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Foreword



The Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) “Viitorul” seeks, and we believe succeeds, to create a fertile environment for generating new and innovative ideas, always trying to answer to the most pressing challenges faced by Moldova in the process of European integration. In this endeavor, IDIS “Viitorul” continues to fulfill its ultimate mission in supporting political, economic and social development of the country through research and innovation, offering concrete recommendations and bringing solutions for the development and harmonization of national policies to the guiding European principles and benchmarks, contributing in this way to further European integration of the country. We believe that creativity and resourcefulness requires long-term commitments in order to have a positive and visible impact on the evolution of the Moldovan society. Any young talented, educated, resourceful person, who is also a team player, has the occasion to become a part of IDIS, all matters for this is to be aware about the Institute’s mission, to be able to work selflessly,

creating bold ideas and fighting for their achievement.

An encouraging fact is the increased number of young researchers who have joined IDIS “Viitorul” and developed serious studies that prove our commitment to support younger generation interested in policy research. Despite the critics addressed to some of our publications, –IDIS has shown a strong desire to identify viable solutions to many problems of Moldovan society. At the same time, in its activity, our institute is following the socio-economic priorities of Moldova.

The pressure of deadlines, which is an indispensable component of our life, is a test of both physical and intellectual strength challenging our creativity and resourcefulness. We firmly believe that the most innovative teams are those in which there is full trust in communication and discussion of ideas. In this context, IDIS „Viitorul” initiative is trying to create best environment and offers freedom of initiative for each component of the team which

can freely express its opinion about the socio-political processes in our society.

IDIS „Viitorul” has become a constant presence by its policy analyses, covering the whole variety of forms and structures (policy briefs, policy discussions, policy studies, policy notes). IDIS “Viitorul” Policy Studies Series presents in-depth analysis and critical reflections of IDIS researchers and associated experts taking viable approaches and solutions on the topic of political parties, foreign policy, EU integration, economy and agriculture development, regional development, public administration, energy security, education and many others. Also, it is noteworthy that, while conducting policy research, IDIS has developed several new areas of essential importance for the Republic of Moldova, such as early warning crisis monitoring, media, migration, and healthcare. Policy briefs are a special research instrument, which has not been anticipated before, however provides short, policy-oriented analyses and recommendations to policy initiatives or important political decisions. Also, the 2010 IDIS Catalog of Publications presents all the issues of several well-known and respected IDIS permanent products, such

as Economic Quarterly Statewatch, Social Monitor and Moldova Foreign Policy Statewatch. These policy instruments are excellent tools for sectoral monitoring of phenomena evolution with targeted recommendations. An innovative product: Early Warning Report was launched in 2010 and aims at observing, predicting and preventing, via recommendations, latent crises in various fields. In 2011 IDIS “Viitorul” anticipates to continue using its current research instruments and diversify them in order to respond to the country development challenges.





2010 IDIS Catalog of Publications is a brief review of publications produced by our institute in 2010 and we hope that this will be a useful material for all professionals dedicated to research, as well as to all relevant actors like local and central authorities, decision makers, political parties, development partners, media, academia and all those interested in development and European perspectives of our country.

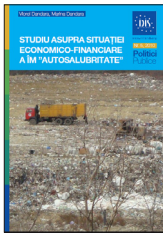




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TITLE	AUTHOR	COVER PAGE	DESCRIPTION
PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSES			
<i>Expiry of Contract Expiration of the contract between Gazprom and Moldovagaz - new opportunities to enhance energy security of the Republic of Moldova</i>	Ion Muntean		This study was designed as a response to the emergence of opportunities to influence the current situation in Moldova's gas sector by developing a platform of renegotiating the existing contract to purchase natural gas from the Russian Federation.
<i>Vocational education at a crossroads: an analysis of decisions of VET policy in the system of education of the RM</i>	Sergiu Lipcean		The study aims to investigate the impact of the new conceptual framework of vocational education and training on society and investigate the relationship between the education system and the labor market in Moldova.
<i>Financing political parties: between transparency and obscurity</i>	Sergiu Lipcean Cornel Ciurea Leonid Litra Cornelia Cozonac		The study analyzed the issue of financing political parties in electoral campaigns in the Republic of Moldova as one of the biggest challenge of the current political system in Moldova.
<i>Study on economic and financial situation of municipal enterprise "EXDRUPO"</i>	Viorel Dandara Marina Dandara		The purpose of the study is to assess the real situation of the enterprise and to identify ways to solve the existing difficulties and those which may arise in the future.





