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**Studies and Diagnostics on Cultural Policies
of the Eastern Partnership Countries**

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I Policy and legal framework for culture

1. List of ratified international conventions

- European Cultural Convention, Paris, 1954, ratified by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on May 24, 1994 <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/018.htm>
- European Convention for the protection of the archaeological heritage adopted at Valetta on January 16, 1992, ratified by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, December 2001 <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/143.htm>
- Convention for the protection of the architectural heritage of Europe of October 3, 1985, ratified by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on December 21, 2001 <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/121.htm>
- European Convention of landscape, adopted in Florence, 2000, ratified on 14.03.2002 <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/176.htm>
- Convention concerning the protection of the cultural and natural heritage (UNESCO, Paris, 1972) ratified by the parliament of the Republic of Moldova in June 6, 2002, Law no. 1113-XV from 06.06.2002 <http://whc.unesco.org/en/conventiontext/>
- Convention concerning the protection and promotion of diversities of cultural expression, Paris, 20.10.2005, 27.07.06 <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/cultural-diversity/diversity-of-cultural-expressions/the-convention/convention-text/>
- UNESCO convention concerning the safeguarding of immaterial cultural heritage, adopted in Paris, 2003, ratified on 24.03.2006 <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?pg=00006>
- Convention-plan of European Council concerning the value of cultural heritage for society, adopted in Faro, 2005, ratified on 01.12.2008 <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/199.htm>
- UNESCO convention over the measures that follow to be taken for the prohibiting and impeding unlawful operations of import, export and property transfer of heritage goods, Paris, 4.11.1970, adhered on 14.09.2007 http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13039&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- The Convention for protecting cultural goods in case of armed conflict, along with Regulations of executing, adopted in Hague, on May 14, 1954 and the Protocol I at the Haga Convention, 1954, adhered on 09.12.1999 http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13637&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2. National culture legislation (laws; regulative acts, sector specific regulations)

- <http://justice.md/> (Romanian and Russian)
- Law concerning the archivist state Fund, no. 880-XII, 22.01.92
- Law concerning the protection of monuments, no. 1530-XII, June 22, 1993
- Law on libraries, nr. 286-XIII, adopted in 1994
- Law of culture, no. 413-XIV, May 27, 1999, in Monitorul Oficial of the Republic of Moldova, no. 83-86, August 5, 1999 <http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/details.jsp?id=9931>
- Law concerning museums, no. 1596-XV, December 27, 2002
- Law concerning popular art, no. 135-XV, March 20, 2003, in Monitorul Oficial no. 84 -86, May 16, 2003
- The Law on preservation archaeological heritage (no. 218, 17 September 2010). In: Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova, Nr. 235-240, Anul XVII (376-3773), 3 decembrie 2010, Art. 738, pag. 8-17.
- Law on Protection of Public Forum Monuments, November 2011
- Law on the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage, 5 December 2011
- The Decision of the government of the Republic of Moldova no. 1111 of 11.09.2003 concerning the Rules of the state register of mobile cultural heritage; Rules for the organization and functioning of the national museum; Rules concerning the conservation of mobile cultural heritage.
- The Law on the protection of the intangible cultural heritage of the Republic of Moldova, 29.03.2012
- The Government Decision no. 230, Creation of the National Agency of Archaeology, 12.04.2012, <http://lex.justice.md/viewdoc.php?action=view&view=doc&id=342932&lang=2>
- The Informatization Program of Culture, 2012, <http://lex.justice.md/viewdoc.php?action=view&view=doc&id=344020&lang=2>

- The public policy *Improvement of the activity of the theatral- concert institutions based on performance*, 6 April 2012, approved by the Inter-ministerial Committee for the Strategic Planning, http://www.mc.gov.md/sites/default/files/ppp_ministerul_culturii_final.pdf
- the policy *Improvement and modernization of museum activities*, approved within the Assembly of the Collegium of the Ministry (Order Nr. 251 from 08.11.2012), <http://www.particip.gov.md/libview.php?l=ro&idc=498&id=748>
- Program on decentralization of cultural sector, 2013.
- the Strategy for Development of Culture „Culture 2020”, approved on 09.04.2014 by the decision of Government nr. 271
- The Law On Cinema, on 03.07.2014, published on 1 August 2014 in *Official Gazette*, <http://lex.justice.md/viewdoc.php?action=view&view=doc&id=354075&lang=2>
- Annual cultural grant contest for NGO's of the Ministry is presented on the web-site <http://www.mc.gov.md/ro/content/concurs-proiecte-culturale-2015>

