

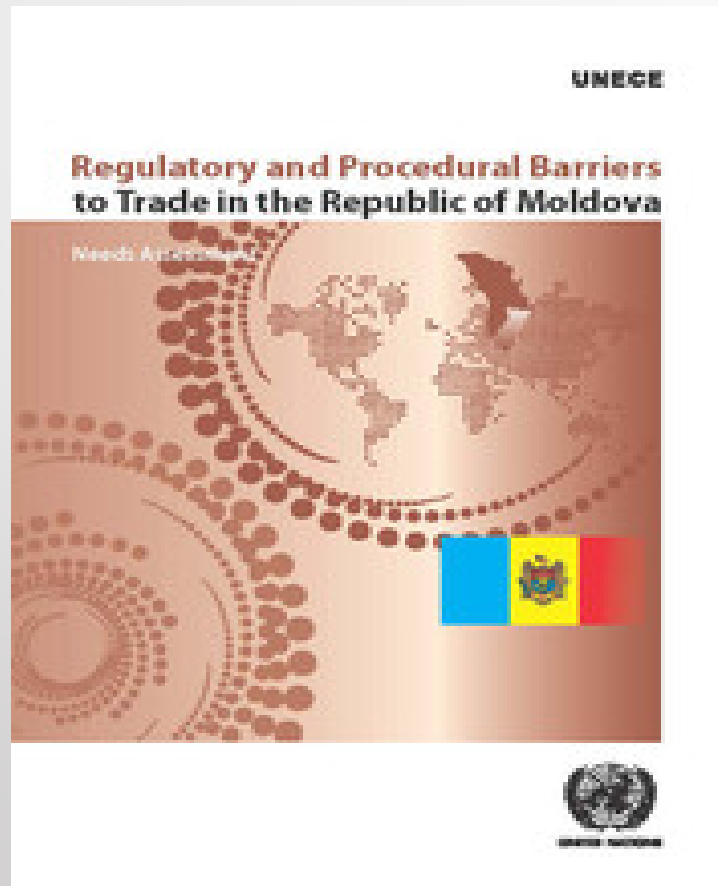
Republic of Moldova

Country follow-up to the UNECE studies
on regulatory barriers to trade



28 May 2019

UNECE Study on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in the Republic of Moldova 2017



- Needs Assessment
- Evidence-based evaluation
- 38 recommendations

The Recommendations are focused around 13 areas

1. Transparency
2. Information requirements and trade documents
3. At the border control customs clearance
4. Further develop the brokerage industry
5. Transit trade
6. Transport and logistical services
7. Technical regulations
8. Standardization
9. Conformity assessment
10. Metrology
11. Regional integration
12. Enterprise development
13. Agri industries

National Trade Facilitation Plan

- The National Action Plan for Trade Facilitation was adopted on 12 December 2017 pursuant to Government Decision No. 1065.
- The Plan comprises **92 actions** divided into **20 thematic chapters** and **35 articles**.

Elaboration of the NAP for TF:

Business community
Public authorities
Donors community
* World Bank Group / IFS
* UNECE
International experts on trade facilitation issues

National
Action Plan
for Trade
Facilitation

Implementation of the NAP for TF:

Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment
Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection
Customs Service
National Food Safety Agency
Border Police
National Auto Transport Agency
Consumer Protection Agency
National Accreditation Centre MOLDAC
National Metrology Institute
Moldovan Standards Institute
National Trade Facilitation Committee

National Action Plan for Trade Facilitation

- As a result of a review of the regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the Republic of Moldova carried out by the UNECE, a Needs Assessment has been developed, containing **38 recommendations** for eliminating the identified barriers.
- Most of the recommendations were integrated into the National Action Plan for Trade Facilitation.
- Moldova has chosen a broader approach to trade facilitation, addressing also relevant elements of TBT and market surveillance issues.

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Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to
Trade in the Republic of Moldova

Needs Assessment



United Nations
New York and Geneva, 2017

National Action Plan for Trade Facilitation

Access to information,

Transparency in trade regulation (trade portal, guides, up-to-date public authorities' webpages, information points, consultations in decision-making),

Predictability of rules for carrying out trade (notifications, prior decisions, regulated detention procedures, tests, trade-related taxes, applicable and appropriate sanctions),

Simplified administrative procedures applicable to trade (developing AEO, simplified customs procedures, urgent deliveries, perishable goods, single window for trade implementation, NCTS Electronic Transit System etc.),

Implementation of modern information technologies in state control procedures of commerce and automation of business interaction processes (upgrade of ASYCUDA, update of the Customs Code, development of electronic customs clearance, implementation of electronic procedures at other agencies, use of electronic documents),

Improvement of necessary infrastructure and foreign trade control, etc.

UNECE Recommendations

1. Transparency and Predictability
2. Customs Service and Border Control
3. Conformity Assessment and Metrology
4. Regional Integration
5. Enterprise Development

Recommendations related to Transparency and Information requirements

- Public-private sector consultative mechanism
- Update of the public authorities web-sites
- The Integrated Customs Tariff of the Republic of Moldova

Recommendations related to the activity of the Customs Service and Border Control

