



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**The 4th meeting of the National Policy Dialogue Coordination Committee on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Republic of Moldova**

A high-speed photograph of a water drop falling into a pool of water, creating a series of concentric ripples. The drop is captured mid-fall, just above the surface, with a small splash of water below it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and green gradient.

# THE RECENT INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

*Chisinau, June 15, 2018*  
**CHILARU NADEJDA,**  
*Head of Division on the Policy on  
Integrated Management water resources*



## Analysis of the current situation

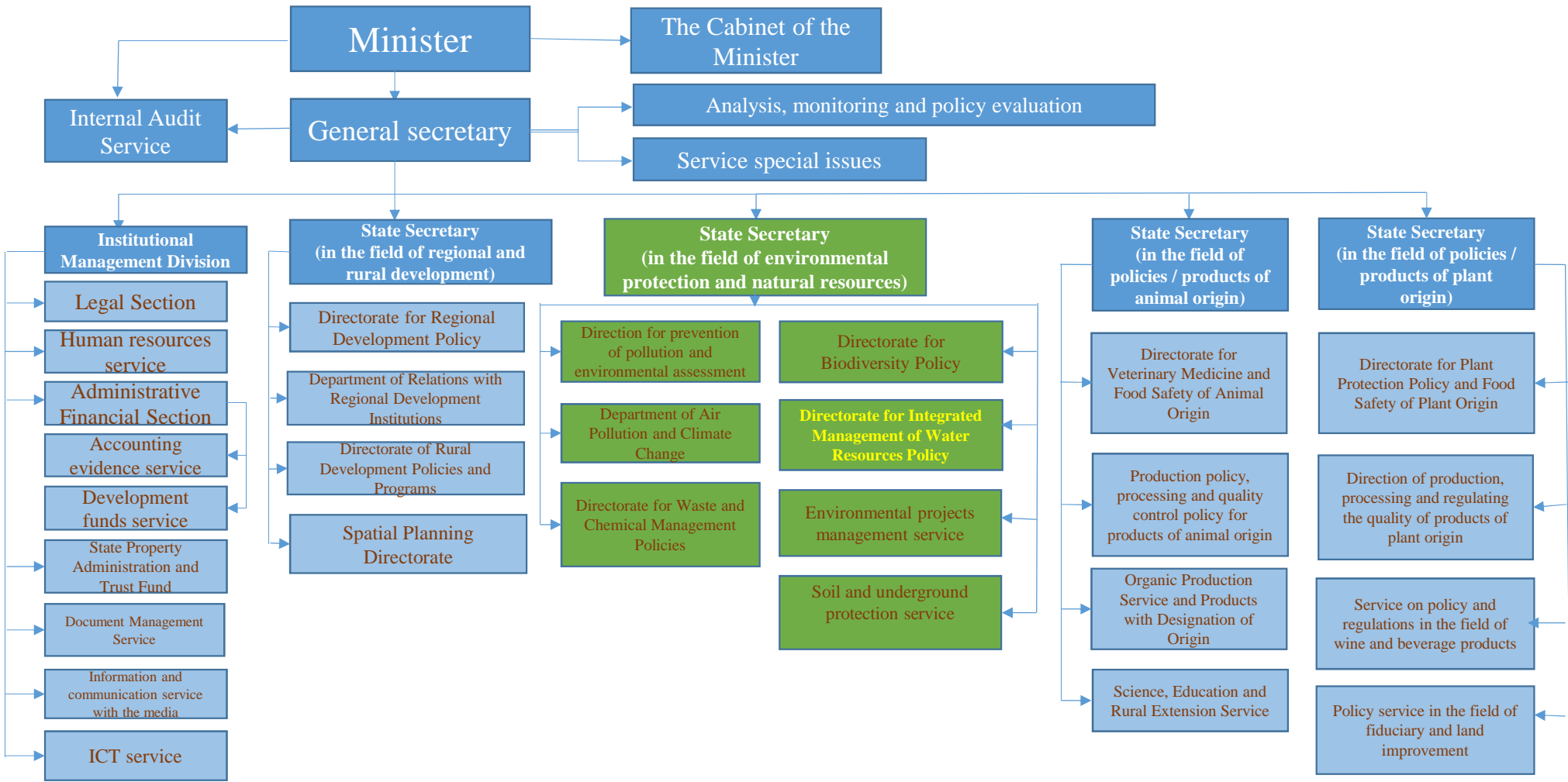
Government Decision no. 695 of 30 August 2017 on the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE)





# MARDE structure

(121 units, including 29 units for the environmental sector)



## The environmental sector - 29

### **State Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources -1**

- Prevention and environmental assessment policy Department - 5
- Department of Air Pollution and Climate Change - 4
- Directorate for Waste and Chemical Management Policies - 5
- Directorate for Biodiversity Policy -5
- **Directorate for Integrated Management of Water Resources Policy - 5**
- Environmental Project Management Service - 2
- Soil and Underground Protection Service - 2

## The basic functions of the Ministry are:

The Ministry performs the functions set out in the Regulation (GD no.695 of 30.08.2017) in the following areas:

- 1) **agriculture;**
- 2) **food production;**
- 3) **food safety;**
- 4) **regional and rural development;**
- 5) **spatial planning;**
- 6) **environmental protection and climate change;**
- 7) **natural resources.**

1) developing of the policy documents, draft normative acts in the stipulated areas, ensuring the execution of normative acts and decrees of the President of the Republic of Moldova after their publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova;

2) collaborating, according to the national legislation, with foreign institutions in the fields envisaged;

3) the implementation of the normative acts and the implementation of the international treaties of the Republic of Moldova in the area envisaged, drawing up the reports on their execution;

4) examination and approval of draft normative acts elaborated by other public administration authorities and sent for examination;

5) developing and presenting the budget proposals in the foreseen fields, developing the annual activity plan, as well as the annual monitoring of the degree of implementation by creating and publishing the respective reports;

6) organizing, planning, execution, accounting and budgeting systems within the Ministry and, where appropriate, within the subordinated budget authorities / institutions;

7) coordinating and monitoring the administrative authorities and decentralized public services work and the public institutions in which it is a founder.