3. Overall culture policies and/or sectorial strategies (i.e. film, heritage, etc)

- The law concerning public administration, no. 123-XV, 18.03.2003, in "Monitorul Oficial" of the Republic of Moldova, no. 49, 19.03.2003
- Law concerning town-planning principles and territorial arrangement no. 835-XIII, May 17, 1996
- Law concerning architectural activity, no. 1350-XIV, November 2, 2000
- The decision of the Republic of Moldova Government "Concerning the actions for the protection of the historical-cultural monuments of the museum complex "The Medieval Town of *Orheiul Vechi*" no. 1378 din 10.12.2001
- The decision of the Republic of Moldova Government no. 476, April 21, 2003 "Concerning the assignment of some grounds to the "Medieval, Museum Town Complex"
- Law Regarding the creation of the Orheiul Vechi cultural-natural Reserve, nr. 251-XVI, 04.12.2008
- The Decision of the Government of the Republic of Moldova "On creating the Orheiul Vechi cultural-natural Reserve", nr. 228, 23.03. 2009

4. Summary of laws with an impact on frame conditions: income tax, VAT, tax exemption for investments in culture, NGO registration, etc.

- The Law of Tourism no. 798-XIV of February 11, 2000
- Law concerning investments in the activity of enterprise no. 81-XV of 18.03.2004
- Law on NGOs, No. 837, 17.05.96. In Monitorul Oficial al R.Moldova, no. 6/54, 23.01.1997
- Law concerning the adherence of the Republic of Moldova to the Statute of International Organization of Tourism, no. 530-XV of October 2001
- Law concerning the organization and development of tourist activity in the Republic of Moldova, no. 352-XVI of November 24, 2006
- The Decision of the government of the Republic of Moldova concerning the conception of tourist development in the Republic of Moldova until 2005, 912 of October 8, 1997
- The Decision of the government of the Republic of Moldova concerning the Strategy of long-term development of tourism in the Republic of Moldova in 2003-2015, no. 1065 of 02.09.2003
- The Decision of the government of the Republic of Moldova concerning the special Fund for the promotion and development of tourism, no. 705 of July 23, 2001
- The Decision of the government of the Republic of Moldova concerning the methodological Norms and the criteria of classification of the structures of tourist reception with the functions of accommodation and lodgings, no. 643 of 27.05.2003

II Existing analytic documents (reports, research, reviews, etc.) assessing national cultural policy

1. Prepared by national experts

- Victoria Tcacenco (ed.), *Viziuni de viitor: politica culturală a Republicii Moldova de la schimbări la viabilitate*, European Cultural Foundation, Editura ARC, Chişinău, 2009.

- Sergiu Musteață, *Moldova. Heritage Assessment Report*. Kyiv Initiative Regional Programme. Pilot Project 2: "Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage in Historic Towns" (PP2). Chisinau/Strasbourg. 2010, (available in Romanian and English)
- Valeria Grosu (prepared by), *Moldova Country Profile, COMPENDIUM, Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe*, last up date, November 2011 (available in Romanian and English)
- Ghenadie Sontu, *The Cultural Policy Dilemmas of Republic of Moldova*, Chisinau, IDIS VIITORUL, 2009

2. Prepared by external experts

- Yael Ohana (rapporteur generale), *Culture and Change in Moldova*. Identifying Cultural Actors of Change in Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova, East European Reflection Group (EE RG), European Cultural Foundation, Bratislava, September, 2007
- June Taboroff, Terry Sandell, *Final Report Moldova, Support to the ENPI East Regional Cooperation on Culture*, PAi, September 2008
- *National Human Development Report, Republic of Moldova*, UNDP, 2010/2011
- *UNESCO Country Programming Document. The Republic of Moldova*. First ed. 2009-2011

III Sector structure

1. Authorities

- a. National Authorities (Ministries involved in culture, including structure and distribution of responsibilities – organogram) (**see attachment 1**)
- b. Parliament (commissions)
 - Parliamentary Commission for culture, education, research, youth, sport and mass media, Chair: Kiril Lucinschi
- c. Provincial/Local authorities
 - Each local town and district councils have the Department of Culture

