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OECD Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Moldova *Presentation of the report of the Youth Inclusion Project*

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Chișinău

Youth is a stage in life often characterised by numerous changes and transitions in education, health, employment, family, rights and responsibilities. Many of these transitions happen in parallel, depending on the individual and environmental conditions, making youth a very heterogeneous group. The Republic of Moldova is a very youthful country, with close to 48% of the population being below age 35. Moldova's definition of a young person is between age 14 and 35, this age group represents 33% of the total population in the country. With such a large youth population including, training and empowering young people is not just a matter of rights, it is also a matter of economic development. Investing in young people will enable them to be engines of economic and social progress. A well-prepared youth cohort helps to benefit from the demographic window of opportunity.

The Government of the republic of Moldova recognises the importance of including youth in the national development process through its National Youth Development Strategy 2014-2020. The development of the youth sector and youth policies requires evidence. This is where the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) supports, with co-funding from the European Union (EU), the Moldovan Ministry of Education, Culture and Research with a report on the well-being of the youth in the Republic of Moldova. The *Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Moldova* presents a snapshot of the situation of young people in Moldova. In this launch the OECD will present the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the review and discuss with key stakeholders the local provision of services in youth centres.

About the project

Co-funded by the European Union, the Youth Inclusion project is implemented by the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to analyse policies for youth in nine developing and emerging economies. The project takes a multisectoral approach to support countries in better responding to the aspirations of young people and strengthening youth involvement in national development processes. The project sheds light on youth vulnerabilities and important factors for successful transitions. It also strengthens national capacities to design evidence-based policies that promote youth inclusion and youth well-being.

A methodology was developed to assess the factors determining youth vulnerabilities and to identify barriers that impede the inclusion of all youth in active economic and social life. The methodology is used to look at youth policies in selected countries.

The OECD Development Centre

The OECD Development Centre was established in 1962 as an independent platform for knowledge sharing and policy dialogue between OECD member countries and developing economies, allowing these countries to interact on an equal footing. Today, 27 OECD countries and 24 non-OECD countries are members of the Centre. The Centre draws attention to emerging systemic issues likely to have an impact on global development and more specific development challenges faced by today's developing and emerging economies. It uses evidence-based analysis and strategic partnerships to help countries formulate innovative policy solutions to the global challenges of development.

For more information on the Centre and its members, please see www.oecd.org/dev.

The European Commission

The European Commission is the executive body of the European Union founded in 1958 by the Treaty of Rome. Its Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development is responsible for the EU development policy, aiming primarily at the reduction of poverty in the world. The EU has a long history of supporting interventions in the major domains that affect young people to combat social exclusion and poverty. The importance of youth inclusion is acknowledged in the Communication 'Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: An Agenda for Change'. The Communication recommends that the EU support sustainable and inclusive growth, defined as people's ability to participate in, and benefit from, wealth and job creation; it emphasises the youth dimension stating that it is critical for societies to offer a future to young people. This project also builds on the main recommendations of the EU study on Social Inclusion and Youth in EC External Cooperation that highlighted the need to strengthen support of evidence-based dialogue on youth inclusion through empirical research and analysis and to foster partnerships and dissemination of good practices in the field of youth.

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09h00 – 09h30	<i>Registration and welcoming coffee</i>
09h30- 09h50	<p>Welcoming words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Radu Rebeja, State Secretary for Youth and Sports, <i>Ministry of Education, Culture and Research</i> – Marco Gemmer, Deputy Head of Operation Unit, Delegation of the <i>European Union</i> – Mr. Ian Brand-Weiner, Policy Analyst, <i>OECD</i>
09h50 – 10h45	<p>“Youth Well-Being Policy Review of Moldova”</p> <p>The Youth Well-being Policy Review of Moldova takes a multi-dimensional approach to look in-depth at the situation of young people with regard to education, health, employment and civic participation and provides policy recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation: Ian Brand-Weiner, Policy Analyst, <i>OECD</i>
10h45 – 11h15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h15 – 13h00	<p>Panel discussion on “Youth policies and provision of youth services in youth centres in Moldova”</p> <p>Departing from the OECD review this panel will discuss the implementation of youth policies in the regions and local provision of services through youth centres and youth workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Constantin Turcanu, Youth Department, <i>Ministry of Education, Culture and Research</i> – Ludmila Sirbu, <i>UNFPA</i> – Igor Ciurea, General Secretary, <i>National Youth Council</i> – Petru Grecu, <i>National Network of the Local Youth Council from Moldova</i> – Corina Erhan, <i>Orhei Youth Centre</i> <p><i>Moderator: Ion Donea, Director Youth Department, MECC</i></p>
13h00	Closing words MEEC

The event will benefit from simultaneous interpretation in Romanian and English, and participants are welcome to speak in any of these languages.