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# Project Launch Event

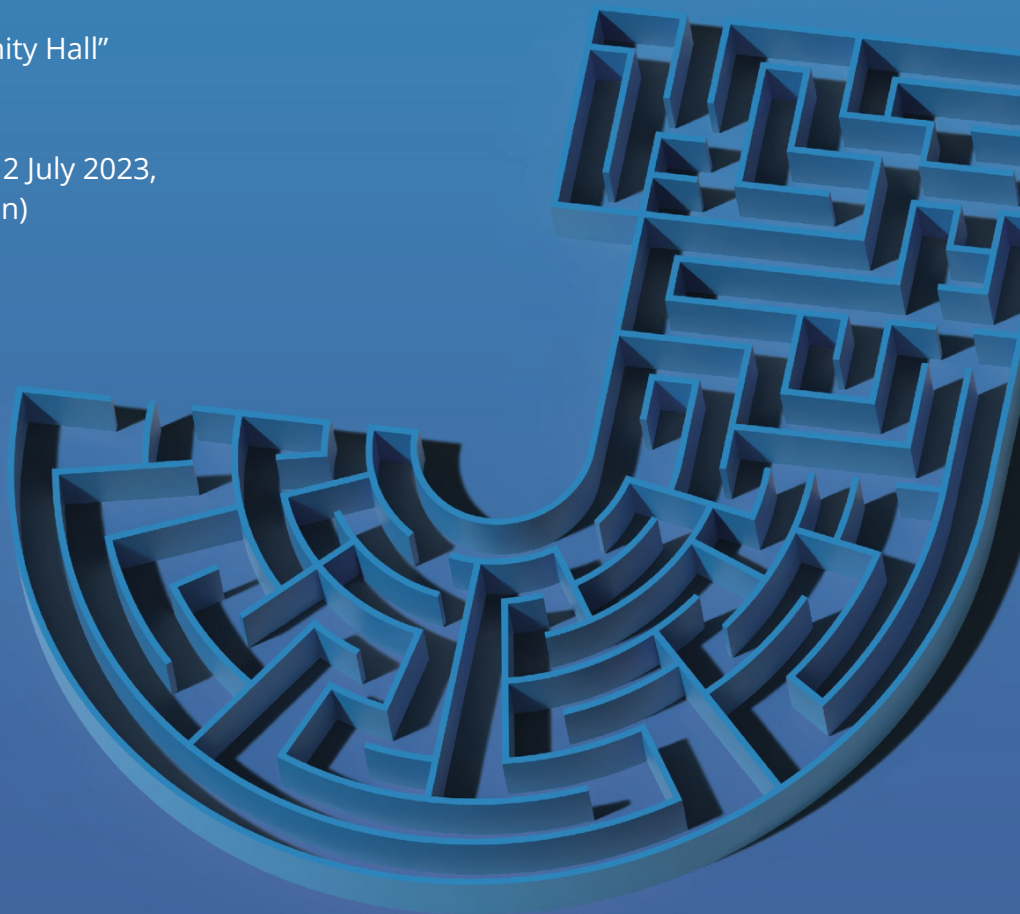
## #Justice4Moldova

*Securing integrity, efficiency and independence  
of the justice system in Moldova*

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**Venue:** Digital Park, „Community Hall”  
str. Mihai Viteazul 15

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 12 July 2023,  
14.00 - 16.00 (13.30 registration)



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## ABOUT THE LAUNCHING EVENT

This event will mark the official launch of the project **“Securing integrity, efficiency and independence of the justice system in Moldova - #Justice4Moldova”**, implemented by the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE), in consortium with the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR), with the support of the European Union and Soros Foundation Moldova. The project aims to contribute to an increased role of the civil society and media in its efforts to support the independence, integrity, efficiency, and accountability of the justice system in the Republic of Moldova.

The goal of the event is to present the objectives of the project, and to address the importance of justice reform for Moldova's European integration path. The event will last for 2.5 hours and will include three parts.

It will start with opening remarks of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova and representatives of the project' donors who will be invited to present their vision related to the importance of ensuring integrity, efficiency and independence of the justice system in Moldova, in particular considering Moldova's European Integration objectives.

During the next session, a detailed presentation of the #Justice4Moldova project will follow, introducing the planned activities and expected outcomes aiming at capacity building for mass media and experts' community representatives, technical assistance for the justice and anticorruption institutions, awareness raising and advocacy in the field of justice and assessment of the integrity of the justice system actors. It will also describe how the action will contribute to an increased role of the civil society and media in the implementation of justice sector policies in a transparent and accountable manner, and in the consolidation of the rule of law in Moldova in full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The final session will provide for an opportunity for key national and European stakeholders to do a reality check on the state of play on the justice sector priority reform actions according to key measures proposed by the European Commission in its June 2022 Opinion on Moldova's EU membership application. The speakers will provide an evaluation of the achievements made thus far, the challenges faced, and future priorities for the justice sector.

The event will bring together representatives of the public authorities, development partners of the Republic of Moldova, justice sector actors i.e., judges, prosecutors, lawyers, as well as representatives of think-tanks, civil society organizations and mass-media. The event will also be broadcast online. A draft Agenda of the event is enclosed.



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## PROGRAMME

### LAUNCHING EVENT OF THE PROJECT

#### SECURING INTEGRITY, EFFICIENCY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN MOLDOVA - #JUSTICE4MOLDOVA

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**13.30 – 14.40**    **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

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**14.00 – 14.30**    **OPENING REMARKS**

**H.E. DORIN RECEAN**, *Prime-minister of the Republic of Moldova*  
**H.E. JĀNIS MAŽEIKS**, *Ambassador of the European Union to Republic of Moldova*  
**PETRU CULEAC**, *Executive Director, Soros Foundation Moldova*  
**ALAN DAVIS**, *Asia & Eurasia Director, IWPR*

**Moderator: IULIAN GROZA**, *Executive Director, IPRE*

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**14.30 – 14.50**    **PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT**

**IULIAN GROZA**, *Executive Director, IPRE*

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**14.50 – 15.55**    **PANEL DISCUSSION: JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM – A REALITY CHECK OF MOLDOVA’S  
NUMBER #1 COMMITMENT TO START ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EU**

**VERONICA MIHAILOV-MORARU**, *Minister of Justice of the Republic of Moldova*  
**ILIE CHIRTOACĂ**, *President, Legal Resource Centre of Moldova*  
**ION GUZUN**, *Member of the Superior Council of Magistracy*  
**OLESEA STAMATE**, *Chairwoman, Parliamentary Legal Standing Committee*  
**VICTOR MUNTEANU**, *Advisor of the Prime-minister on justice and anticorruption  
policies, Office of the Prime-minister of the Republic of Moldova.*

*Topics for debate:*

- *An overview of key justice sector reform measures with the view to start accessions negotiations.*
- *Progress, challenges and priorities of the pre-vetting process*
- *Reform of the Supreme Court of Justice and the full vetting of justice actors*
- *Reform of the anti-corruption institutions and strengthening the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office capacities to investigate high-profile corruption cases*

**Moderator: MARIANA RATA**, *Journalist TV8*

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**15.55 – 16.00**    **CONCLUSIONS**

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**16.00**            **THE END OF THE EVENT**

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