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<i>Study on economic and financial situation of municipal enterprise "AUTOSALUBRITATE"</i>	Viorel Dandara Marina Dandara		The purpose of the study is to assess the real situation of the enterprise and to identify ways to solve the existing difficulties and those which may arise in the future.
<i>Gas sector of the Republic Moldova - consequences of neglected opportunities</i>	Ion Muntean Alexandru Fala		The study represents an extension of research conducted by experts of IDIS «Viitorul» on energy security. The research was focused on analyzing the processes of transportation, transit and distribution of natural gas in Moldova.
<i>The wine industry on mortgage market</i>	Ion Tornea		The study aims to examine the current developments of the wine sector, particularly after the establishment of the embargo on export of Moldovan wines to Russia, issues facing the sector in the light of developments in the banking system, particularly in terms of quality of loan portfolio and the mortgage banking practices.
<i>The impact of aging population on the pension system: subtleties and possible recovery paths</i>	Valeriu Sainsus		The study is analyzing demographic trends in the Republic of Moldova and how the demographic crisis affects the country's economic and social processes.
<i>Legal status and funding of local roads in the Republic of Moldova</i>	Ion Beschieru Aliona Timofeenco		Study addresses in details the maintenance of the local and national roads, and the causes of a lack of an effective control over the quality of maintenance, rehabilitation and construction of roads.

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STUDIES			
<i>Moldova wandered in the knotty labyrinth of the Transnistrian conflict</i>	Dumitru Minzarari		This paper briefly examines the current state of affairs in the format of negotiations, conducted in order to settle the Transnistrian conflict, establishing exactly in which stage we are in the process of the conflict resolution.
<i>Impact of future Free Trade Agreement between Moldova and the European Union on the agro-food sector in Moldova</i>	Ion Perju Viorel Chivriga Alexandru Fala		The study aims to provide detailed proposals regarding the implications of Moldova in external trade with agro-food products in the framework of negotiations of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union.
<i>Institutional and regulatory aspects of financing media in the Republic of Moldova. Focus on Teleradio-Moldova</i>	Sergiu Rusanovschi		The study makes a comparative analysis of the transparency of the mass media funding sources in several European countries. It presents the position of the Council of Europe and European Union on the mass media ownership concentration, its effects on the pluralism of information sources and the funding of the public radio broadcasting service.
<i>Study on Social Protection and Social Inclusion in Moldova (2009)</i>	Olesea Cruc Onorica Banciu Iurie Brinișter Maria Vremis Viorica Craievschi-Toarta Alexandru Sinchetru		This report highlights the most important developments and features of the social protection and healthcare systems in Moldova, particularly analyzing the impact of public policies on vulnerable and marginalized groups of the population.
<i>Political Parties Legislation in Moldova: Review and recommendations for reform</i>	Igor Munteanu		The study focuses on analysis of the law on political parties, adopted in 2007, efficiency and quality of representation of citizens.

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MOLDOVA'S FOREIGN POLICY STATEWATCH			
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch represents a series of brief analyses, written by local and foreign experts, dedicated to the most topical subjects related to the foreign policy of Moldova, major developments in the Black Sea Region, cooperation with international organizations and peace building activities in the region. It aims to create a common platform for discussion and to bring together experts, commentators, officials and diplomats who are concerned with the perspectives of European Integration of Moldova. It is also pertaining to offer to Moldova's diplomats and analysts a valuable tribune for debating the most interesting and controversial points of view, which could help Moldova to find its path to EU.			
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 1 <i>Some reflections on the timing of Moldova's negotiations of the EU Association Agreement</i>	Leonid Litra		The policy brief reveals the complexity, constraints and terms for negotiating the Association Agreement between Republic of Moldova and the European Union.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 2 <i>China becomes a new player on the Moldovan stage</i>	Valentin Lozovanu		The author focuses his analysis on the emergence of a new actor in the SEE region – the People's Republic of China and the opportunities, possibilities for Moldova to receive financial assistance from PRC and the consequences deriving from the contracting of considerable financial (credit) support for Moldova.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 3 <i>The UK and Slovakia will support Moldova in achieving its EU aspiration</i>	Viorica Antonov		This foreign policy issue shows the commitment of several EU members (UK and Slovakia) that are practically contributing in achieving Moldova's European integration
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 4 <i>Ownership relations between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine</i>	Veaceslav Berbeca		The analysis is focused on the bilateral problems between Moldova and Ukraine emphasizing the biggest barriers in deepening the Moldovan-Ukrainian relations, such as Moldovan property in Ukraine.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 5 <i>Visa – free perspectives for Moldova: a never ending story or an accomplishable task?</i>	Leonid Litra		The paper targets the EU-Moldova Visa Dialogue, pointing out the biggest challenges for achieving a future visa liberalization regime. Among issues could be mentioned Transnistria, corruption and border management.



