

Activity report of the Foreign Policy Association (APE)

Reporting period: January – December 2023

I. Research activity of APE

During the reporting period, APE undertook the following activities in accordance with its objectives:

- Elaboration and publication of 11 monthly bulletins of foreign policy summaries and debates published and distributed electronically to over 1000 subscribers, representing different target groups (Annex 1);
- Elaboration and publication of 17 analyzes and studies on the war in Ukraine and the negotiation process; Moldova's reaction to the consequences of the war; the importance of minimizing information security risks in the Republic of Moldova in the context of hybrid threats; the problem of Ukrainian refugees; security in the Black Sea area and Russia's strategies for maintaining control over this region (Annex 1);
- Participation in more than 35 events, including conferences, round tables, consultations, webinars, national and international meetings and debates (Annex 1);
- Participation in interviews for local television stations of Association members (Annex 1);
- Recording and publishing more than 13 interviews and comments with APE experts and members for local/foreign media and in APE Live (Annex 1);
- Maintaining and regularly updating the APE website (www.ape.md), which contains studies, publications and comments, as well as press releases regarding the events organized by APE;
- Updating the APE Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ape.md>), where APE experts share brief information about analytical materials and elaborated studies, interviews given, projects carried out, press releases, and media materials at the events held, as well, to maintain communication with the Association's target group.
- Updating the APE Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/APEMOLDOVA>) with the most relevant information about the activities carried out, also maintaining contacts with experts, national and international officials;
- Cooperation with the team of the Organizational Training and Consultancy Center (CICO), thanks to the support offered by the US Embassy in the Republic of Moldova, for the revision and development of internal documents, the improvement of the financial policies and procedures of the Public Association "Foreign Policy Association" (APE) for the period 2024-2025.

II. Project implementation activity:

- 1. Completion of the BREN project: "Civil society's contribution to combating new hybrid threats in response to the refugees influx: the active resilience approach of the Republic of Moldova"/ Nord News, "Pro-Europe" European Center in Comrat, Security Zone**

The main goal of the project is to strengthen the active resilience of the Republic of Moldova for regulating the refugee crisis and combating new hybrid threats in the Republic of Moldova. Within the project, special consultations were organized with representatives of state institutions, civil society and the media, which had as topics of discussion the management of the Ukrainian refugee crisis, the analysis of the actions of state institutions and civil society in countering the new hybrid threats as a result of refugee influx, identifying disinformation messages and current issues, related to the main consequences of the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine. There was also a meeting with representatives of Ukrainian refugees from the Republic of Moldova, who reported on the realities of war.

As part of this project, webinars were held that focused on the regulation of the Ukrainian refugee crisis in the Transnistrian region and in the localities of the Security Zone. Also, the narratives circulating in the media space in the Transnistrian region were discussed, how local TV stations approach the war in Ukraine and how ordinary people perceive these events. The analysis of key aspects in this field was presented in 8 online media articles and 5 Policy Briefs with in-depth analysis of the main consequences of Russia's brutal war against Ukraine for the Republic of Moldova, reflecting the main responses of the state to the flow of Ukrainian refugees, the regulation of the refugee crisis and addressing the new wave of hybrid threats that destabilize information security and create further impetus for societal challenges and fragmentation. The emphasis is on the contribution of civil society to ensuring the functioning of the mechanism for managing the refugee crisis, developed by the state authorities. Five thematic "Hybrid Threats in the Context of the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis" videos were created and shared on social media.

The results of the project were presented at the final conference and the IPN press club. The recommendations developed within the project for the effective regulation of the refugee crisis were sent to the representatives of the state institutions. The project is funded by a grant from the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR), with support from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The views, arguments and conclusions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the IWPR and the UK Government.

2. Continuation of the BREN project: "Strengthening civil society's engagement in national security protection under new hybrid threats"

Within this project are provided: Brainstorming, a series of consultations with representatives of state institutions and civil society, workshops with partners, trainings to strengthen the media literacy of young people, webinars and round tables. The focus is on strengthening the national security of the Republic of Moldova in the context of the war in Ukraine. Also, the publication of the monthly monitoring and analysis bulletins of the security and defense policy of the Republic of Moldova was launched. The Security Monitor will be updated every month to reflect relevant industry trends and draw attention to the most pressing challenges. This initiative comes to contribute to a broader understanding of the security sector and ensure a detailed analysis of the situation throughout the country, in order to strengthen the capabilities of resilience and prompt response to new hybrid threats. Also, the most relevant conclusions will be presented in interactive infographics, with the aim of systematizing the main developments in the fields of security and defense.

