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#### BENEFICIARIES:

- The Government of Moldova
- European Union destination countries
- Origin countries of Third-country nationals
- Third-country nationals readmitted under respective Readmission Agreements and/ or apprehended as irregular migrants transiting to the EU
- Rejected asylum seekers
- Irregular migrants under public custody at the Migrant Accommodation Center
- Readmitted own nationals

#### MAIN PARTNERS:

- Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)
- Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family (MLSPF)
- Bureau of Migration and Asylum of MIA
- National Employment Agency under the MLSPF
- Border Guard Services
- NGO "Institute for Penal Reforms"
- IOM Missions in Ukraine and Russian Federation

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EC Thematic Program on Migration and Asylum



**Support to Implementation  
of EC Readmission Agreements  
with the Republic of Moldova,  
the Russian Federation and Ukraine:  
Facilitation of Assisted Voluntary  
Return and Reintegration**

# SIREADA

In the context of increased migration flows from and to Moldova, which imposes a range of important challenges to the Moldovan Government, the International Organization for Migration launches the project "Support to Implementation of EC Readmission Agreements with the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine: Facilitation of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (SIREADA)", financed by the European Union. Implementation of this regional project in Moldova aims at improving the country's migration management system through the capacity building of Moldovan relevant agencies in order to make it fully effective, self-reliant and able to manage various migration challenges, especially related to the implementation of the EC-Moldova Readmission Agreement.

The proposed Project builds directly on previous EU-funded and IOM-implemented regional projects on Readmission, and, namely GUMIRA (in Ukraine and Moldova) and MIGRABEL-MIGRAMOL (in Belarus and Moldova). The suggested intervention constitutes a natural continuation of and a synergistic supplement to past and on-going efforts in this area, as it sustains key migration management operations in the region, institutionalizes international best practices, and ensures a smooth transition to a sustainable return system in the country with due attention to human rights of migrants and their basic needs.



Migrant Accommodation Centre (MAC)

### Overall Project objectives:

Support to the implementation of EC Readmission Agreements with the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, promoting sustainable reintegration of voluntary returnees and serving the economic and political interests of countries of origin, transit and destination.

### Specific Project objectives in Moldova:

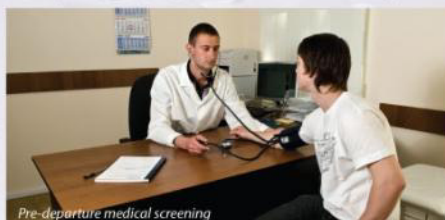
Responding to the EU and Moldova priority to support the implementation of the Readmission and Visa Facilitation Agreements including:

- facilitating social and professional reintegration of the readmitted nationals of the parties;
- Enhancing the reception capacities and providing assistance to the third country nationals apprehended or readmitted for illegal entry for voluntary return to their countries of origin in line with international standards;
- Contributing to smooth transition to a sustainable return system in the country.

### Key activities in Moldova:

#### • Assisted Voluntary Return & Reintegration of Readmitted, Stranded and Apprehended Third-Country Nationals from Moldova.

The action aims at improving the welfare of at least 150 Third Country Nationals (TCN) through provision of safe and dignified Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) from Moldova to their countries of origin.



Pre-departure medical screening

#### • Reception of & Reintegration Assistance to Returned or Readmitted Moldovan Nationals.

The action aims at enhancing the well-being of at least 50 returned or readmitted Moldovan nationals through reception and reintegration support. Professional reintegration assistance will be provided to returned or readmitted migrants through the National Reintegration Network.

#### • Special Assistance Fund for Migrants placed under public custody in Moldova.

IOM will continue supporting the basic services provided to the AVR

beneficiaries, including safeguard of human rights of migrants placed under public custody in the Migrant Accommodation Centre created under the Ministry of Internal Affairs and renovated by IOM Mission in Moldova within the previous EU-funded projects. A smooth transition to a sustainable return system in the country will be encouraged through greater allocations from the State budget along with fundraising with the donor community and international organizations.

#### • Coverage of Basic Services provided within the Migrant Accommodation Center.

The action aims at contributing to safeguarding of the rights of irregular migrants placed in the Migrant Accommodation Centre, through continuation and improvement of delivery of legal, social and medical assistance.



Legal counseling at MAC

#### • Monitoring of Services at Migrant Accommodation Centre through the Observatory Mechanism.

The action aims at assisting in warranting rights of migrants placed in the Migrant Accommodation Centre through monitoring of compliance, transparency and quality control during regular Observatory Missions (OM) of the civil society, international organizations, Embassies and state agencies.

#### • Legislative Review of AVRR Procedures in Moldova.

The action is aimed at harmonizing the relevant Moldovan legislation to EU standards covering detention, AVR procedures, and migrant rights through legal review for:

1. Detailed assessment of the migration legislation to identify the links with EU norms regulating the AVR procedures in accordance to the EU standards covering detention and migrant rights, as well as associated departmental procedures and recommendations for legislative amendment;
2. Informing the Moldovan Government, relevant ministers and officials of the results of the assessment review;
3. Development of the necessary amendments and of a training course that ensures that the newly amended legislation and procedures are included in the Training Curricula of the MIA and other relevant agencies.