

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
CONCEPT STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country: Moldova	Project ID: P121231
Project Name: e-Moldova Governance Transformation Project	
Task Team Leader: Oleg V. Petrov	
Estimated Appraisal Date: June 14, 2010	Estimated Board Date: September 1, 2010
Managing Unit: CITPO	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
Sector: Public administration- Information and communications (60%);Information technology (20%);Telecommunications (10%);General information and communications sector (10%)	
Theme: Administrative and civil service reform (50%);Other public sector governance (20%);Export development and competitiveness (10%);Infrastructure services for private sector development (10%);Technology diffusion (10%)	
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	15.00
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
Other financing amounts by source:	
BORROWER/RECIPIENT	0.00
<u>Financing Gap</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

B. Project Objectives [from section 2 of PCN]

The proposed project development objective is to increase availability and quality of a selected range of public services to citizens (including the expatriate community) and businesses through innovative use of ICTs and by improving management of ICT in the public sector.

The proposed project will contribute to higher level objectives of the CPS by strategically using ICT as a transformational enabler of sustained growth, competitiveness, transparency and better governance.

C. Project Description [from section 3 of PCN]

The proposed project (in the form of SIL or APL IDA credit of about US\$15 million) will have two components:

Component 1: Enabling Environment for e-Transformation (US\$5 million). The first component will provide technical assistance to the Government to create the enabling environment for ICT-enabled growth and government transformation and set the stage for the Component 2 to be successfully implemented. In particular the component will support consultant services, operating expenses, workshops, training, study tours, conferences and other change management activities.

Component 2: E-Government Infrastructure and Services (US\$10 million). This component will focus on supporting the establishment of shared e-government infrastructure, and development of e-Government services, including high impact mobile-based applications. This component will finance software, computers and peripherals, consulting services, and training.

D. Project location (if known)

The project will work inside existing government offices primarily in Chisinau, and also in other cities country wide.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies [from PCN]

Starting from 1992, Moldovan authorities have developed its own well developed EA systems which include a series of new laws and regulations: Law on Environmental Protection (1993); Law on Environmental Expertise (SEE) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (1996); Law on Industrial Safety (2000); Guidelines on Performing State Environmental Expertise (1995); Regulation on Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making (2000); Regulation on performing State Ecological Expertise (2001). In 1993, the Republic of Moldova ratified the Espoo Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context. The competent EA authority in Moldova is the Division on SEE within the State Ecological Inspectorate, a subdivision of the Ministry of Environment (MENR) which has adequate capacity to perform EA duties. The analysis on compatibility of the Moldova EA system with WB and EU rules and procedures was conducted by the WB in 2003 . The main conclusion of the study was that many features of the Moldova EIA system are generally compatible with corresponding World Bank procedures and relevant EU directive.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No	TBD
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)		X	
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)		X	
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		X	
Pest Management (OP 4.09)		X	
Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)		X	
Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)		X	
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)		X	
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		X	
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)		X	
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X	

Environmental Category: C - Not Required

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

- A. Target date for the Quality Enhancement Review (QER), at which time the PAD-stage ISDS would be prepared: 04/30/2010
- B. For simple projects that will not require a QER, the target date for preparing the PAD-stage ISDS: N/A
- C. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS.
Not applicable.

IV. APPROVALS

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Comments:		

¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in-country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.

