

## Public Discussion

# PRESENTING AND DISCUSSING THE OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESEARCH “COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND ADVANCEMENT OF MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY IN MOLDOVA”

17 November 2021 Chisinau, 10:30 Chisinau/EET time (GMT +2hrs),  
On-line.

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Media and Information literacy is becoming an ever-increasing topic among policymakers, the international donor community and various organisations implementing projects. As in many countries, efforts to improve media and information literacy among the society come from government, non-governmental and international organisations. However, these efforts usually are sporadic and not coordinated between the parties involved. The event will be used to outline and discuss key findings from the research report undertaken by the Moldovan Independent Journalism Centre in cooperation with the Baltic Centre for Media Excellence. Furthermore, by engaging with key local and international stakeholders, the event's focus will be on improving the coordination of media and information literacy initiatives in Moldova and improving media and information literacy in the Moldovan education system.

**WORKING LANGUAGES:** Romanian and English, with simultaneous translation.

**EVENT ORGANISERS:** Independent Journalism Centre, Baltic Centre for Media Excellence, Baltic to Black Sea Alliance in cooperation with the Latvian Embassy in Chisinau.

**EVENT SUPPORTERS:** Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, a Project of the German Marshall Fund of the US; British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, European Union and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia.

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**10:20 – 10:30**

*Chisinau/ EET time (GMT +2hrs)*

**Connection to discussion**

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**10.30 – 11.00**

*Chisinau/ EET time (GMT +2hrs)*

**Opening remarks and introduction by Nadine Gogu**, Director of the Independent Journalism Centre:

- **H.E. Jānis Mažeiks**, Head of EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova
- **Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei**, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sports and Media, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- **H.E. Uldis Mikuts**, Latvian Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova
- **H.E. Steven Fisher**, British Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova
- **Alina Inayeh**, Director, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, German Marshall Fund of the US



# IMPROVING THE MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY INITIATIVES COORDINATION AND NATIONAL STRATEGIC APPROACH

## Session I

**11:00 – 11:40**

Chisinau/ EET time (GMT +2hrs)

**AIM OF THE PANEL:** To initiate a debate on creating a national media literacy and disinformation combating strategy. The creation and implementation of the strategy need to be a joint, cross-sectoral effort, with the involvement of key stakeholders and actors from the government, civil society organisations, the media and the international donor community.

**Angela Vacaru**, author of Moldova Country Report: shortly presenting key findings and recommendations on Media Literacy Initiatives Coordination and National Strategic Approach which would lead into panel's discussions.

- **Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei**, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sports and Media, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- **Rihards Bambals**, Head of Strategic Communications Coordination Department at the State Chancellery of the Republic of Latvia
- **Veronica Boboc**, Executive Director, Youth Media Center
- **Viorica Zaharia**, President, Press Council from Republic of Moldova

**Moderator: Gunta Sloga**, Executive Director of Baltic Centre for Media Excellence

**Q & A**

# MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY AND CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH EDUCATION SYSTEM

## Session II

**11:40 – 12:20**

Chisinau/ EET time (GMT +2hrs)

**AIM OF THE PANEL:** To outline and discuss the required reforms and needs in the Moldovan educational system. That would develop and strengthen critical thinking and media literacy skills among the youth and teachers by developing new teaching and evaluation methods and implementing an infusion approach in teaching media and information literacy skills.

**Angela Vacaru**, author of Moldova Country Report: shortly presenting keyfindings and recommendations on Media and Information Literacy and Critical Thinking in the Education System which would lead into panel's discussions.

- **Angela Prisacaru**, National Consultant Ministry of Education and Research (TBC)
- **Loretta Handrabura**, Media Literacy expert
- **Oxana Iutes**, Deputy Chief of Party, Internews in Moldova
- **Natalia Grau**, Media Literacy Expert
- **Mariana Tabuncic**, Program Manager, Independent Journalism Center

**Moderator: Anastasia Nani**, Vice Director of Independent Journalism Centre

### Q & A

**12:20 – 12:40**

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**Closing remarks** Angela Vacaru, author of Moldova Country Report

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