



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

DECISION no. 725
dated 8 September 2017
Chisinau

On the mechanism for coordinating the state policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development

Pursuant to the Program of Activity of the Government 2016 – 2018, approved by the Decision of the Parliament no. 1 dated 20 January 2016 (Monitorul Oficial of the Republic of Moldova, 2016, no.20-24, art.49), Clause 2 of Chapter XVI of the Action Plan of the Government for 2016-2018 approved by the Decision of the Government no. 890 dated 20 July 2016 (Monitorul Oficial of the Republic of Moldova, 2016, no.217-229, art.966), with subsequent changes and the National Strategy ‘Diaspora-2025’ approved by the Decision of the Government no. 200 dated 26 February 2016 (Monitorul Oficial of the Republic of Moldova, 2016, no. 49-54, art. no. 230), the Government of the Republic of Moldova DECIDES:

1. To approve the Mechanism for the coordination and implementation of the state policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development (DMD) by the central and local public authorities (according to the *Annex*).
2. To set up the Inter-ministerial Committee in the field of diaspora, migration and development.
3. Ministries and other central public administrative authorities, within one month, will designate persons responsible for promoting and implementing the state policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development.
4. The local public authorities are advised to implement the integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development at the local level.
5. Ministries, central and local public administration authorities shall apply the integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development in the activity programs assessing the migratory impact.

6. The State Chancellery (Diaspora Relations Office) shall:
- 1) coordinate the implementation of the field-related policies;
 - 2) monitor and assess the process of implementing the field-related policies at the central and local level;
 - 3) organize capacity building sessions for responsible persons;
 - 4) provide methodological support in the analysis of the migratory impact;
7. Control over the execution of this decision is the responsibility of the Secretary General of the Government;
8. To repeal the Order of the Government 58-d dated 07 June 2013 (Monitorul Oficial of the Republic of Moldova, 2013, no.125-129, art. 451).

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**Mechanism
for the coordination and implementation of the state policy in the field of
diaspora, migration and development (DMD) by the central and local public
authorities**

INTRODUCTION

The Mechanism for the coordination and implementation of the state policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development (hereinafter referred to as the *Mechanism*), contains a description of the main organizational and methodological aspects, according to which the integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development will be implemented. The Mechanism also contains the duties of persons responsible for DMD at the decision-making and technical level.

The purpose of the Mechanism is to ensure the effective implementation of the field-related policy and to contribute to maximizing positive effects and minimizing the negative effects of migration.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notions

For the purpose of this Mechanism, the following specialized terminology shall be used:

Integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development (DMD), is a mechanism for the communication and coordination of all parties involved (central and local public authorities, civil society, academic and private environment, international organizations, etc.) to achieve the strategic objectives of the state policy in the field of diaspora relations.

Inter-ministerial Committee responsible for diaspora, migration and development is an advisory body that carries out its activity in accordance with the legal provisions and international treaties the Republic of Moldova is a party to.

Fundamental principles:

1) assure the rule of law and fundamental human rights set forth in the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and international treaties;

- 2) protect the rights and interests of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova settled abroad;
- 3) mobilize the citizens of the Republic of Moldova settled abroad to fulfill the individual human potential and that of the communities in exercising civic responsibilities in the interest of the Republic of Moldova;
- 4) extend opportunities for diaspora's contribution to the country's development process;
- 5) efficiently coordinate activities of the central or local public authorities, vertically and horizontally, with the active involvement of the civil society, academic and private environment and the relevant international structures in implementing the policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development.

Objectives:

- 1) The Mechanism for integrating DMD into national development strategies and plans implemented
- 2) The integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development at the local level applied
- 3) Capacities of the persons responsible for diaspora, migration and development within the central and local public authorities built.

II. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

For the purpose of efficient inter-institutional collaboration, the Inter-ministerial Committee in the field of diaspora, migration and development (hereinafter referred to as the *Committee*) is established.

The Inter-ministerial Committee in the field of diaspora, migration and development

1. Tasks of the Committee:

- 1) coordinates the development and implementation of the state policies influencing diaspora, migration and development
- 2) formulates the medium and long term strategic vision
- 3) develops proposals and recommendations to be included in development strategies/plans;
- 4) validates development strategies and plans influencing the area of diaspora, migration and development
- 5) ensures the implementation of actions of the national development programs of the Government;

- 6) formulates proposals for draft legislative and normative acts;
- 7) assures the field-related inter-ministerial communication.

2. Rights of the Committee:

- 1) to require from the competent central or local public administration authorities the information necessary for its activity
- 2) to submit to the Government proposals and recommendations in matters related to the coordination and promotion of the field-related state policy, based on the decisions it adopts
- 3) to be informed, in accordance with the effective legislation, of the process of development and the contents of draft acts related to the state position in the field
- 4) to require from the central and local public administration authorities the approval of the draft documents related to the activity in the field of diaspora, migration and development.