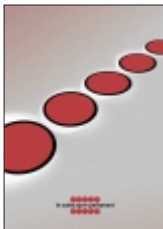
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Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 6 <i>Opportunities to enhance energy security of the Republic of Moldova</i>	Viorica Antonov		The issue no. 6 deals with upcoming opportunities to diversify energy resources and to strengthen the energy security of Moldova via interconnecting to regional projects.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 7 <i>Black Sea Region – Continuity or geopolitical change</i>	Cornel Ciurea		The author is considering the geopolitical rivalries that are taking place in the Black Sea Region and propose a position which Moldova should take towards regional actors.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 8 <i>Wine warfare at the doorstep - nothing new, just business for Russia</i>	Dan Amonte		This policy brief is referring to the ban on Moldovan wines imposed by the Russian Federation. The paper explores the possibilities to diminish the negative effects and to use instruments for retaking the exports.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 9 <i>The Republic of Moldova and Ukraine – a package approach for the EU or each with its own way</i>	Veaceslav Berbeca		The analysis is underlining the EU's regional approach and dispersion of countries in different blocks. This brief is treating the subject whether the EU should approach Moldova and Ukraine a block or separately.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 10 <i>Are the Moldovans who hold Romanian passports a devastating threat for EU?</i>	Leonid Litra		The author is analyzing the problem of Moldovans who are receiving the Romanian passports and the protests of the newspapers from EU. The paper mainly is drawing a comparative approach showing also the offered citizenships by other EU members.

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Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 11 <i>Foreign assistance and Moldova's economic development</i>	Valentin Lozovanu Viorel Girbu		In this analysis, the authors examine how ODA was spent in Moldova in 2008-09. They offer critiques of how the funds were allocated and also recommend a fundamental reconsideration of the role of ODA monies in any effort to spur economic growth. The authors urge their government not to rely only on ODA and to instead develop a development strategy independent of such funding.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 12 <i>The misleading eastern alternative: Republic of Moldova and the Russia – Kazakhstan – Belarus Customs Union</i>	Eduard Țugui		This paper is focused on the possibility to join Russia – Belarus – Kazakhstan Customs Union as an alternative for Moldova's foreign policy. It is describing the disadvantages compared to the EU and is suggesting to abort eastern idea as a foreign policy priority.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 13 <i>Shedding light on the ongoing EU-Moldova trade liberalization</i>	Evghenia Sleptsova		The policy brief is analysing the major problems that Moldova might have after the concluding the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the EU and which could the instruments to neutralize the negative effects.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 14 <i>From a basic treaty to a treaty regarding the border's regime</i>	Ion Tăbîrță, Cornel Ciurea		The authors are explaining the disadvantages and benefits of signing the border's regime treaty between Moldova and Romania, as well as the constraints that guided the signing of the treaty.
Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch, Issue 15 <i>Opportunities in Moldovan-German relations</i>	Leonid Litra Dumitru Rusu		The Issue 15 is exploring the window of opportunity in Moldovan-German relations in connection with Transnistria. In the same context, it is shape future scenario that will possibly appear.

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POLICY BRIEFS			
<i>Referendum in Moldova: is it a failure and which are the implications?</i>	Leonid Litra Cornel Ciurea		The Policy Brief is analysing the effects of the non-validated referendum in Moldova. It is referring on how to overcome the political stalemate that is being generated by the referendum results.
<i>VAT refund: analysis and solutions</i>	Corina Gaibu		The Policy Brief focused on analysis of VAT refund procedures in several countries based on comparative analysis.
<i>Draft law on energy efficiency - a promising start, or a commission of the state budget?</i>	Ion Muntean		The Policy Brief aims to analyze the current situation concerning the financial support of the energy efficiency in Moldova and makes a prospective vision on Energy Efficiency Fund.
<i>Case study of the improvement of the commercial relations within GUAM (valid for CEFTA also)</i>	Viorel Chivriga		The Policy Brief aims to analyze the main issues in the field of external trade within GUAM and proposes some solutions for boosting economic cooperation, including CEFTA.
<i>The role of the supreme council for security in the new policy context</i>	Vlad Lupan		Analysis of the role of the supreme council for security in the new policy context of the Republic of Moldova

