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The logo features a blue shield with a yellow sunburst at the top. Inside the shield is an open book with the Latin motto 'DEUS CRATIA PER FIDEM' on the left page and 'ET CONCORDIAM' on the right page. Above the shield is a banner with the text 'THE PRO MARSHALL CENTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA'.

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Foreword

Dear friends,

Republic of Moldova needs a Marshall Plan presuming a strategy of goals, definitions and activity directions for all components ensuring state security.

The Pro Marshall Center is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization. The Center was created as an initiative of establishing an organization which seeks to connect and strengthen the potential of experts/professionals in the field of national security.

The mission of the Center is to promote the ideas of United Europe; to strengthen state stability and security through dialogue and collaboration in order to assure peace and improve cooperation among national and international institutions; to contribute to the participation of Moldova in the European integration process as well as defining the national security maintenance methods and peaceful settlement of social and political conflicts within the country.

The Center also aims to establish further partnerships among Moldovan and foreign experts via different common activities and events, mutual collaboration in order to develop methods ensuring national security, which is one the main goals of the organization.

During seven years of activity the Pro Marshall Center has accomplished to organize a broad range of communicative and informative scientific events: conferences, workshops, symposia, seminars, round-tables and trainings.

The Center continuously keeps updated both national and international community on its activity, provides answers to different requests and gives course of the action to different recommendations that would strengthen our common role and place in the social, economical and political life of the country.

We are addressing to all those interested to follow a clear direction showing a good organizational sense, discipline, propriety and spirit!

Yours faithfully,

Tatiana Busuncian,

Director of the Pro Marshall Center

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Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova was founded on 18th of June 2002, with support of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. The management of the Pro Marshall Center is the responsibility of its Center Council, which is subordinated to the general meeting of the Center's members. The Center is headed by its Director, Mrs. Tatiana Busuncian.

MISSION

The Pro Marshall Center is a voluntary, public, non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization. Center's mission includes:

- promotion of the united Europe Ideas and contribution to participation of the Republic of Moldova in the European integration processes;
- promotion of the democratic ideals and implementation of activities based on goodwill and rule of law;
- consolidation of stability and security through dialog and co-operation with democratic organizations in order to assure peace and improve cooperation between national and international institutions;
- improvement of the national security maintenance methods, prevention of conflict and other terrorist manifestations through means of international law and prevention methods of a possible terrorism extension in Moldova.

ACTIVITIES

The Center activities are:

- implementation of programs designed to promote the George C. Marshall Plan in Moldova;

- organization of communicative and informative scientific events: conferences, workshops, symposia, seminars, round tables and congresses;
- development of adequate facilities, required for an efficient educational process;
- organization of training centers, consulting offices, courses and workshops;
- establishment of partnerships for the exchange of experts and professionals from the national security domains;
- offering continuous education for students, by creating a Center for Modern Studies (High School – College – University);
- exchange of publications and informational materials at national and international level, with the help of a specialized library;
- cooperation with the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, as well as with other national and foreign institutions;
- organization of re-conversion centers for retired military and police representatives for involving them into the social life and apply rationally their knowledge and experience in practice;
- publication of newspapers, journals and researches;
- organization of summer schools and trainings for spreading knowledge on security issues.

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History

International Conference:

“Improving National and Regional Security Cooperation for Preventing the New Terrorist Threats”

Period: June 2-3, 2003

The conference was organized in cooperation and with the support of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, the USA Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the George C. Marshall Association of Moldova, the Euro-Atlantic Center of Moldova and the Institute for Public Policies

The event was organized in cooperation and with support of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, the USA Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the George C. Marshall Association of Moldova, the Euro-Atlantic Center of Moldova, the Institute for Public Policies and Institute William R. Nelson – Moldova.

The agenda of this reunion tackled issues of considerable importance for the elaboration of national security assurance methods, preventing conflicts and other terrorism manifestations by means of international law, preventing new dangers and establishing ways of preventing the possible expansion of terrorism in our country.

The Conference joined representatives of the Presidency of the Republic of Moldova, representatives of various Ministries, representatives of embassies accredited in the Republic of Moldova, experts and guests from the European Center for Security Studies George C. Marshall, experts from USA, experts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Romania, experts from the Center of Eastern Investigations from Poland, higher education institutions from the Republic of Moldova, representatives of NGO-s.