3. Organization of the Committee

- 1) The Committee shall be composed of one representative, with an executive position, from each of the ministries and central administrative authorities (with the appointment of a substitute member).
- 2) The President of the Inter-ministerial Committee is the Secretary General of the Government;
- 3) The Committee convenes on a half-yearly basis and whenever necessary, being convened by the General Secretary of the Government or, by proxy, by the head of the Bureau for the Relations with the Diaspora.
- 4) Representatives of the Parliament, the Presidency, central public administrative authorities, local public administrative authorities or their associative structures, international partners, representatives of the diaspora, civil society, academic and private environment may participate as guests at the meetings of the Committee.
- 5) The meetings of the Committee take place in the presence of the majority of members.
- 6) The Committee adopts decisions by a majority vote of members.
- 7) Conclusions and decisions of the Committee are recorded in the minutes that will be signed by the person holding the chair of the Committee.
- 8) The Committee submits to the Government, periodically, or at least once a year, reports on the stage of the implementation of specific action programs.
- 9) The Committee sets up Inter-ministerial working groups at the technical level to manage the process of coordination, implementation, assessment and monitoring of development programs.
- 10) Organization of the meetings and record management of works of the Committee is provided by the State Chancellery (Bureau for the relations with the diaspora).

4. Composition and functions of the Committee at the central level.

Ministries and the central administrative authorities shall:

- 1) designate the Secretary of State/deputy general director responsible for promoting and implementing the state policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 2) designate a person responsible for exercising the duties of coordinating, applying and implementing topics related to diaspora, migration and development at the technical level (contact point in the field of diaspora, migration and development);
- 3) draft, in coordination with the State Chancellery (Bureau for the relations with the diaspora), amendments to own regulations for the purpose of including functions and attributions in the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 4) introduce into the job description the integrated approach towards the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 5) exercise the duties in the field of cooperation with the diaspora in coordination with the State Chancellery;
- 6) provide the analysis of the migratory impact in the policies developed.

5. Organization of Working groups at the technical level

- 1) Working groups shall provide operational support to the Committee in order to carry out its attributions.
- 2) Working groups at the technical level are composed of representatives of ministries and other central and local administrative authorities.
- 3) Ministries and central and local administrative authorities shall designate persons responsible for exercising the duties of managing the process of the coordination, implementation, evaluation and monitoring of development programs (contact point in the institution).
- 4) Working groups are convened periodically or whenever necessary, in line with the calendar of activities established in the Committee.
- 5) The activity of the Working groups is coordinated by the Head of the Bureau for the relations with the diaspora.

The responsible persons designated into the Working groups at the technical level shall:

- 1) actively promote the state policies in the field of diaspora, migration and development and related areas at the level of authority;

- 2) provide the analysis of the migratory impact in the policies developed by the authority represented;
- 3) participate in the consultation process with the diaspora on sectoral policies, new projects and services created for the diaspora;
- 4) exercise the duties in the field of cooperation with the diaspora in coordination with the Bureau for the relations with the diaspora;
- 5) draft proposals regarding the amendment of the organization and operation regulations of the entity and the job descriptions of the employees to include functions and duties in the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 6) coordinate the process of communication and reporting of the sectoral activities of the entity it represents;
- 7) participate in the capacity building sessions.

Subgroups can be organized at the level of Working groups, depending on the actions required for implementing government programs and policies.

6. Applying the integrated approach in the field of diaspora, migration and development and composition of the Committee at the local level.

According to the model implemented at the central level, the local public authorities are advised to designate persons responsible for diaspora, migration and development at two levels:

- 1) at the level of policy coordination and promotion;
- 2) at the level of policy implementation.

The local public authorities are advised to:

- 1) Designate a District Vice-President/Vice Mayor in the social field, responsible for coordinating and promoting the local policy in the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 2) Designate a person responsible for exercising the duties of implementing topics related to diaspora, migration and development at the technical level;
- 3) Initiate, in collaboration with the State Chancellery, adjustments to their own regulations and job descriptions to include functions and responsibilities in the field of diaspora, migration and development;
- 4) Exercise the duties in the field of cooperation with the diaspora and associations of natives at the local/community level.

The designated persons shall:

- 1) Provide information to citizens who left the community and persons affected by the phenomenon of migration;
- 2) Advise the returned citizens and persons interested in investments, charity, locality/community development actions, as well as refer them to the existing institutions;
- 3) Complete the database of citizens who left the community;
- 4) Organize joint events with the diaspora;
- 5) Maintain and develop communication with the diaspora;
- 6) Mainstream migration into local development strategies and plans;

7. Monitoring, assessment and reporting of the activity

The State Chancellery (Bureau for the relations with the diaspora) shall:

- 1) approve the policy papers, monitor and provide operational assistance in the process of mainstreaming of the field of diaspora, migration and development into sectoral development policies;
- 2) monitor and assess the activity of the Committee;
- 3) summarize, annually or as appropriate, the information reported by the central and local administrative authorities concerning the conducted actions in a general report. The final report shall be published on web pages of the institutions;
- 4) submit to the Government, at least once a year, the activity reports on the progress in achieving the strategic objectives of the state policy in the field of diaspora relations and specific actions.