The project is implemented by APE in partnership with Nord News, the European "Pro-Europe" Center in Comrat and the Security Zone, funded by a grant from the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) with the support of the Foreign, Commonwealth and

Development Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (FCDO).

3. Continuation of the "Speranta" project, the second edition of the School of Young Women Leaders on Both Banks of the Dniester River / US State Department

The main goal of the project was to recruit and develop a network of young women leaders from both banks of the Dniester and to empower them to take on leadership roles in the political, social and economic life of the Republic of Moldova. The project recruited 30 young women from both banks of the Dniester and provided them with extensive theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of leadership, communication and negotiation, as well as individual mentorship regarding their career path and leadership role.

Both theoretical sessions and practical training sessions and individual work are planned within the Speranta School. Eight work sessions are planned that will take place in the capital of the republic, with the participation of young women from both banks of the Dniester.

Thematic of the sessions: The current state of representation and the status of women in leadership positions globally and in the Republic of Moldova; The vision of the leader, the concept of leadership, values, challenges and responsibilities of the leader; Leadership in political and social life - women's participation in politics and social life; Women's participation in economic life and discrepancies in remuneration; Leadership tools for women - understanding the value of gender rights as part of human rights, compared to entrenched attitudes and stereotypes; Leadership Tools for Women - Professional and Personal Communication Skills; The leader and the creation of the image of the leader in mass media and social media; The leading woman and the image in the mass media; Women's work-life balance; Career growth for women, combined with family and motherhood obligations.

The project is financed by the US Embassy in the Republic of Moldova.

4. Project "Advancement in the preparation of the Republic of Moldova for European integration", USAID

The main goal of the project is to promote positive messages about European integration and increase citizens' support for a European and democratic Moldova, with an emphasis on facilitating communication between representatives of state institutions and civil society with citizens, in order to familiarize them with the EU accession process, including the aim of increasing support among the population for the European path of the Republic of Moldova. Organization of thematic events, including TV shows broadcast through the mass media from different localities of the country (TV Nord, Drochia TV, Nokta, Elita TV, Studio-L, IPN), informative videos, interactive sessions in different localities, workshops with the participation of representatives from different regions of the country, as well as informative materials will facilitate an effective dialogue aimed at communicating the advantages of joining the EU, combating existing stereotypes and prejudices.

Regional projects, which are carried out in partnership with APE

1. Project: "Civic Eastern Partnership Tracker", Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism"

Within this project, APE, as the national coordinator in the Republic of Moldova, provides monthly thematic data on the situation in the country related to justice reform, energy security and green energy, digital resilience, gender equality, economic development; prepares reports on the initiatives that have been carried out, participates in the preparation of the final/annual report.

2. Project: "Eastern Partnership Plus", Zentrum Liberale Moderne

Within this project, APE is responsible for the selection of participants in workshops, meetings and political debates, which take place in Berlin, and for the presentation of articles and materials developed within the respective theme.

III. Future goals and challenges

In the coming period, APE will continue to focus its activity on the following key objectives:

1. Supporting the European integration of the Republic of Moldova:

- Assisting government institutions in achieving the objectives of European integration of the Republic of Moldova and accession to the EU. APE will achieve this objective through constructive monitoring, expert contributions and project partnerships (cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Defense and other relevant state institutions, etc.);
- Contributing to the elaboration of the monthly bulletin of Summaries and foreign policy debates, together with FES;
- Monthly elaboration of comments and analyzes on domestic events and foreign policies, good governance and European affairs, as well as security and defense issues, in English, Romanian and Russian;
- Contributing to the elaboration of the monthly monitoring and analysis bulletin of the security and defense policy of the Republic of Moldova;
- Participation in the activities organized within the Civil Society Platform in the Security and Defense Sector;
- Continuation of the format of discussions and debates regarding European integration, security and foreign policy of the Republic of Moldova through public events and discussions;
- Increasing the level of awareness of the Moldovan society regarding the internal and external challenges of European integration through constant and impartial information on how the reform agenda coordinated with the EU is implemented; elaboration of informative notes about the EU accession process; APE will use the publications and analysis it will do, the presentations and public events it will organize, as well as the participation and appearances in the mass media to educate the public, raise the awareness of Moldovan citizens and inform them as best as possible about these subjects;