The participants discussed tendencies and changes within the security policies promoted in the region in the new nowadays context, analyzed the valencies of enlargement processes from the perspective of regional and international stability and examined the possibilities of cooperation and options of partnerships.



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A number of conclusions and recommendations have been approved at the end of this event, which eventually were presented to the attention of country's leadership:

- Presence of specialized high-qualified forces for counteracting terrorism, which would be able to intervene effectively and efficiently at the right time;
- Information management system upgrading;
- Information exchange at the international level between the specialized agencies and establishment of some complementary objectives for combating terrorism;
- Consolidation of relationships bilaterally and multilaterally with the neighboring states, members of the European Union, Community of Independent States;
- Consolidation of the common dialogue role of democratic states in the field of security, as well as development of capacity action for preventing conflicts, management of crises and post-conflict reconstruction;
- Promotion of an bilateral active policy or within an international framework for insuring security and stability in South-Eastern Europe, as well as in the Danube and Black Sea region.



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History

International Symposium

"Criminalistics at the Beginning of the Third Millennium: Conclusions, Trends and Achievements"

Period: September 24-25, 2004

The symposium was organized in cooperation with Free International University of Moldova, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Moldova, the Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption, the Academy "Stefan cel Mare" of Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, the National Institute of the Information and Security Service, the Moldova State University, and the Academi of Law of the Republic of Moldova

The event took place with the effort and help of various institutions in the field.

Within the symposium have been debated and analyzed in detail the tendencies and the prospects of the criminalistic science in the Republic of Moldova, considering current situation.

Multiple issues concerning prevention and combating of organized crime, corruption and terrorism have been addressed. Fighting criminality from the point of view of the methods, tactical proceedings and technical-scientific means, and staff training modalities pose a great interest for the law bodies.

The participants concluded that criminality, being a mass phenomenon, is not a static in its essence, but it is a continuously developing issue and uses the most highly developed technical means, methods and ways of committing crimes and covering the illegal activities.



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History

The exhibition "Sibiu - eternal landscape of reality"
Vernissage painting exhibition of artist Vasile Movileanu

Period: September 15, 2005

The exhibition was organized by the Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova in cooperation with the „Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy (Sibiu, Romania) and Military Circle Sibiu

The exhibition hosted 40 pieces of art in oil and water color executed by the master Vasile Movileanu. The exhibition took place in Sibiu, Romania, a city which reasonably is considered the cultural capital of Europe. Considering the linguistic identity, the culture and the traditions, most of the pictures reflected the nature and landscapes of this magnificent city. Today's' artists are the ones to preserve the ever since flame of art burning, being disciples and dignified followers of great masters of the world. They also, on their turn, will endow the posterity an indisputably spiritual richness.

Vasile Movileanu was born on the 19th of March, 1955, in the village of Sacareni, Hancesti county, Moldova. He graduated the School of Art „I. Repin" from Chisinau (1978) and the Polygraphic Institute from Moscow, Russian Federation, the faculty of Graphics (1987). He is also member of the Plastic Artists Union from Moldova (1990) and member of the International Association of Artists within UNESCO (1998).



Sibiu – landscape of eternal reality

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The exhibition "Sibiu - landscape of eternal reality"
Vernissage painting exhibition of artist Vasile Movileanu



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History

The International Conference “Neighboring NATO and the EU: Policy Implications for Moldova’s Security and European Aspirations”

Period: November 14-15, 2005

The conference was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Moldova, the Embassy of Romania in Chisinau as NATO Contact Point in the Republic of Moldova, the NATO Public Diplomacy Division and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Moldova)

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The event offered an efficient informational framework on security policies in the context of NATO and EU, as well as current opinions and experiences regarding the process of insuring stability within the region.

The Conference joined governmental bodies, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, experts from Moldova, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Netherlands, Romania, Ukraine, and USA.

The participants discussed current tendencies and changes within the security policies promoted in the region, analyzed the valencies of enlargement processes from the perspective of regional and international stability and examined the possibilities of cooperation and options of partnerships.

The cooperation with the European Union and NATO represents for the Republic of Moldova the optimal way of joining the international efforts of creating a common security mechanism within the Euro-Atlantic space, of adjusting the legislative framework to the European standards, and elaborating strategies for promotion the national interests within the negotiations for integration into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.



