

Report of the 4th meeting of Youth Policy Platform

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“From planning to implementation.” The 4th meeting of the Youth Policy Platform started under this slogan. Platform participants proposed ideas for implementing previously studied strategies of youth development, education and social infrastructure.

Meeting event began with a discussion of the results of the grant program, in which Platform applied with youth centers (clubs) project and unfortunately didn't receive financial support. Despite the bad experience, civil society representatives proposed to include this project in the yearbook, since goals, objectives, target group, as well as sustainability and risk analysis may be useful for all interested parties in the future as basic information for submitting their own youth-related projects in their localities.

Our Platform is gaining wider relationships with the authorities. After the recent local elections, the mayor and councilors of the Comrat were invited, as we plan to act with them for the next several years as the main partners in the implementation of new recommendations and new action plans at the local level. We received positive feedback from the mayor of Comrat, as well as from youth councils of several villages and cities. This has become a positive sign in the sustainability of the association created in the framework of the project “Activation of Youth and Responsible Citizenship”. In addition, the most successful startup in HoReCa business sector of 2018 in Gagauzia, “Augusto” company, replenished the composition of the Platform. The young entrepreneur expressed his willingness to support civil society initiatives which create opportunities for youth development.

During the meeting, 2 main tasks were identified:

- Creation of an agreement on cooperation with youth organizations at the national level;
- Preparation of a yearbook as a practical result of the Platform for Youth Policies.

The first goal was focused around the National Youth Council of Moldova - Consiliul National Tinerilor din Moldova (CNTM). Suggestions from representatives of civil society, business and authorities on how we can get support from this association were heard. The main

ideas is the transfer of knowledge and sharing the tools of institutional development of both individual organizations and the Platform itself as a whole.

The second goal was achieved to a lesser extent. There were several suggestions regarding the contents of the yearbook, but we did not hear anything specific from the participants. It became important to indicate in the publication the contact information of the Platform participants which will show the weight of the document in society, as well as identify the most active actors in the decision-making processes in the field of youth policies.

The 5th meeting will bring together again representatives of all sectors, where the final version of the agreement and cooperation with the National Youth Council of Moldova will be discussed, as well as a number of ideas on introducing new tools, as well as on improving the yearbook, will be finalized.

We are grateful to all participants of the Platform, and also share their willingness to move from planning to implementing real solutions.