- Improving the communication of both public authorities and non-governmental experts regarding subjects related to the developments of the foreign policy of the Republic of Moldova, challenges and options in ensuring national security;
- Continuing the analysis of the consequences of the war in Ukraine for the Republic of Moldova, which creates threats to the political stability and security of the state, and providing support for the central authorities in the preparation and implementation of security initiatives carried out at the level of society;
- Organization of special trainings for increasing media literacy of young people and combating hybrid threats, cyber hygiene among young specialists in the field of international relations and public administration and the role of the EU and NATO in ensuring security.

2. Facilitating the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict:

- Promoting confidence-building measures between the Republic of Moldova and the Transnistrian region at all levels: civil society, the business community, local administration;
- Monitoring the reintegration process and the most pressing problems that persist in the dialogue between Chisinau and Tiraspol, as well as the constant violations of the rights of Moldovan citizens in the Transnistrian region;
- Increasing the role of civil society in promoting confidence-building measures in conflict regions;
- Carrying out research, drafting articles, brief analyzes and commentaries on these topics to achieve the given objective.

3. Consolidation of the role of relevant institutions and other entities in the process of reforming the defense and security sector:

- Increasing the awareness of the authorities and the mass media regarding their role in promoting and implementing security sector reform as part of the good governance process;
- Providing an ongoing platform for discussing the national security agenda and raising public awareness of national, regional and international security topics;
- Monitoring the implementation of the legislation of the Republic of Moldova regarding the security and national defense sector.

4. Strengthening the skills and capacities of APE staff, as well as institutional communication and advocacy procedures:

- Improving the communication strategy of APE, with an emphasis on national and international awareness; the implementation of the Strategic Development Plan of APE in accordance with existing and emerging trends and challenges;

- Improving the analytical and advocacy skills of the APE staff, as well as the staff's knowledge of research methodologies to ensure a qualitative research activity, development of publications and policy recommendations;
- Initiation of an internal management audit and financial audit; Preparation of all necessary internal documents;
- Initiating a public relations rebranding process;
- Identifying and expanding the list of APE partners for cooperation;
- Diversification of projects and funding/salary sources.

To achieve the above-mentioned, APE will undertake the following actions in 2024:

- Elaboration and publication of policy briefs regarding the challenges and perspectives of the Republic of Moldova's accession to the EU; the processes of strengthening confidence in the Transnistrian settlement; information resilience; monitoring security dynamics; issues related to human rights; developing state resilience; cooperation relations: Moldova - USA relations, Moldova - EU relations, Moldova - Romania relations, Moldova - Ukraine, Moldova - Georgia, Moldova - Russia political dialogue, etc.;
- Organizing public discussions with the academic and university environment (students, teachers) from all over the Republic of Moldova;
- Organization together with FES of the 11th edition of the annual Forum of debates on the European integration of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau, 2024;
- Expanding contacts with partner organizations from Ukraine, Romania, Georgia in the development and implementation of new projects;
- Development of internal documents, improvement of APE's financial policies and procedures, implementation of APE's Strategic Development Plan for the period 2023-2024;
- Elaboration and obtaining financing of project proposals submitted to donors in accordance with the APE objectives.

ANNEX 1, APE articles and studies; Participation in debates, round tables and conferences; Informational and analytical newsletters; Participation in TV/radio programs;

Articles and analytical studies:

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2. Sorin Șclearuc, APE Project Assistant: "Moldo-Chinese cooperation in the field of renewable energy. Case study: the photovoltaic park from Criuleni", 17 January 2023, <http://www.ape.md/en/2023/01/sorin-șclearuc-cooperarea-moldo-chineză-in-domeniul-energiei-regenerabile-studiu-de-caz-parcul-fotovoltaic-de-la-criuleni/?fbclid=IwAR1fgHm2l0gOZTB7nj2WqVkjiz-gP4xG3bwJ8vf2aimYbYvkJPSH1rXheJA>
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5. Natalia Stercul, APE Executive Director: "On the range of use by Russia of the instruments of the hybrid war and on the response measures of Moldova in the conditions of the refugee crisis in Ukraine", February 3, 2023, http://www.ape.md/en/2023/02/natalia-stercul-despre-diapazonul-de-utilizare-de-catre-rusia-a-instrumentelor-razboiului-hibrid-si-despre-masurile-de-raspuns-ale-moldovei-in-conditiile-crizei-refugiatilor-din-ucraina/?fbclid=IwAR2ONMgGmSCfwUXtjo1QouqiKsfnoIto3vYxtFGndKBIRCwYshXZA_F7OIYE
6. Natalia Stercul, APE Executive Director: "Republic of Moldova under new conditions: measures to respond to the refugee crisis" within the project "Civil society's contribution to combating new hybrid threats in response to the influx of refugees: the active resilience approach of the Republic of Moldova" implemented by APE, February 24, 2023, <http://www.ape.md/en/2023/02/natalia-stercul-republica-moldova-in-fata-unor-noi-provocari-masuri-de-raspuns-la-criza-refugiatilor/?fbclid=IwAR1k6dsRkIKd1vb-tO6CdAoqAgmb5asFmeUScA2zyP6RI-PpuchpeSXjVp8>
7. Natalia Stercul, APE Executive Director, Igor Guseinov, Valentina Caledji-Poghirc, "Pro-Europe" European Center from Comrat, Vitalie Guțu, Security Zone, Dumitru Pelin, Executive Director of A.O. Association of Reporters "NORD-MEDIA": "Summary: The new wave of hybrid challenges in the Republic of Moldova as a response to the refugee crisis", February 28, 2023, http://www.ape.md/en/2023/02/summary-the-new-wave-of-hybrid-challenges-in-the-republic-of-moldova-as-a-response-to-the-refugee-crisis/?fbclid=IwAR3QCD9OD2Zz9gQo4ulpbSr0CsgpJEBDoA5R3RrMjC_nlp1ppdpUE3T7XaY

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10. Natalia Stercul, APE Executive Director: "Mission Possible? Accountable Institutions, the Rule of Law and Security in the Eastern Partnership", June 14, 2023, https://prismua.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/EaP_Rule_of_Law_final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1hgPpGw42PfvPdHdJp8SJPIRzfGtNd2AljiRrAvRhItC7Cs-aw-KmfGXU

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14. Nicoleta Adam, APE Project Assistant: "Opportunities to increase resilience to hybrid threats in the context of the fall election battle", August 30, 2023, http://www.ape.md/en/2023/08/nicoleta-adam-oportunitati-de-sporire-a-rezilientei-fata-de-amenintarile-hibride-in-contextul-bataliei-electorale-din-toamna/?fbclid=IwAR23Z_qH0yAmAqa_VTKWNr8tp6SEiQcgs21Nh1S7vDWSSy2khPPtEQTfNUQ

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Participation in debates, conferences, round tables and meetings:

1. Organization of webinar no. 2 "The main problems of the functioning of the mechanism for regulating the Ukrainian refugee crisis in the ATU Gagauzia" within the project "Civil society's contribution to combating the new hybrid threats in response to the refugees influx: the active resilience approach of the Republic of Moldova", which had in the foreground the main problems of the functioning of the Ukrainian refugee crisis regulation mechanism in the ATU Gagauzia, January 12, 2023, [http://www.ape.md/en/2023/01/webinar-problemele-principale-ale-functionarii-mecanismului-de-reglementare-a-crizei-refugiatilor-ucraineni-in-uta-gagauzia/](#)

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3. Organization of webinar no. 4 "Managing the Ukrainian refugee crisis in the Republic of Moldova by providing humanitarian aid, providing social support and strengthening resilience" from the project "Civil society contribution to combating new hybrid threats in response to the refugees influx: the active resilience approach of the Republic of Moldova", which focused on the management of the Ukrainian refugee crisis in the Republic of Moldova by providing humanitarian aid, providing social support and strengthening resilience, January 25, 2023, [http://www.ape.md/en/2023/01/webinar-managementul-crizei-refugiatilor-ucraineni-in-republica-moldova-prin-acordarea-ajutorului-umanitar-furnizarea-sustinerii-sociale-si-consolidarea-rezilientei/](#)

4. Participation in the webinar "The Russian octopus in... the fields of Moldova: identifying vulnerabilities - strengthening resilience", organized by the Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism" in partnership with APE, January 26, 2023, [http://www.ape.md/en/2023/01/caracatita-ruseasca-in-campurile-moldovei-identificarea-vulnerabilitatilor-consolidarea-rezilientei/](#)

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