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The International Conference “Neighboring NATO and the EU: Policy Implications for Moldova’s Security and European Aspirations”

The event gave the opportunity to discover true tendencies and transformations in regional security policies that are promoted and the improvement by the Republic of Moldova of three European Union pillars: economy and social policies; foreign policy and common security; justice and internal affairs; in the new context of the European Neighboring Policy, where are set to be established ambitious goals based on the commitment to common values and the effective implementation of the political, economical and institutional reforms.

The contribution of the project enforced the cohesion and the common understanding of the instability risks that could affect our security and the commencement of the new dimensions for the stability in the regional and European space.

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History

**The Specialized Exhibition
„Technical Possibilities of Counteracting Terrorism, Organized Crime and
Illegal Trafficking of Human Beings”**

Period: December 14, 2005

The exhibition was organized in cooperation with the “Infrared Security Solutions” Company (U.K.)

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The event had the main goal to present opportunities for upgrading the work of Special Destination Units existent in Moldova as well as possibilities of adhering to the European standards at a high professional level.

At the event were presented competitive techniques used in combating terrorism, organized crime, human-trafficking: tracing and supervising systems, including long-distance and night conditions systems, modern equipment for the operative units with special tasks, technologies for betaking, passing and efficient reception of information.

The event was attended by different officials, representatives of the Intelligence and Law Enforcement bodies, and representatives of the diplomatic missions.



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History

**The Quarterly Meeting of the Combating Terrorism Working Group
Period: June 26-27, 2006**

The event was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, the George C. Marshall European Center, Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes (Germany)

The Quarterly Meeting of the Combating Terrorism Working Group was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, the George C. Marshall European Center, Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes.

The event offered an efficient informational framework regarding regional and international projects on identification and countering the terrorist routes of traffic in various region with the aim of making international security more efficient.

The participants discussed current tendencies of security policies promoted within the regions in the new changing context, analyzed the valences of combating terrorist traffic routs processes with the aim of regional and international stabilization, examined the cooperation possibilities and partnership options.



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History

The Quarterly Meeting of the Combating Terrorism Working Group

The meeting joined governmental bodies, representatives of different ministries, agencies and organizations responsible of combating terrorism, trans-border traffic, drugs, weapons, and international experts from Moldova, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Romania, and USA.



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History

The Workshop „Border Security and Control”

Period: June 28-29, 2006

The event was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany)

The conference objectives were as follows: discussion of challenges and specific security threats posed by cross-border trafficking, strategies for combating challenges and threats, whether strategies can be based on existing laws, institutions and programs, develop recommendations to be used by policy makers to assist in efforts to prevent and combat cross-border trafficking.

The event joined governmental bodies, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, representatives of ministries, agencies and organizations responsible for combating cross-border trafficking in Ukraine and Moldova.

The workshop consisted of plenary presentations of experts in the field, and concluded each time with rounds of panel discussions.

The Conference was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany).



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The Workshop served as a forum to join anti-trafficking experts and professionals from Ukraine and Moldova to discuss the development of strategies for combating cross-border trafficking.



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History

Country study

“From Failing State to Functioning State:

Ways to Democratic Transformation in War Torn Regions”

Period: 28 December, 2006 – 31 July, 2007

The event was organized by the Research Department
of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany)

This research project focused on identifying decisive factors necessary for ‘mending’ states by undertaking a contrastive analysis of different countries/regions (Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova and Afghanistan). In the process, special emphasis was given to different aspects that could contribute to the democratic transformation of former socialist states. Local and regional particularities were taken into account, as well as the degree and nature of assistance provided by the international community.

Failed states and violent regional conflicts are the central aspect of the new millennium. At least 2 billion people currently live in countries threatened by state failure.

Many of these countries, which have temporarily or permanently lost their ability to exercise governance, are caught in a downward spiral of social and ethnic conflict. The opposite approach is also possible, in that inadequately addressed conflicts or lost wars trigger a vicious circle of political rivalries, regional separatist movements and creeping delegitimization of central power by corrupt officials. The state’s monopoly on violence is frequently threatened by a fragmentation of the military, the notorious phenomenon of ‘warlords’, and the privatization of the use of force. As the influence of state authority wanes, black market activities increase, thus creating a situation in which the nexus between nepotism and organized crime accelerates societal disintegration.



