

LCRM – Legal Resources Centre from Moldova

LRCM presentation

The Legal Resources Centre from Moldova (LRCM) is a non-profit organization that contributes to strengthening democracy and the rule of law in the Republic of Moldova with emphasis on justice and human rights. Our work includes research and advocacy. We are independent and politically non-affiliated.

LRCM is a think tank with extensive expertise in:

- analyzing the activity and reforming the justice sector;
- reporting on human rights;
- representation before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR);
- ensuring the equality and non-discrimination;
- promoting reforms for an enabling environment for civil society organizations.

Our vision: We envision a prosperous, democratic state where people are free and accountable, live in safety, enjoy equal opportunities, are protected by law, trust the justice and are confident in their future.

Our mission: The LRCM promotes an independent, efficient, and accountable judiciary, respect of human rights, an enabling environment for civil society and democracy. For that end, we identify problems with systemic impact, bring them into the public agenda, propose solutions, react to abuses and mobilize partners for changes in good.

Our values: The LRCM believes in democracy, rule of law, human rights and values of an open society.



Our strategic goals

- independent, accountable, non-corrupt and efficient justice system;
- effective observance of human rights;
- a stronger civil society able to engage freely and efficiently in public policy and help citizens;
- efficient, strong and sustainable LRCM.



We act via

- policy research, analysis and promotion;
- monitoring of the justice sector;
- response to dangerous decisions with systemic impact;
- information and raising awareness of the society and development partners;
- training and other empowering activities;
- strategic litigation.



What are we doing

- assisting the Moldovan authorities in the process of elaboration of the policy documents and legislation in justice and human rights fields;
- analyzing the ECtHR jurisprudence and the manner how its judgments have been executed by the Moldovan Government;
- monitoring and reporting about the activity of the Supreme Council of Magistracy (SCM) and courts;
- informing and training lawyers, journalists and law students in the fields of human rights and justice.



Our achievements

- LRCM was one of the most vocal NGOs when democracy in the Republic of Moldova was in danger. **We reacted publicly to the political crisis from June 2019** and requested the **resignation of the judges of the Constitutional Court**. Subsequently, **we disagreed** with the non-transparent appointment of the new judges of the Constitutional Court;
- In the last three years we organized democracy schools for 47 students, trained over 70 professionals (lawyers, judges, prosecutors) in the field of the European Convention on Human Rights, over 200 representatives of NGOs – on the 2% mechanism and over 600 university and college students – in the field of integrity and the rule of law;
- We monitored the observance of human rights in Moldova since 2010 and **summarized the violations from the European Court of Human Rights' decisions on Moldovan cases adopted in 1997-2019**;
- We requested that the authorities comply with the rules in force and gave **recommendations for**

improving the legislation (22 legal opinions in 2018 and 2019).

For more details on our achievements, please access the [LRCM's Activity Reports](#).



Our main successes

- Upon Ministry of Justice request, LRCM developed the studies on [optimization of the judicial map, specialisation of judges and optimisation of the structure of the prosecution service](#). Based on these studies, in 2016, the Parliament voted for the optimisation of the judicial map, reducing the number of district courts from 44 to 15. This is one of the most important reforms of the Moldovan court system since Moldovan independence in 1991;
- In 2015 LRCM published an [analysis of the compatibility of Moldovan legislation with European standards on equality and non-discrimination](#), focused on the legislative framework and national jurisprudence, including the activity and efficiency of the legal remedies offered by the Equality Council;
- Between 2013 and 2016, the Executive Director of the LRCM led the interdepartmental working group for the reform of the prosecution service. In 2016, the Parliament voted the new Law on prosecution service, prepared by the working group. It involves the most serious reform of the Moldovan prosecution service since Moldovan independence;
- In 2013 our effort of monitoring the SCM resulted in the report “[Transparency and efficiency of the Superior Council of Magistracy of the Republic of Moldova. 2010-2012](#)”, with recommendations for streamlining the transparency and efficiency of the SCM;
- In 2012 and 2015 LRCM published two reports about execution of judgments of the ECtHR by the Republic of Moldova. The report highlights the problems in execution of ECtHR judgments and makes recommendations for improvement of the situation. Based on findings from the first report, a new Law on Governmental Agent was adopted in 2015;
- LRCM recommendations led, in 2012, to improvement of the provisions of the Moldovan Criminal Code incriminating torture;
- LRCM recommendations on streamlining judicial procedures and respect for human rights led, in 2012, to amendments to Criminal and Civil Procedure Codes of Moldova.



LRCM Membership

- National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
- EU-Moldova Civil Society Platform
- Economic Council to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
- National Council of NGO's from Moldova
- Working Group no.3 for monitoring of National Integrity and Anticorruption Strategy “Justice, anti-corruption institutions, Court of Accounts and Ombudsman”
- Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections (CALC) and CALC's Council
- Platform for promotion and development of philanthropy

- Vuka Coalition (International Coalition of CSOs)
- Coalition for Inclusion and Non-Discrimination



Awardings

- UN Gala of Human Rights Awards
- Special award “ADVOCACY for CHANGE” at the EU Awards Gala for Civil Society