



Press release

Release of the "Euromonitor" report for the 3rd quarter of 2007

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The Association for Participatory Democracy ADEPT and the Analytic Centre EXPERT-GRUP release the 8th issue of the quarterly analytical publication "Euromonitor" on November 6, 2006. The report is published with the financial support of the Soros-Moldova Foundation within a project called "European Union – Republic of Moldova Action Plan – a document accessible to the public (2nd phase)", implemented in partnership with the two organisations.

Euromonitor aims at an independent and fair monitoring of the process of implementation of the Republic of Moldova – European Union Action Plan. It monitored Moldova's actions in the 3rd quarter of 2007. The evaluation covered the following key fields of the Action Plan: Political dialogue and democratic institutions; Consolidation of administrative capacity; Transnistrian conflict; Justice; Development and economic reforms; Development and social reforms; International trade; Business climate; Market institutions; Border, migration and human trafficking.

The 8th issue of Euromonitor assesses an activation of the Moldova-EU political dialogue. The key progresses observed by developers include among others the elaboration and implementation of the mechanism which allows Transnistria-based economic agents to benefit of the GSP+ System; issuance of all preferential export certificates by Customs Service starting August 1; adoption of laws on business climate.

Moderate progresses were assessed in connection with development of the Moldova-CoE dialogue; consolidation of legislation on human rights and justice; finalisation of the migration monitoring framework.

On the other hand, developers observed a regress in ensuring the transparency of public authorities; stagnation of the Local Public Administration Reform and process of depoliticising the public administration; unfavourable conditions for Moldovan economy (price rises, appreciation of leu, growth of trade deficit, and decline of people's earnings); shortage regarding human rights, independence and quality of the judiciary, situation of mass media. Another important issue reported by developers is linked to the delayed actions or measures stipulated by EUMAP.

The complete 8th issue of "Euromonitor" and the precedent issues are published at <u>www.e-</u> <u>democracy.md</u> and <u>www.expert-grup.org</u>.