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History

The Training “European and NATO Neighboring Policies – New Dimensions for Regional Cooperation”

Period: 28 November – 30 November, 2007

The event was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, Bulgarian Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, Information and Documentation Centre on NATO from Republic of Moldova and Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Moldova)



responsible for implementation of the objective stipulated in the Action Plan Republic of Moldova – European Union and Individual Partnership Action Plan Republic of Moldova – NATO.

The Training objectives were as follows: to increase the public awareness and skills of representatives of security sector bodies on issues related to European and NATO Neighboring Policies by assessing Moldova’s strategic goals in the implementation of the policies and reforms in the field of security, justice, foreign policy and domestic affairs.

The event joined governmental bodies, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, representatives of ministries, agencies and organizations



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The Training “European and NATO Neighboring Policies – New Dimensions for Regional Cooperation”

This project allowed to understand the perspectives as concerns integration of Moldova in EU, which became the primary objective of its external policy and the establishment with EU more intense political, security, economic and cultural relations, to progress the transfrontalier cooperation and to share the responsibility taken for the conflict prevention and solving.

The European Neighboring Policy consists in the creation of partner-states circle at the EU frontier, non-member countries in the European construction, but which would commit to favor creation of a peaceful, durable and prosper region. This policy once-established, certainly would favor by circumstances the implicated parts, moreover the Republic of Moldova firmly will follow the objective of European integration and is disposed to be implicated as much as possible in the eventual programs and processes that are encouraging the above mentioned goal.



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History

Student Conference

"The Impact of Conflicts on the International Security System"

Period: December 7, 2007

The event was organized in cooperation with the Moldova State University (International Relations, Political and Administrative Science Faculty) and Information and Documentation Centre on NATO from Republic of Moldova

The event improved the informing of students regarding nowadays problem of conflicts.

The up-to-date topic determined the growing need of collaboration at the international level among different international relations subjects, in order to ensure common objectives and methods of conflict resolution.

The knowledge of conflict resolution methods and techniques is a need for future experts in the field of international relations.



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History

**Monitoring of Custom Service and Police Bodies Performance -
Strengthening the Monitoring Capacity of the Civil Society Program from
Republic of Moldova**

Period: Decemebr 2007 – February 2009

The project was supported by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Academy for Educational Development (AED)

Starting with December 2007, the Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova was responsible for monitoring the Customs System and Police Bodies set forth in Annex 1 of Governmental Decision No.32 which serves the Moldovan Threshold Country Program (TCP) Action Plan, supported by the Millennium Challenge Corporation. The monitoring process implies activities regarding the collection and analysis of the official information and uses a unique monitoring methodology adjusted for Republic of Moldova by national and international group of experts, on the base of already elaborated model and used by the Republic of Bulgaria.

The goal of the monitoring activities is the objective evaluation of the transparency level and capacity of the public institutions to prevent and curb corruption, as well as to propose solutions and legal and institutional recommendations in order to improve governance.



With the help of monitoring, Pro Marshall Center had the main goal to assess the application quality of the TCP. First of all, all monitoring activities objectively evaluated all implemented activities by the Custom System and System of Internal Affairs. Secondly, the qualitative analysis of all completed activities was based mainly on the performance indicators.

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The project was implemented via existent cooperation with the institutions in the field, especially with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Custom Service, CCECC, Anticorruption Alliance, Police Academy “Stefan cel Mare”, Anticorruption Prosecutor’s Office, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program and Government of the Republic of Moldova.

The monitoring progress, based on effective cooperation, managed to improve trust among public institutions and civil society, offering perspectives concerning promotion of transparent, efficient and independent governance, that would support exchange of information for prevention and combating of corruption. The participation of the Pro Marshall Center in the project contributed majorly to the consolidation of Anticorruption Alliance capacities which ultimately transformed into a much more stronger and solid initiative of the civil society in Moldova. In order to improve the public informing it is necessary to pay attention to the quality and authenticity of the presented information. Collaboration with the mass-media required considerable efforts and professionalism in order to build a long-term partnership. The ONGs need to learn the regulations for conforming to the policies and laws in order to build on productive cooperation. As a result, all these measures can be managed into worthwhile practices and examples.

