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## PROGRAMME

# MIDEU CLOSING CONFERENCE

“Towards a civic identity of the Republic of Moldova”

Thursday, 14 December 2017

*Venue: Summit Events, Conference Hall  
Chisinau, 49/3 Tighina Street*

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9:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b> Tea/coffee
09:30 – 10:00	<b><u>Opening remarks and project presentation:</u></b> Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP Mr. Vladislav Kulminski, Executive Director (IPIS) Mr. Iulian Groza, Executive Director (IPRE)
10:00 – 10:45	<b><u>Keynote Speeches</u></b>  Moderator: Maria Levcenko, journalist  Speakers: H.E Mr. Ion Stavila, Ambassador on Special Mission, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration H.E. Dr. Julia Monar, Ambassador of Germany to Moldova Representative EU Delegation (TBC)
10:45 – 12:15	<b><u>Panel I: Regional discourse on identity and ethnic inclusion in the Republic of Moldova</u></b>  <b>Description:</b> <i>Presentation of the results of Local Town Hall meetings in Comrat, Balti and Cahul. What are the peculiarities, opportunities and issues of inter-ethnic integration?</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Iulian Groza, Executive Director  <b>Speakers:</b> Ms. Maria Ianioglo, Dean, National History Department, State University in Comrat Mr. Vitalie Ponomariov, State University of Cahul Ms. Lidia Padureac, Head of the Department of Social Sciences and Social Assistance, State University Alecu Russo, Balti
12:15 – 12:45	<b>Buffet lunch</b>
12:45 – 14:30	<b><u>Panel II: Perspectives on a Civic Identity of the Republic of Moldova</u></b>  <b>Description:</b> <i>What are the most pressing issues impeding the evolution of a Moldovan civic identity? What would be possible actions/measures to support the strengthening of such an identity? What unites and divides Moldovan citizens? What are the best practices and lessons learned in Europe?</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> Amb. Andrei Popov, President IPIS  <b>Speakers:</b> Dr Ewa Chylinski, Regional Director, European Centre for Minority Issues Caucasus, Council of Europe Expert on ECRML Mr. Vladimir Turcan, Chairman of Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights and Inter-Ethnic Relations, Moldov Mr. Cristi Tabara, Journalist



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14.30 – 14.50	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:50 – 16.15	<p><b><u>Panel III: Policy Recommendations for improving inter-ethnic relations and ethnic inclusion in the Republic of Moldova</u></b></p> <p><i>Description: Presentation of the Policy recommendations. State of the Action Plan / Strategy for Strengthening Inter-Ethnic relations. What is the role of European partners?</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Iulian Rusu, Expert IPRE</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Ms. Vera Petuhov, deputy Director General, Bureau for Interethnic Relations H.E. Mr. Michael Scanlan, Head of the OSCE Mission</p> <p>Ms. Olga Gonciarova, Chairman Assembly of the People of Moldova</p>
16.15 – 16.30	<p><b><u>Conclusions and next steps</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Alina Mîţu, Programs Director IPIS</b></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP Mr. Vladislav Kulminski, Executive Director (IPIS) Mr. Iulian Groza, Executive Director (IPRE)</p>



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