

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



A modern, efficient and accessible electoral process - guarantee for voter's equality

CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities

- Signed by the Republic of Moldova on March 30, 2007
- Ratified by the Parliament on July 9, 2010

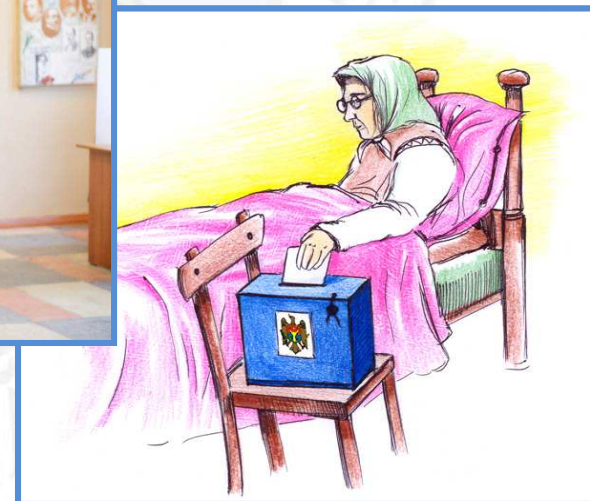
Current situation

- Persons with disabilities: 183.415 (about 5,2% of the population)*
- About 46 % of public buildings comply with accessibility conditions
- About 15 % of the polling stations' premises comply with accessibility conditions

* 01.01.2014

Three voting procedures:

- ordinary voting
- assisted voting
- voting at the place of stay – with the mobile voting box



Legislative safeguards*

- the right to adequate, accessible and easily understood and used voting procedures and materials (implementation of alternative voting modalities)
- the right to free opinion about political parties and their candidates, including by organization of electoral debates and radio/TV shows in mimic-gesture language, printing out electoral materials using the writing systems used by the persons with visual deficiency, and by using other information tools accessible for persons with disabilities

* The Law on Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (no. 60 dated 30.03.2012)

Achievements in the area of accessibility to the electoral process

- Adopting the Instruction on ensuring the PS's infrastructure (12 August 2014)
- Adopting the Regulation on the electoral campaign media coverage (17 April 2015)
- Adopting the Declaration on the accessibility of the electoral process for disabled persons (21 April 2015)

Area of visual disabilities (1)

➤ Extending testing the voting procedure using the template-envelope for the voters with visual disabilities *

➤ Shooting the didactic-methodological movie “Direct and secret voting of persons with visual disabilities using the template-envelope”**

* 2010 – 1 polling station (PS)

2014 – 57 PS's

2015 – 100% PS's

** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeor3UVG698&feature=youtu.be>



Area of visual disabilities (2)

- Printing the Voter's Guide in Braille language
- Developing the audio version of the Voter's Guide
- Developing the audio motivational spots in Romanian and Russian languages
- Special rulers for the voter to apply the signature in the voters' list
- Voting booths equipped with additional light sources and magnifiers



Area of mobile disabilities (1)

- Adjustment of the secret voting booths to special needs
 - (size 50 cm*30cm*150cm)



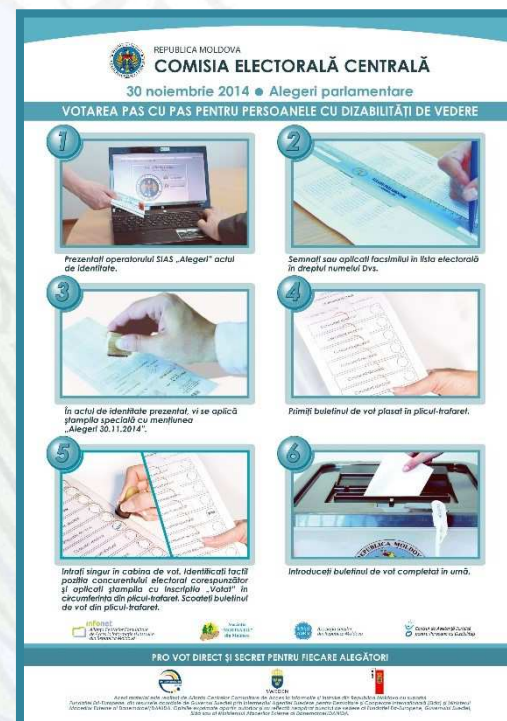
Area of mobile disabilities (2)

- Equipping the polling stations with special ramps



Area of mobile disabilities (3)

- Including the person with mobile disabilities as member of the precinct electoral bureau
- Accreditation of 31 national observers from the “Motivation” Association, of whom 16 are persons with mobile disabilities
- Development of a poster explaining the voting procedures



Area of hearing disabilities

- Employing on the election day and the day after of 2 translators mimic-gesture for translating the CEC meetings
- Involving 2 persons with hearing disabilities as observers in the parliamentary elections from 2014



Access of persons with disabilities to the electoral process



<http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/en/home/ourwork/democraticgovernance/successstories/moldova-offers-better-ballot-access-to-people-with-disabilities.html>



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