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Strengthening the Monitoring Capacity of the Civil Society Program
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History

The Workshop

„From Fragile State to Functioning State: Pathways to Democratic Transformation in a Comparative Perspective: Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova and Afghanistan”

Period: May 6, 2008 – May 9, 2008

The event was organized by the Research Department of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany)

The goal of the workshop consisted in giving the country study researchers (Georgia, Moldova, Kosovo and Afghanistan) the opportunity to discuss and analyze the country reports on concept of democratic transformation – facts and figures, challenges of state reform and state building.

Within the research workshop the following topics were covered:

- Concerning the Georgia and EU Programs;
- The role of external incentives;
- The impact of separatist conflicts on state failing;
- The difficult path to democracy and good governance: the case of Moldova;
- The problem of corruption and anti-corruption strategies in transitional countries;
- Kosovo: a statehood in the making: issues and challenges;
- The challenge of state building in Afghanistan etc.

In the closing part, the participants of the event discussed the problems and difficulties in the democratic transformation, as well as recommendations for further work within the framework of Lessons learned model.



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History

Round Table

„Progress and Perspectives of the Custom Service and Police Bodies Monitoring”

Period: November 19, 2008

The Round Table was organized within the framework of the Project Strengthening the Monitoring Capacity of the Civil Society Program from Republic of Moldova with the financial support of Academy for Educational Development (AED)

The meeting was attended by the governmental bodies, representatives of Ministry of Internal Affairs, Customs Service, US Embassy, NGOs – the members of the Anti-Corruption Alliance that are responsible for monitoring of the Threshold Country Program for Republic of Moldova.

The participants examined activities of the Threshold Country Plan (TCP) of Moldova within the framework of US Program Millennium Challenge with regard to the prevention and control of corruption in Custom System and System of Internal Affairs. In addition the results of the monitoring process were discussed which focus on implementation of activities for official data, collection and analysis, as well as examining cooperation possibilities and partnership options.

The event tackled also the dynamics of the monitoring process for 4th component of the TCP for Republic of Moldova within the framework of US Program Millennium Challenges concerning prevention and control of corruption in Custom System and System of Internal Affairs beginning from first to third Quarter.



History

Round Table „Progress and Perspectives of the Custom Service and Police Bodies Monitoring”

A important element in the monitoring process was:

- Institutions opened for collaboration
- Collecting information in the field
- The TCP teams' interest from both monitored institutions.

Within the framework of the System of Internal Affairs, at the time of reporting, exists a statistical data regarding implementation level of all 39 activities:

- 12 activities are completed out of which 11 in due time and 1 delayed;
- 4 activities ongoing;
- 15 activities are in continuous implementation (registered dynamics);
- 5 activities are partially completed;
- 3 activities are not completed.

Within the framework of the Custom System, at the time of reporting, exists a statistical data regarding implementation level of all 27 activities:

- 12 activities are completed in due time;
- 6 activities ongoing (with expired implementation term);
- 8 activities in continuous implementation (registered dynamic);
- 1 activity is partially completed. Implementation deadline has been extended.



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History

Round Table

“Progress and perspectives of the Threshold Country Program for Moldova”

Period: February 10, 2009

The Round Table was organized in cooperation with the Anticorruption Alliance and Academy for Educational Development

The main goal of the event consisted in the presentation of the fourth quarterly progress report of the Government regarding the progress and perspectives of the Threshold Country Program for Moldova.

At the event was discussed efficiency and perspectives of the measures undertaken by the Government in five major public domains: judiciary, health care, tax, customs and police agencies and Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption.

The round table speakers were: Mr. Valeriu Zubco, EX LEGE Agency for Supporting Judicial Education and Law Agencies – Judiciary System; Mrs. Maria Badan, Resource Center of Moldovan Organizations for Human Rights, CreDO - Health Service System; Mrs. Tatiana Busuncian, Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova – Custom Service and Police Bodies; Mrs. Lilia Carașciuc, Transparency International Moldova – Tax System; Mrs. Galina Bostan, Centre for the Analysis and Prevention of Corruption (CAPC) - Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption.



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History

Scientific Symposium

“Diplomatic and consular services of the Republic of Moldova – the historical and modern perspective”

Period: February 25, 2009

The event was organized in cooperation with Moldova State University, (International Relations, Political and Administrative Science Department)

On the 25th of February 2009 took place the Scientific Symposium “Diplomatic and consular services of the Republic of Moldova – the historical and modern perspective”.

