**

The National Monitoring Committee

- ▶ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (Focal Point)
- ▶ Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection (Chair)
- ▶ Ministry of Interior - Bureau for Migration and Asylum
- ▶ Ministry of Economy
- ▶ Ministry of Education
- ▶ Ministry of Health
- ▶ Ministry of Informational Technologies and Communication
- ▶ Border Guard Service
- ▶ Ministry of Justice

The National Monitoring Committee reports quarterly to the MFAEI and twice a year to the Government

Migration Technical Facility Unit

Relating to global and regional trends

EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

Open-ended instrument based on political dialogue

- Migration and development;
- Promoting legal migration;
- Fighting illegal migration.

85 projects

Global dimension

Best practice within GFMD

MP allows strengthening of the cooperation in the wide range of areas of Justice and Home Affairs. It goes beyond addressing border management and illegal migration by mainstreaming migration into strategic policy development.

Relating to global trends. GFMD

- ▶ Presidency of the UN Commission on Population and Development 46th session (2012-2013)
- ▶ Moldova's active role. Thematic seminars (incl. on Migration profiles)
- ▶ Co-chairing the working sessions on MM
- ▶ October 2011: Thematic Seminar on “*Mainstreaming Migration into Strategic Policy Development*”, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Outcomes presented at the GFMD Concluding Debate on 1-2 December 2011 in Geneva.
- ▶ Moldova together with Tunisia, Bangladesh and Jamaica: pilot project on Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Strategies.

National Development Strategy “Moldova 2020”

Seven pillars of NDS 2012-2020	Justice
	Education
	Social insurance
	Business climate
	Infrastructure (roads)
	Finances
	Energy

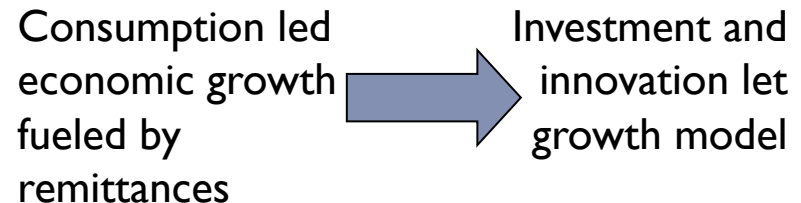
- ▶ Migration impacts labour market
- ▶ Need for a coordinated and integrated approach is recognized
- ▶ New economic growth model: attractive financial sector will achieve more remittances as investment.

Examples of migration-centred provisions

Education: by 2020 migration of young graduates to be reduced by 50%

Access to finance: will attract more remittances as investment

▶ **Pension reform:** bilateral agreements

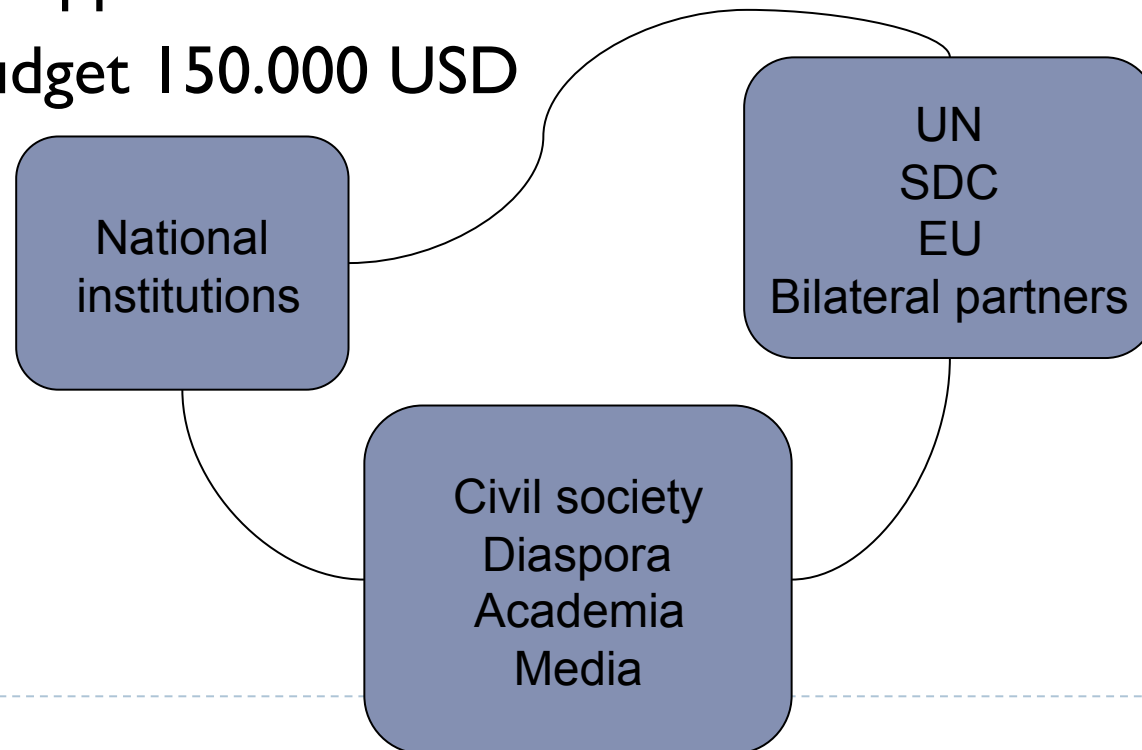


Evidence based approach: Extended Migration Profile Exercise

- ▶ 2005 EC Communication on Migration and Development
- ▶ 3rd GFMD Meeting Athens – Moldova recognized the utility of MP
- ▶ Extended Migration Profile exercise is supported by EC, EU MS and IOM
- ▶ MP TWG – platform for consultations (20 ministries/gov. institutions, UN agencies, EU Del, EU MS, academia) – met regularly and ad-hoc
- ▶ Government decision (soon to be adopted): institutionalize the EMP; adopt Report Template and List of Indicators; coordination role – Bureau for Migration and Asylum; regularity of the joint production (yearly)
- ▶ First Report – by the end of 2012
- ▶ EMP data served as quantitative benchmarks for EU-MD Mobility Partnership impact evaluation
- ▶ EMP (incl. Migration Management Framework and Policy Coherence Assessment) will be a springboard for policy making within NDS Moldova 2020, UN-Moldova Partnership Framework 2012-2017

“Mainstreaming of Migration into Development in Moldova” (MOMID)

- ▶ A UNDP project to support Moldova to systematically mainstream migration into development planning
- ▶ Implemented by: State Chancellery, IOM + UN Women, with financial support SDC
- ▶ 2012-2013, budget 150.000 USD



MOMID

Stages:

1. Assessment (MMFPCA)

- ▶ Identify M&D inter-linkages
- ▶ Together with EMP

Legislative framework (laws, policies) – a descriptive compilation
Legislative framework – analysis
Projects, Mobility Partnership, scoreboard
Bilateral arrangements
Questionnaires

2. Capacity development activities to plan, implement, monitor, evaluate M&D policies. Consultations on diaspora engagement / Diaspora Agency.

3. Concluding phase: revised MM Proposal, identification of donors, recipient for strategic policy development.

2-year National Action Plan – after the end of the project.

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Conclusions

- ▶ MOMID is a consolidating element
- ▶ Follows the GMG Handbook, taking into account local specificities and already existing progress in MM, data collection, level of international cooperation
- ▶ Wires together already existing initiatives and fosters a comprehensive and harmonized thinking about a development agenda that takes into account migration as a priority issue



Thank you!



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