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“Shifting the Focus: Can reform in democratic governance drive Moldova closer to the EU?”

21st of December 2010, Kyiv – Moldova has the momentum, made some progress and held another successful elections says Ukrainian experts advising how to focus on further adaptation of European norms and values by Ukrainian and Moldova societies in a freshly released report [“Shifting the Focus: Can reform in democratic governance drive Moldova closer to the EU?”](#). The path to reforms is strongly supported by young Moldova government, however aspirations to join European family sometimes understood as formal membership in the club and embracement of European principles is often disregarded reads the third policy paper prepared in the framework of the Ukraine – Moldova Civil Society Task Force.

The [Ukraine-Moldova Civil Society Task Force](#) is a policy platform aimed to facilitate expertise of Ukraine civil society in cooperation with Moldovan NGOs in the current transition processes of both states towards European integration. The Task Force prerogatives lay in economic transition, nation building, reforms and democratic governance sectors. The members of the Task Force are three prominent Ukrainian think tanks: the [International Centre for Policy Studies](#), [Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy](#) and [Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation](#). Starting from March 2010, the Task Force experts visited Moldova and conducted a series of in-depth interviews with staff of current and past administrations, and policy experts in charge of or directly involved in Moldova’s European aspirations. The results of the visit are three policy reports and sets of recommendations to the governments of Moldova, Ukraine and international society.

The third report [“Shifting the Focus: Can reform in democratic governance drive Moldova closer to the EU?”](#) prepared by the Institute for Euro Atlantic Cooperation based on combining of Ukrainian and European experience. The report becomes even more urgent considering latest political turmoil in Moldova and recent election that brought the end to the imbalance in society and appeased political elites. Chisinau is facing a need to make changes, to reform an old governmental system to pursue European path and promptly make up for the time lost in lingering political transition. The report emphasizes the crucial areas for improvement. The essential constitutional, judicial, administrative reforms and concept of good governance, local government reform and visa free regulations thoroughly evaluated by Ukrainian experts and supplemented with necessary recommendations.

The current report is available in [Ukrainian](#), [English](#) and [Romanian](#) languages at [UNITER](#), [IEAC](#) and [Euroatlantica](#) websites. All three reports were presented at the policy briefing **“Kyiv and Chisinau: Common Steps or Steps in Common”** that took place on 23rd of November in Kyiv. The presentations and full texts of the reports can be found on [UNITER website](#).

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