The event was dedicated to the anniversary of 650 years since the establishment of the Moldovan State. The main objectives of the event consisted in informing the public opinion and develop abilities of the academia representatives in the implementation of policies and reforms in the field of diplomatic and consular services of the Republic of Moldova.

The scientific symposium joined Government representatives, ambassadors and diplomatic mission representatives in Chisinau, as well as members of the Academy of Science of Moldova (ASM) and institutions of higher education.



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“Diplomatic and consular services of the Republic of Moldova – the historical and modern perspective”

The worldwide state relations are extremely diverse, therefore it is important to understand the role of diplomatic service in the nowadays interdependent global society. Strong diplomacy is one of the best instruments for strengthening long-term future of any state.

This event represented an important contribution in consolidating the national and international security – that requires the development of solid diplomatic relations; generate discussions on the topic; increase attention on issues and trends in the current diplomatic activity in academic and political sphere, and also among state officials and representatives of the media for taking the best international practices in the field.



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History

Training on Cyber Terrorism; a 21st Century Challenge to State Security

Period: October, 12-16 2009

Organized by the Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova in cooperation with the NATO Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (NATO COE DAT), the NATO International Staff/ Defence Policy and Planning Division (NATO IS) and with the support of the NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme

The training provided an opportunity to sustain initiatives in examination of basic belief about cybercrime, which certainly must be analyzed within government, academia, defense sector and industry. The project represents a first step in providing a new understanding of cyber-security, where the training proceedings will serve educational purposes. The project also highlights the importance and strengthens the educational background of key institution representatives in the field of state security. The participants trained on effective decision making and strategies' elaboration, encourage the cross-disciplinary sharing of information that could help national security leaders' create complementary defensive solutions, build on shared expertise and innovation.

The contribution of the training enforced the cohesion and the common understanding of the instability risks that could affect state cyber-security and the beginning of a new stability dimensions for the regional and European space.

Cybercrime is a problem that will continue to escalate as technology changes. The very strength of cyber crime is the very weakness of our efforts to control it: being able to cross international lines. A click of a button can digitally transport thieves and terrorists 5 000 miles and across 20 borders. Attempting to monitor and prosecute these types of criminals is possible but requires cooperation across those borders, cooperation that the criminal need not acquire. A system needs to be developed that will allow nation victims of cyber crime to swiftly prosecute these criminals without stepping on the toes of another nation's sovereignty.

The Training united governmental bodies, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, representatives of ministries, agencies and organizations responsible for the national security.



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History

Enhancing Cooperation of Moldovan Public Authorities with the Media and Civil Society on Combating Terrorism

Period: December 8, 2009

Organized in cooperation with Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Moldova, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF).

This International Workshop provided an opportunity to discuss relations between relevant Moldovan public authorities, the media and the civil society in combating terrorism. It aimed to identify ways to strengthen cooperation and generate advice on practical steps for more effectiveness. More broadly, the workshop offered an occasion to share good practices and guidelines for better cooperation of state institutions with the media and civil society on security and defence matters. Facilitating a common understanding by Moldovan state institutions, representatives of the media, and civil society on the development and implementation of national anti-terrorist policies also feature among the key objectives of those event.

The purpose of this international workshop was to discuss relations between relevant Moldovan public authorities, the media and the civil society in combating terrorism in order to identify ways to strengthen their cooperation.

The workshop gathered representatives of state institutions involved in combating terrorism, as well as members of the media, and civil society involved in foreign and security affairs. Representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, as well as experts from NATO and selected PfP countries, the OSCE, and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly have also been invited to participate.



History

Security Architecture in the EU Eastern Neighborhood: Challenges and Realities

Period: May - December, 2010

Organized by the Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova in collaboration with the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program (EE:PBBP) of the Soros Foundation-Moldova, being co-financed by the Embassy of Lithuania in Chisinau, as NATO Contact Point

This project envisaged several meetings with the Moldovan decision- and policy-makers and relevant think tanks/NGO representatives on June 21. These meetings were followed by two-day Roundtable discussions, at which experts from Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania and Ukraine were invited.