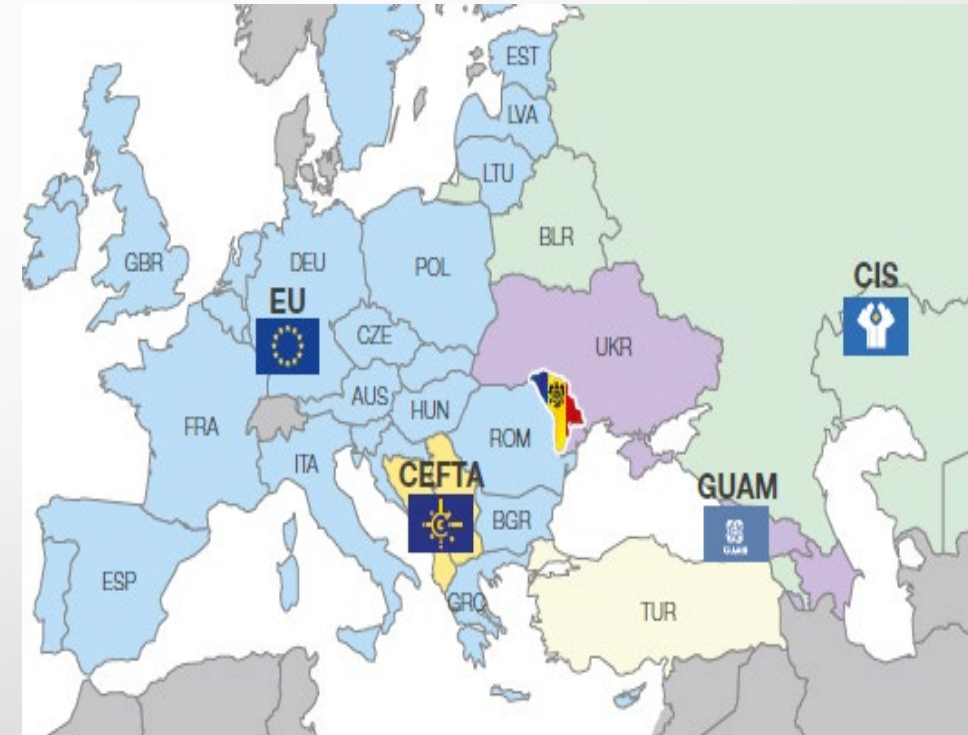
- Modernization of customs infrastructure and increase capacity building of customs services.
- Development of the national legislative framework and the harmonization of the Customs Code with the European Union's regulations.
- Up-to-date development of the ASYCUDA word system.
- As well as the Single Window Development.

Recommendations from to the area of Standardization, Conformity Assessment and Metrology

- strengthening the standard setting processes with expertise skills
- development of the MOLDAC's competence and to further develop the conformity assessment bodies under governmental agencies

Regional Economic Integration

- European Union – Moldova Association Agreement (DCFTA) – 2014
- Free Trade Agreement with Turkey - 2017
- Member of the Community of Independent States (CIS) – 2012
- Member of CEFTA – 2007
- In negotiations with China and EFTA countries on Free Trade Agreements



Enterprise Development

- Regulatory reform
- State control reform
- Financial reporting reform
- Fiscal reform
- Development of free economic zones and industrial parks

REFORMS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

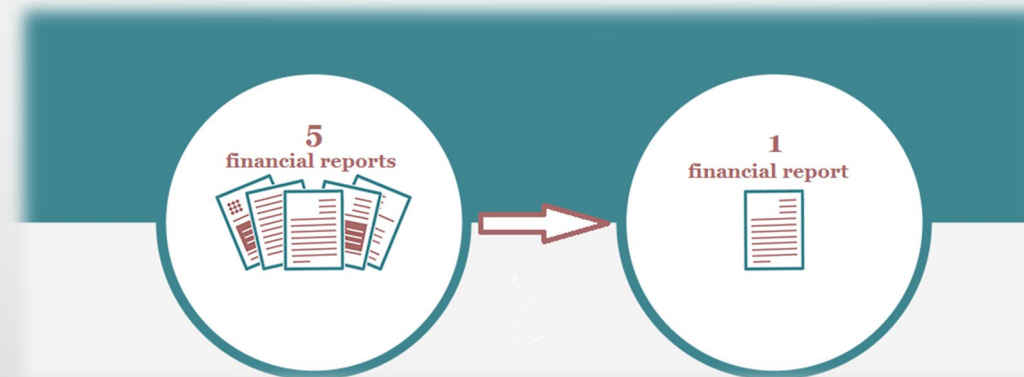
Regulatory reform

Reduced nr of permissive documents from 416 to 152
Launch of One-Stop Shop (July 2018)

Financial reporting reform

Reform of the state control

Advisory role for the first 3 years
Reduced the number of institutions with control functions



MOLDOVA IN INTERNATIONAL RAITINGS

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2017-2018

89 out of 137 (11 positions up)
remarked as

country with the strongest evolution in the Eurasian region

GLOBAL LOCATION TRENDS 2017

Ranked 6

Top destination country by estimated jobs per million inhabitants

(exceeding Ireland, UAE, Hungary, Czech Republic)

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS 2018 – WORLD BANK GROUP

44 out of 190

Starting a Business + 21
Protecting Minority Investors + 10

MOODY'S INTERNATIONAL AGENCY - 2018

rating from "Negative B3" to

"Stable Economy"

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 2017

10 Places That Deserve More Travelers

*2013- least visited country in Europe



The assistance needs:

Development of **ASYCUDA** functionality
Development of notification and alert system
Creation of **Trade Points**
Enhancement of Customs Laboratory testing
Enhanced systems for urgent deliveries
Risk management

Development of analytical tools to identify high-risk transactions (for use by NFSA and NATA)
Development of the e-NFSA integrated information system
Strengthening national standardization process
Enhancement of transit regime (Upgrading of Border Police IT system, Improvement of border crossing infrastructure)
Enhancing capacity of **MOLDAC**
Develop market supervision capacity



Thank You!