2. Public cultural institutions:

- a. Public Museums (per sector)
 - In Moldova are more than 100 country museums, of them 5 museums and 7 branches are directly subordinated to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism; 66 of them – to local public authorities.
 - National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History <http://www.muzeu.md/>
 - The Village's Museum
 - National Museum of Arts <http://enjoymoldova.org/things-to-do/culture/museums/national-art-museum-of-moldova/>
 - National Museum of Archaeology and History <http://www.nationalmuseum.md/>
 - The Town's History Museum
 - The Museum of Military History
 - The Museum of Romanian Literature
 - The Museum Complex "Balioz Mansion" (Traditional Art Museum) Ivancea, Orhei
 - The House of the Lazo family, Piatra village, Orhei
 - Museum Complex – "Old Orhei", Orhei
 - The Museum of History and Ethnography, Orhei
 - House-Museum "A. Donici", Donici village, Orhei
 - Museum-Complex "Saharna-Tipova", Saharna Rezina village, Tipova Orhei county
 - The museum complex "Villa Park Mîndîc", Mîndîc village, Drochia
 - The "Church of the Assumption", Causeni

- House-museum of writer and poet "A. Mateevici", Zaim village, Causeni
 - Memorial Museum "Karol XII" Varnita village, Anenii Noi
 - House-museum "Constantin Stamati", Ocnita village, district Ocnita
 - "Ralli Mansion", Dolna village, Straseni district
 - The Museum of History and Ethnography, Balti
 - Pinacoteca "Antiochus Cantemir", Balti
 - The museum of Cahul
 - Museum of History and Ethnography, Ciadâr-Lunga
 - Museum of History and Ethnography, Tartaul village, Cantemir district
 - The House of my Childhood, "Palanca village", Calarasi
 - Museum of History and Ethnography, Criuleni
 - Regional Museum of History and the Study of Land, Comrat
 - The Museum of History and Ethnography, Hincesti
 - Museum of local village crafts, Văsleni, Ialoveni
 - Museum of History and Ethnography, Leova
 - History and Ethnography Museum, the village Iurceni, Nisporeni
 - History and Ethnography Museum, the city Riscani
 - History and Ethnography Museum, Soroca etc.
- b. Public Sites (per sector)
- Rezervația cultural-naturală "Orheiul Vechi"
- c. Public Theatres, Opera Houses & Concert Halls
- Theatres and Opera:*
- Teatrul Național de Operă și Balet, mun.Chișinău <http://www.nationalopera.md/>
 - Teatrul Național "Mihai Eminescu", mun.Chișinău <http://www.eminescu.md/>
 - Teatrul Republican "Luceafărul", mun.Chișinău <http://www.luceafarul.md/>
 - Teatrul "Eugene Ionesco", mun.Chișinău <http://tei.md/acasa>
 - Teatrul Dramatic Rus de Stat "A.P.Cehov", mun.Chișinău <http://chehov.md/>
 - Teatrul Republican de Păpuși "Licurici", mun.Chișinău <http://licurici.md/home/>
 - Teatrul "Alexei Mateevici", mun.Chișinău
 - Teatrul Epic de Etnografie și Folclor "Ion Creangă", Chișinău <http://www.ioncreanga.md/>
 - Teatrul Național de Stat "Vasile Alecsandri", mun.Bălți <http://teatrulnationalbalti.md/ro/>
 - Teatrul Republican Muzical-Dramatic "B.-P.Hasdeu", or.Cahul
 - Centrul de Cultură și Artă "Ginta Latină", mun.Chișinău <http://gintalatina.md/>
 - Teatrul-Studio «С улицы Рюз», mun.Chișinău <http://wp.teatr.md/>
- Concert Halls:*
- Filarmonica Națională "Serghei Lunchevici" <http://filarmonica.md/>
 - Sala cu Orgă <http://organhall.md/>
 - Organizația Concertistică și de Impresariat "Moldova-Concert" <http://www.moldovaconcert.md/>
 - Ansamblul Național Academic de Dansuri Populare "JOC" <http://www.joc.ournet.md/>
- d. Public Cinemas
- Întreprinderea de Stat "Gaudeamus-cinema" <http://www.cinemagaudeamus.md/>
 - ODEON Cinema
- e. Public Film & Music distributors
- S.A. "Moldova-film" <http://moldovafilm.md/>
 - S.A. "Moldcinema"
- f. Public Broadcasters
- Întreprinderea de Stat "Registrul cinematografic"

- g. Public Culture Houses
 - The local cultural institutions network includes 1227 Houses of Culture
- h. Public Book Publishers
 - Editura de Stat "Cartea Moldovei"
 - Editura Didactică de Stat "Lumina" <http://www.editorialumina.md/>

Printing institutions:

 - Întreprinderea de Stat "Combinatul Poligrafic"
 - Firma Editorial-Poligrafică "Tipografia Centrală"
- i. Public Libraries (per sector)
 - In Moldova are 1380 public libraries
- j. Archives
 - The main institution responsible for Archives is the State Archives Service. According Law on Archives are 9 special deposits under diverse state institutions and ministries, 47 cities and regional archives and more than 60 other ministries, departmental archives.

