



**RESOLUTION**  
**of 2025 Media Forum of the Republic of Moldova**  
**(Chişinău, 8-9 December 2025)**

**The participants in the 2025 Media Forum approve the following resolution:**

1. Reaffirming its commitment to European values, such as freedom, independence, and media pluralism, on which democratic journalism is based;
2. Being aware that the freedom, independence, and pluralism of the media stem from every citizen's fundamental right to freedom of expression and information;
3. Understanding that exercising the right to freedom of expression in the context of journalism involves acting in good faith to provide accurate and reliable information, in accordance with journalistic ethics and professional standards;
4. Noting the deteriorating media situation in many parts of the world, expressing our solidarity with journalists carrying out their mission amid war and/or under pressure from authoritarian regimes, unequivocally and firmly condemning any threats or acts of violence against journalists and other media professionals, regardless of their source or location;
5. Reiterating the need to deepen and accelerate reforms to strengthen media sector's resilience in the face of constant challenges;
6. Reconfirming the commitment of the profession and relevant associations to contribute to a strengthened environment in which journalists can properly carry out their social mission;

**The Media Forum finds:**

- A continuation of the authorities' efforts to align the national regulatory framework governing the media with the relevant EU legislation, a process that needs to be accelerated, but not at the expense of public consultations;
- The 2025 amendments to the Audiovisual Media Services Code provided sufficient guarantees to ensure the independence of audiovisual authorities and served as the basis for the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe's December 3 decision to terminate state supervision in the case of *Manole and Others v. Moldova* after 16 years;
- The Law on the Media Subsidy Fund took effect with the financing of 23 journalism projects, which were selected through two public competitions held in 2025. Meanwhile, some major media outlets were reluctant to participate in the competitions;
- For the second consecutive year, the government continued to implement the mechanism to support the distribution of print media;
- Thanks to the good cooperation between the Central Election Commission, the Audiovisual Council, the media, and the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, the regulatory framework was adjusted to facilitate coverage of the 28 September 2025 parliamentary elections;
- During the election period, the Audiovisual Council focused on the quality of editorial policy statements from media service providers covering the parliamentary elections, the accuracy of their commitments, and promoting information and media literacy;
- During the parliamentary election period, several new good practices emerged, including the establishment of an advisory center for media service providers, the organization of joint election debates by several media service providers, and the implementation of fact-checking immediately after election debates;
- During the elections, investigative journalists—including those from local and regional media outlets—played a key role in exposing criminal schemes to manipulate and rig the elections. At the same time, Moldova's information space remains highly vulnerable to external interference, disinformation, and manipulation, particularly on social media and nonlinear platforms, and

this vulnerability threatens fragile social cohesion and could have significant destabilizing effects on future democratic processes;

- There is insufficient support for quality media institutions in ethnic minority languages;
- Throughout 2025, and especially during the parliamentary elections, the professional performance of the regional public broadcaster, Gagauziya Radio Televizionu (GRT), deteriorated, as confirmed by several monitoring reports. The Audiovisual Council has sanctioned GRT several times, and it was for the first time that the Press Council has decided to remove the regional public provider from the Register of Signatories to the Moldovan Journalist's Code of Ethics;
- Attacks on media professionals amplified on social media continued in 2025 and became increasingly violent, and authorities' reactions were insufficient to deter this illegal behavior;
- The new amendments to the Law on Advertising concerning state advertising; the Electoral Code concerning journalists' right to file complaints; and the Criminal Code concerning obstruction of media activity have not yet produced the expected effects, and the draft of the new press law developed in the first half of the year has not yet entered the legislative process;
- Although education institutions have made some progress, the media sector continues to face an acute shortage of specialists who can handle today's increasingly complex professional tasks and constant challenges.

**The Media Forum requests the Moldovan authorities to:**

- Accelerate the process of aligning national media regulations with relevant European legislation, including expediting the adoption and implementation of a new press law;
- When developing and implementing public policies in the media sector, to put the emphasis on sustainable development of the field, and to have priority actions include training professionals in demand in the labor market;
- Provide journalists with real guarantees of protection. Law enforcement agencies to establish a mechanism to coordinate actions to monitor, prevent, and resolve cases involving the safety of journalists, and also to regularly publish the results of this activity;
- Strengthen democratic resilience by harnessing the potential of regional and local media by including actions dedicated to supporting local media initiatives and strengthening their capacity to produce credible, objective content tailored to current media consumption trends in public policy papers on media development;
- The Parliament, the Central Election Commission, and the Audiovisual Council to analyze their experience with implementing electoral legislation and, depending on the results, to make necessary changes and adjustments to the relevant regulatory framework in a timely manner;
- The Supervisory Board of the national public media service provider to ensure that the Strategic Development Guidelines and Action Plan of Teleradio-Moldova are reviewed and updated, and that they are consistently, coherently, and transparently implemented;
- As the founder of the regional public provider, the People's Assembly of Gagauzia to ensure that GRT's activities return to the legal field.

**The Media Forum urges journalists and media outlets to:**

- Raise awareness that the most valuable contribution media professionals can make to the country's European integration process is providing responsible, high-quality journalism;
- Monitor and cover the accession process to the European Union closely and critically;
- Turn the experience of countering hybrid threats in the media during the parliamentary elections into good practice in everyday activities by verifying the accuracy of information in the public sphere;
- Critically monitor the implementation of reforms and the use of public funds, addressing the authorities' actions without resorting to self-censorship;
- Publicly denounce every case of obstruction of professional activity, and utilize all legal resources to ensure the protection and security of journalists;
- Adopt responsible and transparent practices that align with professional standards for the use of artificial intelligence;
- Perpetuate, broaden, and study European issues in order to competently and understandably cover them; to, as far as possible, train professionals specializing in European issues, including at the regional and local levels; and to develop direct cooperation with relevant EU institutions, as well as with editorial offices and journalists in EU member states, with a view to documenting topics from primary sources and diversifying the thematic content of media coverage;
- Develop synergies with higher education institutions that train journalists and other media

professionals through joint internship programs, mentoring, and continuous curriculum updates, so that the training of young specialists meets the real needs of the media market and addresses the emerging challenges of the profession;

- Develop new vertical and horizontal partnerships to ensure consistent media coverage of the national and local/regional public agendas.

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