



INVITATION PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MOLDOVA'S PROGRESS ON THE PATH TO THE EU MEMBERSHIP NEGOTIATIONS

May 30, 2024, 11:00-15:00

Mercure Chisinau Center Jazz Hotel Vlaicu
Pircalab St 72, MD-2012, Chişinău

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to invite you to the public discussion Moldova's progress on the path to the EU membership negotiations on May 30 at 11 AM, Mercure Chisinau Center Jazz Hotel in Chişinău.

The event will take place in the framework of the project Eastern Partnership Plus, funded by the German Foreign Office and organized by the Center for Liberal Modernity in cooperation with the Foreign Policy Association and Expert-Grup in Moldova.

On 14-15 December 2023, the European Council decided to open accession negotiations with the Republic of Moldova if progress can be made in implementing EU reforms, particularly in the Rule of Law. Since then, the Moldovan government has been continuously implementing the EU reforms. How should Moldova's progress towards EU accession negotiations be assessed? What are the next steps in the EU integration process for Moldova? How can the EU and Germany support and accompany Moldova on its European path? What is the state of security co-operation between the EU and Moldova and what should be done?

We would like to discuss these questions with the member of the Bundestag, representatives of the European External Action Service and the Moldovan government as well as participants of Moldavian civil society.

PROGRAM

10:45 – 11:00 | Registration of participants and welcome coffee

11:00 – 11:15 | Opening remarks
Cristina Gherasimov, Deputy Prime-Minister for European Integration
Margret Maria Uebber, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

11:15 – 12:45 | Panel Discussion I
Moldova's progress from the Eastern Partnership to the EU membership negotiations. The stand of reforms.

Panelists:

Jānis Mažeiks, EU ambassador to Moldova: EU assistance to reforms

Cristina Ciubotaru, Former Deputy Director of the Anti-Corruption Centre,
Lawyer: Justice Reform

Michael Vorländer, EU Policy Adviser of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in
the Bundestag

Denis Cenușa, Expert-Grup

12:15 – 12:45 | Questions and Answers
Moderation: Marieluise Beck, Senior Fellow, Center for Liberal Modernity,
Member of the German Bundestag (1983-2017)

12:45 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 | Panel Discussion II
The challenges in the field of security in Moldova
Input from **Oleg Serebrian**, Deputy Prime-Minister for Reintegration

Panelists:

Cosmin Dinescu, Head of the EU Association Mission in Moldova: Hybrid threats

Ana Revenco, Director of the Center for Strategic Communication and Countering
Disinformation

Dirk Schübel, Special Envoy EaP, EEAS

Natalia Stercul, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association: Regional Security
Context

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14:30 – 15:00 | Closing Discussion

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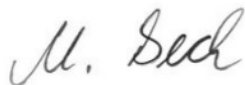
The event will be held in English and Romanian with simultaneous translation.

To attend, please register via <https://forms.office.com/e/e6Z2Z45CSK>.

Participation is only possible after receiving confirmation of your registration. The number of participants in the event is limited. For more details, including the program, please visit <https://libmod.de/en/project-eastern-partnership-plus/>. We look forward to welcoming you to this significant event.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Best regards,



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