

ANTI-CORRUPTION COHORT DESCRIPTION

Concept proposal by the Republic of Moldova

➤ **Priority areas**

1. **International cooperation on cases of high-level corruption** (creation of Joint Investigation Teams; provision of Mutual Legal Assistance; exchange of investigative operational information, and information on assets held abroad for purpose of conducting integrity checks)
2. **International cooperation on illicit assets recovery** (provision of mutual legal assistance in criminal cases; setting up measures for direct recovery of property via civil procedures)
3. **Enhancing justice sector integrity, independence and capacity** for the purposes of international cooperation (for example, via pre-vetting and vetting mechanisms for judges and prosecutors)

➤ **Cohort Objectives**

1. **Share knowledge, experience, and best practices** on corruption prevention; investigation in high-level, cross-border and money laundering cases; asset recovery; bilateral and multilateral cooperation on anti-corruption and integrity; enhancement of justice sector integrity, independence and capacity
2. Discuss and draft recommendations on **improving international communication and cooperation in anticorruption enforcement** (including MLA), **asset recovery and exchange of information** among integrity authorities, identify solutions to make them more efficient and faster
3. **Increase awareness** and engagement among S4D participating countries and other stakeholders on further actions and joint efforts beyond the second Summit for Democracy

➤ **Potential Outputs and Outcomes**

1. Improved international communication and cooperation among states, national and international organizations, and existing anticorruption platforms (UNODC, OECD, OSCE, Interpol, Europol, EuroJust, EGMONT, etc.)
2. Improved bilateral and international exchange of information and collaboration between anti-corruption institutions, law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices, and other specialized anti-corruption bodies (analysis/review of existing mechanisms, obstacles and good practices, statement, list of recommendations on how to achieve this outcome...)
3. Clear recommendations for enhancing justice sector integrity, independence and capacity