This initiative served as an exchange of acquired experiences and represented a vital part of the common European efforts for improving the regional cooperation that aims at ensuring the security environment in the region, paying special attention to challenges and threats to security and facilitating discussions on the foreign policy strategies that require involvement of all social actors from the region.

The main objectives of this initiative were: To address key issues of security system and its architecture in the EU Eastern Neighborhood, its challenges and realities through holding a public discussion with national and international actors, involving decision-makers and civil society; To facilitate access to experience gained in the Central and Eastern Europe in reforming the security system; To bring together representatives of civil society, mass-media and public institutions to raise public awareness on issues concerning security of citizens and societal security of Moldova through a regional prospect; To establish collaboration with relevant international experts in the field of security studies and integration issues in order to identify a series of issues covering the main existing problems in the security of Moldova and the region.



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History

ROUND TABLE “NATO's new strategy”

Period: December 8, 2011

The Round Table was organized in cooperation with the Bulgarian Embassy in the Republic of Moldova and Information and Documentation Centre on NATO from Moldova

The purpose of this project was to facilitate the exchange of experience among the experts that discussed NATO's new strategy, the basis of a revitalized NATO, ready to face the XXI century challenges. The reform from NATO's command structure that will lead to a more lively and efficient organization. NATO remains an essential source of stability in an uncertain and unpredictable world. With the new Strategic Concept, NATO will be more effective, more engaged, more efficient, and more capable to face the challenges in security of XXI century.

This meeting had the aim of correct understanding of changes of the European and Transatlantic Aspirations of the Republic of Moldova that must become a real catalyst for the reform in the security sector, justice, foreign policy and home affairs, key elements in the democratization process of a state.

The event brought together governmental bodies, ambassadors, representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Chisinau, representatives of ministries, agencies and organizations responsible for national security.



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History

Public money laundering counteraction initiatives

Period: August 2014 – January 2015

The project was supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) through East Europe Foundation throu East Europe Foundation

The Project: „Public money laundering counteraction initiatives” aims to empower the capacities of the civil society in preventing and combating public money laundering and the transparency of their management by promoting positive practices in involving citizens, NGOs, cooperating with public authorities in preventing and combating money laundering, making efficient the use of public money.

This project is intended to adapt the legislative framework for the prevention and combating of money laundering and terrorist financing in the legislative/normative framework with European legislation and best EU practices. The analysis of the normative and institutional framework will emphasize the need for radical changes both in the area of concepts, methods, means, as well as in the institutional approach of collaboration among institutional bodies with responsibilities in preventing and combating money laundering.

Creating a functional system of monitoring and reporting should demonstrate a greater liability to the public that would speed up the process of democratic transformation of Moldovan society and the achievement of the objectives of integration into the European area, representing Moldovan citizens and whom they would trust.



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History

Round Table

“Public money laundering counteraction initiatives”

Period: November, 2014

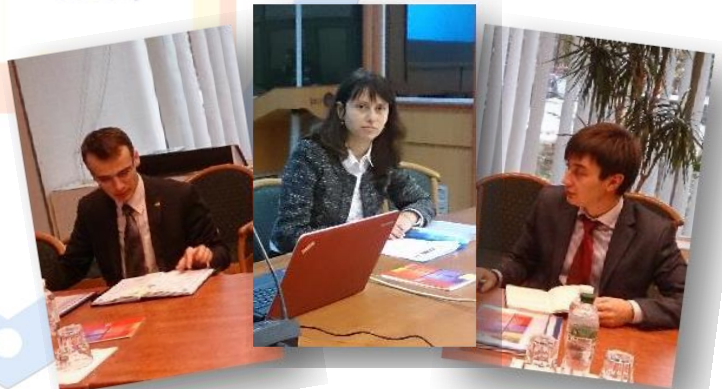
The participants at the roundtable debated the increasing transparency of public funds management, the promotion of best practices and involving citizens.

The analysis of the normative and institutional framework stressed out the need of radical changes both in the area of concepts, methods, means, also in the institutional approach upon the collaboration of institutional bodies with responsibilities in preventing and combating money laundering. Creating a functional system of monitoring and reporting would demonstrate a better liability to the public, which would accelerate the process of democratic transformation of Moldovan society.

During the roundtable was also discussed the implementation of the national strategy for preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing for the years 2013-2017, The Action Plan for implementing the strategy.