3. Civil society participation

- a. GONGO's (government owned NGO)

According to the Ministry of Justice data in Moldova there are over 8 000 registered NGOs, of which only 6% are focused on culture and just 20 of them are active.
- b. Professional Unions, Guilds & Associations related to culture (per sector)
 - Uniunea Scriitorilor <http://www.uniuneascriitorilor.md/>
 - Uniunea Teatrală
 - Uniunea Muzicienilor <http://www.uniuneamuzicienilor.org/>
 - Uniunea Compozitorilor și Muzicologilor
 - Uniunea Cineaștilor
 - Uniunea Jurnaliștilor <http://uniuneajurnalistilor.md/?lang=en>
 - Uniunea Artiștilor Plastici <http://www.arta.md/>
 - Uniunea Arhitecților <http://www.uarm.md/ro/>
 - Uniunea Designerilor
- c. NGO's, associations with activities in culture (per sector)
 - ICOM Moldova, <http://network.icom.museum/icom-moldova/>
 - KSA:K -Centre for Contemporary Art http://www.art.md/2008/ro_md_atelier2_en.html
 - Centre of Art and Professional Development ARS DOR <http://arsdor.org/>
 - Association of Young Artists "Oberliht" <http://www.oberliht.com/oberliht/>
 - The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova (cultural heritage preservation) <http://www.antim.md/en/>
 - New Alternative,
 - Unlimited music,
 - OWH TV Studio, <http://owh.md>
 - The Society of Ethnology of the Republic of Moldova
 - The Association „Casa Părintească”, www.casaparintescasca.com
 - Uniunea Meșterilor Populari <http://www.handicrafts.md/>
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- d. Private culture, or culture interest related private associations (i.e. film clubs)
 - Cinemas Network "Patria"
 - Tipografia 5
 - Albion
 - Teatrul Spălătorie
 - Art Labirinth

e. Outstanding personalities active in culture, active artists (per sector)

Politicians

- Gheorghe Postică, vice-ministry of Culture
- Kiril Lucinschi, Parliamentarian
- Ghenadie Ciobanu, President of Union , Parliamentarian

Theatre and Artists

- Sandu Grecu, director of the *Satyricus Theatre*
- Mihai Fusu, Stage director, TV talk-show moderator
- Constantin Cheianu, Scenarist
- Tudor Zbârnea, Director of the National Art Museum of Moldova

NGO leaders

- Sergiu Musteață, university professor, NGO leader
- Veceaslav Reabcinschi, Center of Cultural Policy
- Vladimir Us, Association of Young Artists "Oberliht"
- Valeria Suruceanu, ICOM Moldova

Other

- Varvara Buzilă, Ethnologist, vice-director of the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History
- Ion Stefăniță, Director of The Agency for Inspection and Restoration of Monuments from the Republic of Moldova
- Victoria Miron, program coordinator, Cultural Policies Program, Soros Foundation

f. Private foundations, donors, sponsors

- The Soros Foundation Moldova (SFM) <http://soros.md/>
- Moldcell Foundation
http://www.moldcell.md/rom/business/servicii_administrative/lista_documente/foundations
- Orange
- Edelweiss Foundation, etc. <http://www.edelweiss.md/>

4. Business related to culture

a. Private companies

- Di Vero showroom
- Casa Portului Popular « Casa Cristea”, SRL, <http://casacristea.md/>
- Rustic Art SRL, <http://rusticart.md/new/>
- Georgette, showroom
- O'Blanc, showroom
- Cosânzeana, showroom
- IMAGO <http://imago.md/>
- General Media Group SRL (Publika TV, Canal 3, 2Plus, Radio Publika TV etc);
- Jurnal Trust Media (TV, Radio, press etc);
- Enter Studio, <http://www.enterstudio.org/>
- Studio Recording, <http://www.studiorecording.webs.md/pages/2555/>
- Seve Records

b. NGO's with a business branch in culture (per sector)

