

PUBLIC STATEMENT

The attacks against the EU Ambassador Peter Michalko are a diversion!

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The ȘOR Party, in the person of the fugitive MP Ilan ȘOR, and the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (PSRM), have recently launched attacks on the EU Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Peter MICHALKO, in order to divert the attention from their undemocratic and unconstitutional maneuvers to retain the power after the loss of the presidential elections by Igor DODON.

The two parties blame the European diplomat for the various opinions he had and allege a so-called violation of the country's "sovereignty". In reality, it is a diversion: both the ȘOR party and PSRM seem rather concerned with securing a sovereign power in order to control state institutions, despite the fact that they have lost the support of the electorate.

Sovereignty is not affected by the EU Ambassador, who states that there have been deviations from the reform commitments officially assumed by the Republic of Moldova in the Association Agreement with the European Union, but by those who promote such attacks. Even the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova established the [unconstitutionality](#) of one of the draft laws adopted in December 2020, by a majority consisting of PSRM, the Șor Party and the "for Moldova" group, which violated legal procedures and decision-making transparency.

Instead, "sovereignty" is the preferred concern of power-hungry politicians, who do not want their abuses to be sanctioned or criticized by anyone, either from the inside or the outside of the country, and who, thus, want to spread fear and distrust among citizens.

Ambassador Peter MICHALKO spoke from the position of the partnership and collaboration relationship between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova. In addition to the [Association Agreement](#) with the EU, signed by the Republic of Moldova in 2014, which includes a series of obligations on both sides, the EU is in a position of partnership in many other respects:

- Since 2009, the EU is the largest donor and development partner of the Republic of Moldova, contributing through Official External Assistance with about 1.12 billion euros, resources that went directly to the state budget;
- In addition, technical assistance projects have been implemented for central and local public authorities, civil society, and businesses. These investments resulted in 700 kilometers of roads, modern trolleybuses for Chisinau and Balti, access to drinking water for 16,000 people; thousands of jobs;
- The EU is the main trading partner of the Republic of Moldova, with 67% of exports in 2020.

Cooperation with the EU and respect for European standards and values actually strengthens the sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova and its economic, social and democratic development.

Under these conditions, the National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum expresses its solidarity with the EU Ambassador Peter MICHALKO and demands the political parties to refrain from turning European diplomats into political targets, focusing instead on finding democratic solutions to the political crisis, in accordance with the interests of the citizens.

Signatories:

1. AEGEE-Chișinău
2. Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables
3. Alliance of Active NGOs for Social Protection of Child and Family
4. Alliance of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities
5. Alliance of Small Enterprises from Moldova
6. Amnesty International Moldova
7. AO "Institutum Virtutes Civilis"
8. Association for Efficient and Responsible Governance
9. Association for Participatory Democracy ADEPT
10. Association for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities from Moldova
11. Association for Waste Recovery E-circular
12. Association of Environmental and Ecological Tourism Journalists
13. Association of Independent Press
14. Association of Women for Environmental Protection and Durable Development
15. Automobil Club Moldova
16. Ave Copiii
17. BIOS
18. BIOTICA
19. Business Consulting Institute
20. Business Professional Women
21. Caroma-Nord
22. CASMED
23. Centre for Development and Management
24. Centre for Independent Journalism
25. Centre for Policies and Reforms
26. Centre of Development in Education
27. Centre of Economic Development and Public Affairs
28. Centre of Innovation and Policies from Moldova
29. Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova
30. Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration Agency
31. Cutezătorul
32. East-European Foundation
33. Eco-Contact
34. Eco-Răzeni
35. Eco-Sor
36. Ecological Consulting Centre Cahul
37. Ecological Movement of Moldova
38. ECOTOX
39. ESGA Moldova
40. European Centre for Social Initiatives "Stalker"
41. European Institute for Political Studies
42. Federation of Trade Unions in Construction and Construction Materials Industry SINDICONS
43. Foreign Policy Association
44. Foundation for Advancement of Moldova
45. Foundation for Education and Advancement of Moldova
46. GREEN-School
47. Hai Moldova
48. IM Swedish Development Partner

49. Independent Analytic Centre Expert-Grup
50. INFONET
51. Informational and Support Centre for Young Economists "CERTITUDINE"
52. Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul"
53. Institute for European Policies and Reforms
54. Institute for Human Rights
55. Institute for Urban Development
56. Institute of Public Policies
57. INTECO
58. Interaction NGO
59. International Association of River Keepers „Eco-Tiras”
60. International Centre for Women Rights Protection and Promotion "La Strada"
61. INVENTO
62. Keystone International Human Services Moldova
63. Labour Institute
64. Legal Resources Centre from Moldova
65. Local Democracy Agency Moldova
66. MilleniuM" Training and Development Institute
67. Moms in Action
68. National Association of European Trainers from Moldova
69. National Centre of Assistance and Information for Moldovan NGOs "CONTACT"
70. National Environment Centre
71. National LEADER Network in Moldova
72. National Roma Centre
73. National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova
74. National Trade Union Confederation „SĂNĂTATEA" din RM
75. National Youth Council of Moldova
76. Pro Regional Cooperation"
77. Pro-Europa" Centre from Comrat
78. Promo-LEX
79. Regional Centre for Durable Development from Ungheni
80. Regional Centre of Environmental Studies ECOS
81. Regional Centre „Contact" Bălți
82. Regional Environment Centre from Moldova
83. Republican Centre for Children and Youth Gutta-Club
84. Small Business Association
85. Soros-Moldova Foundation
86. Terra-1530
87. The National Confederation of Employers of the Republic of Moldova
88. Transparency International Moldova
89. Union of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities from Moldova
90. VESTA" Gagauzia Regional Association
91. WatchDog.md Community
92. Woman and Child- Protection and Support"
93. Youth for Future"
94. Ștefan-Vodă Territorial Organisation of the Ecological Movement of Moldova
95. Медиа Центр Приднестровья