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THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AGENDA			
<i>The National Business Agenda 2010 Priorities to create an attractive and competitive business environment in the Republic of Moldova</i>			<i>The National Business Agenda 2010</i> , is a periodical (annual) edition, representing a joint initiative of private associative environment and community experts from Moldova, launched in 2008 in order to accelerate the definition of priorities, solutions and growth objectives, simplification of regulations and effective forms of public-private dialogue.
EARLY WARNING REPORT			
Early Warning Report Early Warning Report, nr.2, January-March 2010	Corneliu Ciurea Igor Munteanu Leonid Litra Veaceslav Berbeca Alexandru Fala		Early Warning Report a periodical which aims to observe, predict and rationally prevent through recommendations latent crises in various fields as well to developing platform of pre-crisis Management in Moldova. It is issued twice per year, in reliance of project.
Early Warning Report Early Warning Report, Nr.3, April - October 2010	Corneliu Ciurea Leonid Litra Veaceslav Berbeca Alexandru Fala		Early Warning Report a periodical which aims to observe, predict and rationally prevent through recommendations latent crises in various fields as well to developing platform of pre-crisis Management in Moldova. It is issued twice per year, in reliance of project.
SOCIAL MONITOR			
Social Monitor Nr 2, 2010 <i>Protection of Pensioners: priorities and current debates</i>	Viorica Antonov, Olesea Cruc Tatiana Gamanji		This edition aims to analyze the situation of pensioners and ageing people in the Republic of Moldova, conducting in-depth interviews with citizens from different backgrounds. The study also estimates the pension system of Moldova through a comparison with private pension system.

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<i>Social Monitor</i> Nr. 3, 2010 <i>"Brain drain: challenges, impact and solutions"</i>	Viorica Antonov, Olesea Cruc Tatiana Gamanji		This edition analyzes the socio-economic and demographic segment of migration processes such as brain drain and its implications on labor market policies in the Republic of Moldova.
<i>Social Monitor</i> Nr. 4, 2010 <i>"Integration, equal opportunities and protection of the persons with disabilities"</i>	Viorica Antonov, Olesea Cruc Tatiana Gamanji		This issue comes to clarify the situation faced by people with disabilities in Moldova, on the assumption that the appropriate conditions of their integration and mobility in society are not created, and how their difficult life is not thoroughly addressed and highlighted in society.
<i>Social Monitor</i> Nr. 5, 2010 <i>"Necessities in development a national medical assistance system dedicated to elderly persons"</i>	Constantin Ețco Andrei Mecineanu Dorin Rotaru Vladislav Badan		The issue comes to examine the access to medical services of elderly persons and the causes of health system collapse, in depth analyzing the importance of implementation of geriatric services in Moldova.
<i>Economic Watch</i> # 19. Q1, 2010 # 20. Q2, 2010 # 21. Q3, 2010	Viorel Chivriga, Igor Munteanu, Viorel Chivriga, Viorel Dandara, Ion Perju, Viorica Antonov, Corina Gaibu, Sergiu Gaibu, Onorica Banciu, Cornel Ciurea, Ion Perju, Ion Tornea, Ion Mișcișin Mariana Radov și Laura Bohanțov.		<i>Economic Statewatch</i> is a publication aiming to analyze and display current economic and financial affairs in Moldova. It focused on politics, agriculture, business, foreign trade, monetary market, public finances, prices, labor market, regional development and analysis of last trends in global economy tangible with economic development of Moldova. It is issued usually three times per year.

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DOCUMENTARY AND INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS			
<i>Tourist Guide of Gagauzia</i>	Liubomir Chiriac Igor Munteanu		The publication captures the main touristic sights of the Administrative Territorial Unit of Gagauzia (UTAG), showing both the traditions and customs, specific culinary, hotels and hostels and mineral resources, economic potential. The guide culminates with a tourist route, first for the region modeled.
<i>Country report that assesses the European Neighborhood Policy funding for Moldova till 2009</i>	Igor Munteanu Olesea Cruc Ghenadie Mocanu		The report aims to assess the European Neighborhood Policy funding for Moldova till 2009. It concludes that monitoring and evaluating current ENPI programs in Moldova is certainly a difficult task, but one which must be undertaken in order to improve the current situation.
<i>On the way to Parliament. Debates for students</i>	Olesea Cruc		A handbook for students regarding the parliament activities and youth implications in political debates

