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Roundtable
The Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova: Main
findings and recommendations

16 December 2021

14:00 – 16:00 (EET)

Zoom platform (simultaneous interpretation in English and Romanian)

Background

The aim of the UNECE Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova is to support the national authorities and policymakers in promoting an enabling environment for innovation and knowledge-based competitiveness to foster sustainable development, including transition to an increasingly circular economy and building resilience to events such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Review was carried out following a request from the Government of Moldova and contains recommendations aimed at stimulating innovation activity in the country through policy actions to enhance innovation policy governance, science-industry linkages and technology commercialisation, and the innovation and technology transfer infrastructure. For the first time, the Review also proposes possible policy solutions to leverage the Moldovan diaspora for innovation-driven sustainable development. The policy recommendations of the Review take into consideration national priorities under the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



The aim of this roundtable is to present the main findings and recommendations of the Review to the representatives of the Government of Moldova, as well as selected academia and private sector representatives, involved in the fact-finding and peer review processes, and gather their final feedback. The Review would then be finalised and issued as an official UN publication in December 2021 with an official high-level launch planned for Q1 2022.

Participation

This event brings together Moldovan innovation stakeholders, international experts that have written respective chapters of the Review, development partners and the UNECE secretariat. After the opening, the UNECE secretariat will present the main findings and recommendations of the Review followed by an open

discussion among participants.

<p>Thursday, 16 December</p> <p>Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova: Main findings and recommendations</p> <p>Click here to join</p>	
13:30– 14:00	<p>Access to the session</p> <p><i>Participants are recommended to join the meeting at least 15 minutes prior to its start.</i></p>
14:00– 14:15	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p><i>Ms. Adriana Cazacu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education and Research, Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Simon Springett, Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Anders Jönsson, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i></p>
14:15 – 14:20	<p>Context and background of the I4SDR of Moldova</p> <p><i>Mr. Christopher Athey, Economic Affairs Officer, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i></p>
14:20– 15:50	<p>Presentation of main findings and recommendations</p> <p>Economic overview and innovation performance (10min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Anders Jönsson, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i> <p>Enhancing the national innovation system and its innovation governance (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Lyudmyla Tautiyeva, Consultant, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i> <p>Boosting science-industry linkages and technology commercialization (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Slavo Radosevic, Ph.D., Professor of Industry and Innovation Studies, University College London, United Kingdom</i> <p>Developing innovation and technology transfer infrastructure (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Lisa Cowey, Expert on Technology Transfer at JRC and WIPO, Technology Transfer Interface Ltd (T3I), United Kingdom</i> <p>Leveraging the diaspora for innovation-driven sustainable development (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Aleksandr V. Gevorkyan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Tobin College of Business, St John's University, United States of America</i> <p>Remarks by the Representatives of the Government of Moldova (30 min)</p> <p>Remarks by other stakeholders, including development partners (15 min)</p>
15:50– 16:00	<p>Closing</p> <p><i>Mr. Christopher Athey, Economic Affairs Officer, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Anders Jönsson, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE</i></p>