

Overview of Donors' Technical Assistance on 2009 Parliamentary Elections in Moldova

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Organization	Project	Description	Counterpart (Ultimate Beneficiary)	Funding amount, source and timeframe	Contact Information
UNDP	Capacity building of CEC for conducting and promoting free and fair elections	Support to the CEC in: a. improved voter register; use of IT in election administration; b. enfranchisement of diaspora; c. capacity building of CEC and electoral staff; d. enhanced transparency of the electoral process through use of media; e. post-elections legal assistance and electoral reform	Central Elections Commission	US\$3,400,000 European Commission UN Government of Moldova Bilateral donors 2008-2013	William Hogan, Chief Technical Advisor william.hogan@undp.org tel. +373 68511882 Charlotte Souibes, Public Relations Advisor charlotte.souibes@undp.org tel. +373 68511883 Veaceslav Balan, Project Manager veaceslav.balan@undp.org tel. +373 68511880
Eurasia Foundation	2009 Parliamentary Elections support projects	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of election framework in the country		US\$25,000	Sorin Mereacre Country Director tel.: (+373-22) 548-102 ext.105 mobile: +37369173487 smereacre@eurasia.md
		Civic and voter education campaigns	Non-governmental organizations, media outlets	US\$155,000	
		Long-term and Short-term Election observation by local NGOs	Non-governmental organizations	US\$85,000	
		Monitoring of media covering elections	Independent Journalism Center, Association of Independent Press	US\$50,000	

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		Training for journalists on elections coverage	Journalists	US\$4,600	
		Internship in a neighbouring country for journalists on elections coverage	Journalists	US\$11,400	
		Recognition award for journalist covering elections	Journalists	US\$3,400	
		Support to Secretariat of NGO Coalition for Free and Fair Elections	Coalition 2009 members	US\$95,000	
		Legal assistance in election disputes for individuals and media	Voters, journalists and media outlets	US\$25,000	
		Total:		US\$476,800 (SIDA, USAID, United Kingdom) 2008-2009	

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Delegation of the European Commission	Support to 2009 Parliamentary Elections	a) promote citizens' participation in the democratic electoral process; b) engagement of local civil society actors in electoral reforms, encouraging the dialogue between government and the civil society on these issues; c) development of professional domestic election monitoring; d) educate and mobilise voters to participate in the parliamentary elections 2009; e) contribute to organization and/or preparation of a free, fair, transparent and democratic election process in 2009.	Non-governmental organizations. Selected organizations: Eurasia Foundation, APEL, IDIS-Viitorul; Consiliul Tinerilor din raionul Hancesti; Hilswerk Austria in Moldova.	Euro 600,000 (EIDHR)	Oleg Chirita Projects Manager Tel: 505210 (ext. 106) oleg.chirita@ec.europa.eu

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USAID Moldova Office	Strengthening Democratic Political Activism in Moldova (SDPA)	<p>The program seeks to build the capacity of political parties and their activists to organize; pursue platforms based on the needs of constituents; and increase political participation of citizens. The program also conducts election monitoring, public opinion polling and media strategies.</p> <p>The election administration component of SDPA program is to strengthen the capacity of central and local election officials to administer the elections effectively. Activities include training for all levels of election officials, development of important election materials, strengthening communication and coordination between the CEC, DECs and PEBs, and improving the quality and integrity of the voter registry and voter lists.</p>	<p>International Republican Institute (IRI); (Participants in democratic processes)</p> <p>National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) (Participants in democratic processes)</p> <p>International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) (Central Elections Commission (CEC))</p>	<p><u>IRI</u> <u>Amount:</u> \$3,300,000 <u>Timeframe:</u> 2006-2011</p> <p><u>NDI:</u> <u>Amount:</u> \$3,297,036 <u>Timeframe:</u> 2006-2011</p> <p><u>IFES:</u> <u>Amount:</u> \$1,000,000 <u>Timeframe:</u> 2008-2009</p>	<p>Stela Leuca, <u>USAID</u> Project Management Assistant sleuca@usaid.gov</p> <p>Steven Rader, Resident <u>IRI</u> Country Director Tel: 22-23-99, 22-51-09 srader@iri.org</p> <p>Alex Grigorievs, <u>NDI</u> Country Director Tel: 23-89-62, 23-24-49 office@ndi.md</p> <p>Staffan Darnolf, <u>IFES</u> Chief of Party tel: 27 12 80, sdarnolf@ifes.org.</p>