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History

Project:

„ Evaluation of the National Anticorruption Strategy project and submit proposals for amending and supplementing received from members of Anticorruption Alliance”

Period: December, 2015 – March, 2016.

The project was supported by the Resurcer Center for Human Rihts (CReDO)

The main objectives of the project:

- Collecting quantitative and qualitative data to implement current National Anticorruption Strategy;
- Develop proposals for improving the National Anticorruption Strategy and Action Plan;
- Collaborating with members of Alliance of Anticorruption with reference to the international, national and local practice, including studies in the field.

The product of the project can be viewed at:

http://www.alianta.md/other_dox/Studiul_Evaluarea%20proiectului%20SNA%20si%20propunerile%20membrilor%20AAC_0.pdf



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History

Scientific Conference

" The role of Intelligence services in achieving its national security in the globalization era"

Period: November, 17, 2016

The event was organized in cooperation with Moldova State University, the Faculty of International Relations, Political Sciences and Public Administration.

The topics addressed at the conference offered the opportunity to support initiatives in examining the basic beliefs about cyber crime, which, obviously, should be analyzed and investigated in academia, government and industry, and in the defense sector.

Also, this initiative has facilitated the exchange of experience and depth of knowledge on theoretical conceptions and examples of the practice of international and cyber security, the activity directly related to the trends and forms of international cooperation of Intelligence services as a mean of peaceful politico-diplomatic settlement of international disputes.

The event brought together representatives from academia, civil society and representatives of public institutions in the field of national and cyber security that contributed to the smooth running of the discussions concerning the prevention and countering of threats, vulnerabilities and risks to international security, and experience in international and regional cooperation of Intelligence services.



Partnerships and Collaborations

The Pro Marshall Center is a member of:

- The Anticorruption Alliance since January 2006;
- The Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes since March 2003.

The Pro Marshall Center has Cooperation Agreements with the following institutions:

- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of International Relations, Political Science and Security Studies, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, October, 2010;
- Association for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development and Security - ADDRESS, Romania, November 2009;
- Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Romania, March 2009;
- Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations in Romania, December, 2008;
- Custom Service of the Republic of Moldova, March, 2008;
- Anticorruption Alliance, January, 2006;
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, April, 2006;
- Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova, July, 2005;

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Publications



Brochure: „Public money laundering counteraction initiatives”, Chisinau, 2015



Brochure: „Security Architecture in the EU Eastern Neighbourhood: Challenges and Realities”, Chisinau, 2010

The leaflet contains reports presented within the International Seminar: “European and NATO Neighbouring Policies – New Dimensions for Regional Cooperation”, Chisinau 2007



The leaflet contains reports that were presented within the International Conference “Neighboring NATO and the EU: Policy Implications for Moldova’s Security and European Aspirations”, Chisinau 2005



This publication presents materials from the International Symposium: “Criminalistics at the Beginning of the Third Millennium: Conclusions, Trends, Achievements”, Chisinau 2004



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Website

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The launch of our new website is for all interested persons in the activity of the Pro Marshall Center. At the same time, via the website you can find out more information concerning current and past activities, center's publications, beneficiaries, partners and collaborations within the framework of different projects.

The website has an easy search tool that gives reference to organization's projects in accordance to date and month. It is also expected that this website would represent an useful mechanism that would help visitors to better understand fields of activity and organization's impact on the Moldovan society and abroad. Additionally, the website offers a news mini-feed concerning Center and current events.

Center symbol



**THE SYMBOL
OF PUBLIC ASSOCIATION
„PRO MARSHALL CENTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA”**
(Registered by the decision of the Ministry of Justice
of the Republic of Moldova from 28 of January 2009, nr. 5)
Description

The symbol of the public association **“The Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova”** is represented by a buckler, with the Sun and an open book, which symbolizes knowledge as the source of life.

On the pages of the book the motto can be found: **“DEMOCRATIA PER FIDEM ET CONCORDIAM”** which means: “Democracy through trust and agreement”.

Above the buckler, on the ribbon – the name of the institution:

“The Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova”

The colors of the symbol represent:

Brown – security and devotion;

Yellow – liberty, attitude and tolerance;

Grey – stability and wisdom;

Indigo – peace, vision and wisdom;

Red – energy and the will of fight.