

Summary of the activities and results achieved in the project in 2025

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Project title: "The Contribution of the EU and Romania to Civil Security in the Republic of Moldova: Policies, Strategic Partnerships and the Consolidation of European Identity" (SECURE-MD)


In 2025, the activity of the bilateral project SECURE-MD focused on the implementation of Stage 1 – "Exploring the Dimensions of Civil Security", whose overall objective was to conduct an integrated conceptual analysis of civil security in the Republic of Moldova, by reference to the best practices of the European Union and Romania. This stage was carried out during the period 1 September 2025 – 30 December 2025 and pursued two specific objectives: (1) identifying and analysing the non-military threats faced by the Republic of Moldova and examining the relevant legal and institutional framework; (2) identifying and assessing European best practices in the field of civil security with potential for adaptation to the national context.

Throughout this stage, extensive desk research and conceptual analysis were conducted, using methodologies such as risk assessment, gap analysis and comparative policy analysis. Data sets were collected and structured for the period 2015–2024, referring to cyberattacks and cyber incidents, risks associated with critical infrastructure, as well as demographic and socio-economic indicators relevant for resilience (EM-DAT, INFORM Risk Index, Global Peace Index, V-Dem), which made it possible to position the Republic of Moldova in a comparative regional context.

An important outcome of the research is the mapping of the main non-military and hybrid risks affecting the Republic of Moldova – disinformation and information manipulation, cyberattacks, vulnerabilities of critical infrastructures, social polarization, demographic pressures and the degradation of public services – as well as the analysis of institutional responses and of convergence with EU standards.

The scientific results have already been capitalised through the preparation and submission for publication of two co-authored articles in indexed journals: *Revisiting Securitization Theory in a Fragmented World: The Shifting Landscape of Security and Threat Construction* and *Weathering the Winds of Geopolitical Change: Romania and Moldova's Evolving Security Cultures*. These works contribute both to the conceptual clarification of civil security and to the reconceptualisation of security cultures in Romania and the Republic of Moldova in the context of the new fragmented international order.

At the level of academic cooperation, 2025 consolidated the partnership between Moldova State University and "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, through two research stays of senior researchers, two doctoral mobility periods and reciprocal working visits. Project coordination was ensured through monthly online meetings of the team, which allowed for effective monitoring of progress and coherent integration of research, mobility and dissemination activities.

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