8) the exercise of other specific functions.



# Reform of subordinate institutions

At the Government meeting on 5 June 2018, the following were approved:

the Government's decision on the establishment, organization and operation of the Environmental Agency;

the Government Decision on the organization and functioning of the Environmental Protection Inspectorate.



# Government Decision on the establishment, organization and functioning of the Environmental Agency





## Areas of activity of the Agency:

- 1) Prevention of the environmental pollution;
- 2) atmospheric air protection and climate change;
- 3) protecting and regulating the use of water resources;
- 4) protection and regulation of the use of the animal and the vegetal kingdom, an aquatic biological resources;
- 5) conservation of biodiversity and management of state natural protected areas;
- 7) waste management;
- 8) Biosafety





# The basic functions of the Agency:

- 1) ensuring the implementation of public policy documents and environmental protection legislation both at national and local level;
- 2) providing technical support to the Ministry for the substantiation of draft public policy documents and normative acts in the field of environmental protection;
- 3) regulation and authorization of activities with an impact on the quality of the environment, granting to natural and legal persons permissive documents for practicing entrepreneurial activities with environmental impact (authorizations, environmental agreements, permits, certificates, notifications, approvals and coordination), stipulated in the Nomenclature of permissive acts, approved by Law no. 160 of July 22, 2011 regarding the regulation of the entrepreneurial activity;
- 4) the monitoring of the quality of the environmental factors (monitoring of water, air, soil, forest monitoring and protected natural areas, monitoring of the state and use of water and soil resources, monitoring of the plant and animal kingdom, fisheries monitoring, air pollution monitoring, geological monitoring, environmental pollution monitoring) ) in order to provide natural and legal persons with information on the quality of the environment, the development of the system of statistical indicators in the field of environmental protection, as well as for the elaboration and publication of the National Report on the state of the environment in the Republic of Moldova
- 5) and ensuring public access to environmental information.



## The tasks of the Environmental Agency in the field of protection and regulation of water resources

- a) participates in the implementation of the national legislation on the quality and protection of surface water and groundwater resources, presents proposals for amending and completing the respective legislation;
- b) participates in the process of gradual harmonization of national legislation with Community environmental legislation in the field of water quality;
- c) participates in the implementation of the provisions of the policy documents and of the international environmental treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is part in the field of water quality and protection;
- d) sets the limit values for pollutant emissions in surface waters according to the degree of pollution present, as well as their measurement methods;
- e) issues to natural and legal persons the environmental permit for the special use of water, suspends, withdraws or prolongs its validity;
- f) creates and ensures the functioning of the surface and underground water quality monitoring system;
- g) ensure the functioning of the laboratory for water quality and carry out ecological measurements, analyzes and investigations on surface and underground waters;
- h) provides technical support to the Ministry in the development of programs for the monitoring of the status and the use of surface and underground waters, as well as their implementation;
- i) manages the state resources and information systems in the water field, within the limits of the competence established by the legislation;



# Government Decision on the organization and functioning of the Environmental Protection Inspectorate





## Fields of activity of the Inspectorate :

- 1) the implementation of environmental policy;
- 2) the atmospheric air protection;
- 3) **protection of water resources;**
- 4) protection of flora, fauna and natural protected areas;
- 5) soil and subsoil protection;
- 6) waste management and chemicals;
- 7) rational use of natural resources;
- 8) planned activities;
- 9) Occupational safety.



## **Basic functions of the Inspectorate:**

- 1) the exercise of state control and supervision on compliance with normative acts in the field of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources in enterprises, institutions, organizations, with any type of ownership and legal form of organization, by the central and local public administration authorities, as well as the persons physical and legal;
- 2) preventing, counteracting violations of environmental protection legislation and rational use of natural resources.
- 3) coordinating activities with an impact on the environment, likely to damage and change the components of the environment or natural resources;
- 4) Finding and examining violations of environmental legislation and rational use of natural resources, including contravention, enforcement of sanctions under the law, calculation and recovery of damage to environmental compartments under the polluter pays principle;
- 5) exercises other functions in its field of activity, established by normative acts.



## Responsibilities of the Environmental Protection Inspectorate in the field of water resources protection

- a) performs control over the compliance of water use, compliance with consumption norms, rational use and possession of permissive acts in the field of water management;
- b) exercises control and monitors the observance of the special regime for the management of the water bodies protection areas, the hydro-technical constructions and the accumulation of the water resources in order not to admit activities that contradict the regime of the respective areas;
- c) exercises control to counteract the action of introducing pollutants of any origin and characteristics into the bodies of water (as a whole), in the ground water bodies or in the land from which it is possible to leak into a body of surface water or groundwater body;
- d) controls the operation of the wastewater treatment plants and compliance with the waste water quality conditions, according to the regulations in force;
- e) exercises control over compliance of the conditions of the water resources use and waste water discharge according to permissive permits;
- f) in the context of the supervision of public property and other values protected by legislation, performs unannounced controls, in the manner and within the limit prescribed by law, in order to detect and counteract inappropriate / unauthorized use of water resources, unauthorized wastewater discharges.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!!**