- Genesa Art, ANTREC, AO Uniunea Meșterilor Populari etc.

c. Private Museums

In the Register of Museum are registered until December several private museums. Many other, about 150 are not registered. Officially are registered 7 museums, between them:

- Muzeul Satului Ion Budulai din s. Cucuruzeni, Orhei
- Muzeul Vatra Strămoșească din s. Vatici, Orhei
- Complexul muzeal în aer liber În memoria victimelor politice din s Mereni, Anenii Noi

- Muzeul fermierului din s. Cotova, r. Drochia
- Muzeul Casa Părintească din s. Palanca, Călărași

- d. Private Art Galleries
 - Alexander
 - Galeria L

- e. Private Theatres and Concert Halls
 - Teatrul Spălătorie
 - Foosbook, Mihai Fusu director
 - Tipografia 5
 - Geneza Art
 - Albion
 - Teatrul Mic
 - Studioul "Grigore Grogoriu"

- f. Private Cinemas
 - "Patria" Cinemas Network
 - Gaudeamus Cinema
 - Odeon Cinema

- g. Private Broadcasters
 - OWH TV Studio
 - Papyrus-studio

- h. Private Book Publishers
 - Editura Cartier
 - Editura Arc
 - Editura Stiinta
 - Editura Litera International
 - Editura Prut International,
 - Bons office etc.

- i. Private Libraries
 - Librarius
 - Cartier
 - Librăria Academică

- j. Description of the black market
The black market of distribution illegal film & CD/DVD and other art works, including cultural goods is high developed in Moldova.

IV Regional/national/local policy initiatives focusing on inter-/intra-regional aspects

1. Major cultural events at regional/national/local level (per sector)
 - International Festival of Young Poetry "Poetry without frontiers",
 - International Festival of Music "Martisor",
 - "Invites Maria Bieșu under Moldovan Opera and Ballet Theatre",
 - International Documentary Film Festival "CRONOGRAF",
 - Biennial International Festival BITEI under "Eugene Ionesco" Theatre,
 - Romance and folk Music Festival, etc.
 - Folk Music Festival *Gustar* since 2010

- The International Festival "Queen Violin"
- annual International Jazz Festival "Ethno Jazz"
- International Artistic Symposium "SummArt Painters' Campus 2008"
- Class Fest, Student Theatre Festival, Academy of Theatre, Music and Fine Arts
- lie Festival (2012, 2013, 2014 editions)
- lia Mania Ka Lumea and Nata Albot event
- "Mai Dulce", Ka Lumea and Nata Albot and Viorica Nagacevschi event
- "Aprindeți Luminile", Christmas Eve Traditions at Casa Radio, 24 december, Union of Musicians
- Annual Festival of interprets of traditional music in name of Tamara Ciobanu, Union of Musicians
- International Music Festival "Două Inimi gemene", at XIIIth edition in 2014 etc.

2. International cooperation

- a. Participation in international networks, programmes, projects, with EU, EU-members, international organizations, like UNESCO, UN, USAID
Starting with 2006 a series of foreign film festivals were organized, supported by foreign embassies in Moldova, including the film festivals of Francophone countries, Great Britain, Japan, USA, Israel and Poland. In the same period, also with the support of foreign embassies, memorable concerts were organized, such as "Contemporary music from Japan", "Music generated by fine art", "The piano nights", "American music in Moldova", and the concert variant of Mozart's opera "The magic flute", among other cultural events. In 2009 – 2010, the organization of these events became a tradition. The cultural agenda of the month of September is overloaded with cultural events, both local and international such as: the "Autumn Vocalize", "Queen Violin", "Ethno Jazz" Festivals; the week of Federico Fellini films, the Romanian Film Festival, The week of Polish, French, German, American films, Interational bazaar of pottery in Hoginești vilage. These are just some of the events.
- b. Cross-border culture cooperation with neighbour countries or EaP countries, without any further international involvement (per sector)
Long-term Pilot-Project "Reinforcing Moldova's Development Capacities by Strengthening its Cultural Sector", acting as the partner of the European Cultural Foundation.
- c. International institutions, donors, sponsors present in the country
Since 2011 the Soros Foundation Moldova started a new International project TANDEM which is focused of capacity building of leaders from the cultural sector from Moldova and for developing the partnership relations in the cultural field between EU and Republic of Moldova.

Attachment 1 The structure of Ministry of Culture