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USAID Moldova Office	Moldova Citizen Participation Program (CPP)	The program supports community development projects initiated by citizen groups and NGOs. CPP plans to announce a request for proposals to increase voter participation in the 2009 Parliamentary Elections. It is expected that 6 to 12 small grants will be awarded.	International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (Citizens residing in communities in rural Moldova)	\$60,000	Corneliu Rusnac, USAID Project Management Specialist Cross-Cutting crusnac@usaid.gov Charles Butts, IREX Chief of Party Tel: 22-29-92 x 107 cbutts@irex.md
USAID Moldova Office	Strengthening Civil Society Monitoring Capacity in Moldova	The program seeks to strengthen NGOs and mass media to improve transparency and support public scrutiny of government performance. No grants are planned for specific election related activities. However the project may support media monitoring anticorruption activities connected to the election process.	Academy for Educational Development (AED); (NGO Anti-Corruption Alliance, Independent Journalism Center (IJC), Media NGOs, Association of Moldova Legal Clinics)	N/A	Ina Pislaru, USAID Project Management Specialist - Democracy & Governance Programs Tel: 20 18 38 ipislaru@usaid.gov Sharon Van Pelt, AED Chief of Party Tel: 29-54-04; 75-44-22 svanpelt@ade.md
US Embassy to Moldova	Democracy Grants Commission	The Democracy Grants Commission periodically announces an open competition for grants to further the development of democracy and open society in Moldova. The Commission is expected to provide grant funds for election related activities.	Civil Society Organizations	Timeframe: onwards Amount: TBD	Stelian Rusu, Grants Specialist, Information Resource Center, Tel.: 22-99-50; RusuS@state.gov

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ACEEEO/ Hungarian Government	Long-term training center for electoral professionals	The long-term training center for electoral professionals is a common project of the ACEEEO and CEC Moldova, financed by Hungarian government. At the beginning of the project the training centre will focus its activities on the preparation of the electoral staff for the upcoming 2009 parliamentary elections.	CEC	€40,000	Renata Lapti, Vice-Chairperson, CEC renata.lapti@cec.md
Council of Europe	The Committee of Ministers Action Plan to support parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova in 2009 And Joint Programme of the Council of Europe and the European Commission "Support to free and fair elections:	<p>The goal of the plan is to improve national electoral legislation and practice, to deepen knowledge/understanding of the principles of the European Electoral Heritage by the public officials and to enhance civil society involvement in the supervision of elections</p> <p>Translation into the national language and publication of the Council of Europe "Media and Elections Handbook"</p> <p>Capacity building training for Electoral Youth Council of CEC – August – September 2008</p>	Parliament of the Republic of Moldova CEC Media EYC of CEC	TBD	Radivoje Grujić, Resident Consultant Tel: +(373) 22 202 304 ext. 17 radivoje.grujic@coe.int

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	Moldova and South Caucasus"	International conference "Media coverage of elections" – October 2008	Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, electoral administration, media		
		<p>Workshop (expert meeting) on exchange of views about best ways in implementation of Electoral Code between Venice Commission experts and CEC – October 2008</p> <p>Workshops for judges on electoral disputes (claim procedure) – November 2008</p> <p>Long term placement of the Venice Commission expert to CEC to assist preparation of the electoral process – January-May 2009</p> <p>Seminar for domestic election observers – March 2009</p>	<p>CEC members</p> <p>Judges of Moldovan courts</p> <p>CEC</p> <p>Domestic election observers</p>		