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*United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
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the Ministry of Education and Research of Republic of Moldova  
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High-level launch  
UNECE Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR) of  
Moldova  
and  
capacity-building programme to support implementation of  
selected recommendations

Thursday, 16 June 2022

14:00 – 16:00 (EET)

*Zoom platform (simultaneous interpretation in English and Romanian)*

## Background

Since its independence, Moldova has made significant steps to transition to a fully-fledged market economy with improvements in the business environment and development of its national innovation system. Further economic growth will mean that innovation in the form of systematic experimentation with ideas must take centre stage in Moldova's policy efforts. Innovation would also be crucial in meeting Moldova's commitments under the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, including the imperative to transition towards a more circular and inclusive economy and the resilient post-pandemic recovery.

To support Moldova's development efforts, the UNECE has carried out the **Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR) of Moldova**. The I4SDR aims to support the national authorities and policymakers in promoting an enabling environment for innovation and knowledge-based competitiveness to foster sustainable development.

The I4SDR was carried out following a request from the Government of Moldova and with the financial support from the Government of Sweden. It contains recommendations aimed at stimulating innovation activity in the country through policy actions to enhance innovation policy governance, science-industry linkages and technology commercialisation, and the innovation and technology transfer infrastructure. For the first time, the I4SDR proposes possible policy solutions to leverage the Moldovan diaspora for innovation-driven sustainable development.

The I4SDR of Moldova is available in [English](#) and [Romanian](#) on UNECE website.



## Objectives

This event serves as an opportunity to present Moldovan stakeholders and international partners with the main findings and recommendations of the I4SDR of Moldova. It is also a platform to launch the **capacity-building programme on innovation and technology transfer**, as agreed with the Ministry of Education and Research. The capacity-building programme is aimed at supporting the implementation of the selected Review recommendations by the Government of Moldova.

## Participation

This event brings together Moldovan Government representatives, innovation stakeholders, including academia and private sector representatives, as well as international experts, including authors of respective chapters of the I4SDR, development partners and the UNECE secretariat.

<p>Thursday, 16 June</p> <p><i>High-level launch of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova and of the follow-up capacity-building programme</i></p> <p><a href="#">Click here to join</a></p>	
13:30– 14:00	<p><b>Access to the session</b></p> <p><i>Participants are recommended to join the meeting at least 15 minutes prior to the opening.</i></p>
14:00– 14:20	<p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Adriana Cazacu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education and Research, Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Simon Springett, Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Moldova</i></p>
14:20 – 14:50	<p><b>Presentation of the I4SDR of Moldova</b></p> <p>In this section, the UNECE Secretariat will elaborate on the research process, the structure and the main findings and recommendations of the I4SDR of Moldova.</p> <p><b>UNECE Secretariat and international experts -authors of the chapters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Slavo Radosevic, Ph.D., Professor of Industry and Innovation Studies, University College London, United Kingdom</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lisa Cowey, Expert on Technology Transfer at JRC and WIPO, Technology Transfer Interface Ltd (T3I), United Kingdom</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Tobin College of Business, St John's University, United States of America</i></li> </ul>
14:50– 15:30	<p><b>Comments by key stakeholders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Aliona Onofrei, Acting Head of Research and Innovation Policy Directorate, Ministry of Education and Research of Moldova</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Vadim Iatchevici, Head of Division of Innovation projects, National Agency for Research and Development</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Violina Donu, Deputy Director, Diaspora Relations Bureau of Moldova</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Ion Lupan, Head of Secretariat, Economic Council under the Prime Minister of Moldova (TBC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Representative, Joint Research Centre, European Commission (TBC)</i></li> </ul>



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<p>15:30-15:50</p>	<p><b>Capacity-building programme: Supporting the development of the Roadmap on innovation and technology transfer in Moldova</b></p> <p>To support the implementation of the recommendations in the field of innovation and technology transfer, UNECE will be providing its expertise. A draft outline and structure of the Roadmap will be presented drawing on Chapter 5 of the Review and selected other elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Lisa Cowey, Expert on Technology Transfer at JRC and WIPO, Technology Transfer Interface Ltd (T3I), United Kingdom</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Comments by Moldovan stakeholders</b></p>
<p>15:50– 16:00</p>	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE (TBC)</i></p>

### Registration

To join the launch meeting, please [register here](#). Registered participants will receive the meeting link and further information prior to the event.

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