List of public events

A. STUDY PRESENTATION	
Date	Event
February 22	Moldova wandered in the knotty labyrinth of the Transnistrian conflict
March 3	The legal status and financing of the local roads in Republic of Moldova
March 22	Moldova's border with Ukraine – a test for the sovereignty of Republic of Moldova
March 23	Social Monitor – “Protection of retired persons: current priorities and debates”
March 26	Moldovan audiovisual: between crisis and renaissance
April 1	Early Warning Report, issue 2
April 14	Economic Statewatch, quarter 1
April 29	Vocational education at cross-roads: an analysis of the political decisions in the framework of the secondary vocational education
May 12	The impact of demographic aging: refinements and ways of solving the issue
May 14	Draft law of energy efficiency – a promising start or a commission to public budget?
June 8	Social Monitor – “Brain drain: challenges, impact and solutions”
June 17	Launch of Moldova's Foreign Policy Statewatch – “Some reflections on the timing of Moldova's negotiations of the EU Association Agreement”
July 30	Political Parties Legislation in Moldova
August 17	Social Monitor – “Integration, equal opportunities and protection of the persons with disabilities”
September 10	Impact of the upcoming Free-trade Agreement between RM and EU on Moldovan agriculture
October 5	Economic Statewatch, quarter 2
October 12	Gas sector of RM – what are the consequences of the missed opportunities?
October 18	Early Warning Report, issue 3
October 20	Social Monitor – “Necessities in development a national medical assistance system dedicated to old persons”
October 28	“Wine industry on forfeiting market
December 6	Financing of political parties: between transparency and obscurity
December 14	The institutional aspects and financial regulation of the mass media in the Republic of Moldova. Focus on Teleradio-Moldova
December 22	Economic Statewatch, quarter 3
December 28	Expiration of the contract between Gazprom and Moldovagaz – new opportunities to strengthen energetic security of Republic of Moldova

B. CONFERENCES AND FORUMS	
Date	Event
April 27-28	International conference "Regulations of Political Parties in Moldova: Critical Remarks and Policy Recommendations"
May 21	National Conference "National Business Agenda 2010: from crisis challenges to new opportunities of economic growth"
November 10	Offer of the business sector for Moldova: lessons learnt of National Business Agenda half a year monitoring
November 30	Moldovan-German forum on financing small and medium enterprises

C. ROUNDTABLES AND DEBATES	
Date	Event
January 20	Economic debates, Chisinau – subsidizing agricultural producers
January 28	Roundtable "Decentralization as priority of the political reform: opportunities, risks and planning stages in 2010"
February 9	Economic debates – Fighting monopolies
February 10	Economic debates, Comrat – subsidizing agricultural producers
February 11	Economic debates, Chisinau – Social packages as tool of motivating employees
March 10	Roundtable on legislation which regulates the special status of Chisinau city
April 22	The representatives of the private sector community the representatives of the private sector community presented to the Parliamentary Commission of Economy, Budget and Finances a priority legislative package of immediate measures
May 6	Debates "Good Governance and European Standards in using packages and residual wastes. Priorities and stages in Republic of Moldova. Lessons learnt from neighbor states"
July 1	Discussion club, Chisinau, Rejection of the activity report of the Coordinating Council on Audiovisual by the Parliament, reforming Teleradio-Moldova
July 12	Debates with Philippe Claret, professor at Montesquieu Bordeaux IV University: "Foreign policy of France: relation with European Union and Southern-Eastern Europe"
July 14	Discussion club, Balti, Challenges faced by local media
August 23	Discussion club, Cahul, Challenges faced by local media
September 13	Discussion club, Chisinau, Transparency of media financing, anti-mafia campaigns and media behaviour in reporting on referendum
October 1	Roundtable "Personal data protection – limits of freedom of expression"
November 2	Roundtable on transparency on income and expenditures of political parties

D. LAUNCHES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Date	Event
January 14	Launch of the projects "Increasing energy efficiency of Chisinău and Sevastopol municipalities based on existing positive experience"
March 17	Launch of documentary "Investment perspectives in the region of Gagauzia"
August 4	Launch of the project "Intensifying cooperation of the \customs Service with civil society in order to prevent corruption"
August 25	17th anniversary
September 20	Sign of a 5-year Cooperation Agreement with the German foundation "Hanns Seidel"
September 27	IDIS "Viitorul" became laureate of a national award to observe perseverance and courage in promoting access to information, entitled "The Bronze Bell". The annual award "The Bronze Bell" observes efforts in promoting access to information, entitled "The Bronze Bell", given by "Acces-Info" Centre.
October 19	Launch of the Tourist Guide of Gagauzia
November 9	Launch of the project "National Convention for European Integration"
December 11	Final ceremony of the project "On the way to Parliament"
December 15	Launch of contest of energy efficiency for schools, www.chisinauprojects.eu

