EUD MD note to inform EU MS about eligibility conditions and application procedure for candidates for international membership in the vetting commissions for judges and prosecutors in Moldova

1. Brief introduction: Vetting process in MD:

Moldova's extraordinary vetting process is a central component of its justice reform, designed to assess the ethical and financial integrity of specified categories of judges and prosecutors, as well as candidates for the positions covered by the vetting legislation. This process began in 2022 with the pre-vetting of candidates for judicial and prosecutorial self-governing bodies and subsequently expanded to the Supreme Court of Justice and other categories of judges and prosecutors. Evaluations are conducted by independent commissions comprising national and international members, with safeguards for due process and judicial review.

Successful completion of the vetting process is essential to strengthening the integrity and accountability of Moldova's justice system, restoring public confidence and delivering on the country's rule of law commitments in the EU accession process.

2. The EU/European Commission as main financial supporter of this process is currently identifying a pool of interested eligible candidates for international membership in the Judicial Vetting Commission to streamline the selection process when vacancies may occur.

There is a high probability of vacancies occurring in the Judicial Vetting Commission before the end of 2026, and we are interested in receiving applications for these positions from EU member states.

The below information about job requirements and the selection process is being disseminated in parallel by the EU Delegation in Chisinau during an EU HoMs meeting and by DG ENEST in COELA.

3. Job requirements for international member candidates under MD legislation (Laws No. 65 and 252):

- Higher education;
- Irreproachable reputation;
- At least 10 years of experience in one or more of the following fields: law, economics, taxation, finance;
- Does not currently hold and has not held office as member of the Moldovan Parliament or member of the Moldovan Government;
- Has not been a member of a Moldovan political party during the past 3 years;
- Has not held office as a judge or prosecutor in Moldova during the past 3 years;
- Sufficient knowledge of English to perform the commission's tasks.

Furthermore, membership in the Commissions is incompatible with any public office in Moldova.

4. Other requirements for candidates:

- International commissioners are not required to permanently reside in MD, but this is strongly encouraged;
- Interested candidates who are still active as magistrates in their home country need to be sure that their appointment is compatible with their leave entitlements or other obligations.

5. Shortlisting and Selection Panel:

The shortlisting and selection procedure is led by DG ENEST in collaboration with DG JUST.

Interested candidates are invited to send applications in English (CVs and Cover Letters) to Capucine Allais (Capucine.ALLAIS@ec.europa.eu) before 15 November 2026.

Upon receipt of the applications, the Commission services will screen the applications, establish a shortlist, and organise interviews.

6. Proposal to the MD Parliament as appointing authority

At a final stage, the EU Delegation to Moldova will send a letter to the MD Parliament featuring the candidates proposed by DG ENEST/ DG JUST in accordance with the MD legal framework.

7. The contact person for any further questions is Capucine Allais (Capucine.ALLAIS@ec.europa.eu)