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**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**DECISION**

**on Approving the Medium Term Sector Policy Priorities (2019-2021)**

**No. 350 of April 18, 2018**

*(in force on April 20, 2018)*

Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 126-132 Art. 392 of April 20, 2018

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In accordance with the Law No. 166 of July 11, 2012 on Approving the National Development Strategy “Moldova 2020” (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2012, No. 245-247, Art. 791), with subsequent amendments and completions, and to ensure a responsible and efficient administration in ministries and other central administration authorities, the Government hereby

**DECIDES:**

**1.** To approve the medium term sector policy priorities (2019-2021) (attached).

**2.** The medium term sector policy priorities (2019-2021) shall serve as grounds for the development of the Medium Term Budgetary Framework (2019-2021).

**3.** The central public authorities shall have the role of overseeing the implementation process of the established sector policy priorities and shall ensure the utmost reflection of sector policy priorities in the medium term budgetary framework.

**4.** The central public authorities shall ensure the accomplishment of sector policy priorities in their area of competence within the limits of approved budgetary funds.

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| **PRIME MINISTER** | **Pavel FILIP** |
| **Countersigned:** |  |
| **Minister of Finance** | **Octavian Armasu** |
| **No. 350. Chisinau, April 18, 2018.** | |

Approved

by Government Decision

No. 350 of April 18, 2018

**MEDIUM TERM SECTOR POLICY PRIORITIES (2019-2021)**

**A. MAJOR PRIORITY DOMAINS**

This chapter includes domains with a major impact on the sustainable development of the country.

Being a national priority, education has a primary role in building the prerequisites for the sustainable human development and the edification of a knowledge-based society. Hence, the priorities formulated for this sector are focused on ensuring the access to education, its quality, and competitive people who are well educated in the relevant areas, which contribute to economic growth.

The efficient functioning of justice authorities is an important element of a democratic society and the establishment of an independent judicial system void of external influences on the act of justice is an indicator of the state’s commitment to the European integration aspiration. Therefore, the strategic objective in this regard is to ensure a justice system that is accessible, efficient, independent, transparent, professional and accountable to the society, corresponding to European standards, ensuring the rule of law and respecting human rights.

One element of immeasurable significance for the attraction of foreign investments in the country is road infrastructure; hence, the Government shall take the utmost efforts to rehabilitate the national and local roads, as well as to develop transportation services.

The Government shall pay an increased attention to the country’s reintegration.

Furthermore, the medium term sector policy priorities are incorporated in the strategic objective of European integration of the Republic of Moldova and concern the facilitation of its accomplishment, including by contributing to the efficient implementation of the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union.

**1. Education**

1) Ensuring the relevance of education for one’s life and the national economy

2) Enhancing the life-long learning system from a perspective of general training and of a life-long vocational training

3) Institutional strengthening and improvement of funding models of education

4) Ensuring access to quality education and streamlining the education process

**2. Justice and public order**

1) Ensuring the quality of the act of justice

2) Implementation of the Police Development Strategy

**3. Infrastructure**

1) Development of road infrastructure

2) Development of railway infrastructure, and freight and passenger transportation services

3) Development of information and communication technology infrastructure

**B. PRIORITY DOMAINS**

The Government aligns with the principles of a good functioning of the market economy, by facilitating and developing a conjunction that enables the development of the business environment. The efforts to improve the business environment shall result in the creation of jobs and in the production of quality goods and services required by the population. The results of the private environment’s activity reflect directly upon the budget in all its dimensions.

The need to expedite the reform in the area of social protection emerges from the major impact it has on poverty reduction, by ensuring social safeguards for disabled persons and by supporting the family and the child.

**4. Business environment**

1) Facilitation of the development of the small and medium enterprise sector

2) Building conditions for attraction of foreign direct investments in the national economy

3) Development and liberalization of the labor market

**5. Ensuring the urgent needs of the population**

**5.1. Social protection**

1) Reforming the social inclusion of disabled persons

2) Sustainability of the public social security system

3) Improving the policies concerning the financial support granted to families with children and the protection of children at risk and of children separated from their parents

4) Social support to persons with low income and elderly persons

**5.2. Health**

1) Modernization of primary healthcare

2) Reforming the hospital healthcare

3) Ensuring food safety

4) Development of water supply and sanitation infrastructure

**6. Research and innovation**

1) Alignment of research and innovation with the social-economic development needs of the country

2) Support to the participation of young researchers in the thematic programs of the European Union

**C. OTHER OBJECTIVES**

This chapter includes the priorities related to ensuring the continuity of reforms initiated in the previous years, such as cross-sector public policies. The actions initiated by the Government should continue the modernization and streamlining of public service provision, which would contribute to economic growth and social development, ensuring the security of the Republic of Moldova in all terms, as well as strengthening the efforts to accomplish the commitments made in the framework of the Agenda of Association with the European Union. Thus, they concern, among others: public administration reform, enhanced access to and increased quality of health services, involvement of youth in the social-economic life of the country, development of the cultural sector, increasing the competitiveness of the agricultural food sector and ensuring the environmental sustainability, ensuring gender equality, etc.

**7. Social protection**

Ensuring a comprehensive approach to gender equality

**8. General objectives**

1) Public administration reform

2) Edification of the information society in the public sector

3) Strengthening the management in the area of public finances

4) Building the capacity to administer tax and customs revenues

5) Development of the infrastructure in the Customs Service and the State Tax Service

6) Strengthening the national statistics system

7) Modernization and automation of election processes

**9. Energy**

1) Improvement of energy efficiency and valorization or renewable energy sources

2) Ensuring the security of electricity and natural gas supply

**10. Mining, industry and constructions**

Development of general urban plans of settlements

**11. Health**

1) Reform of public health service

2) Control of communicable and non-communicable diseases

3) Development of emergency healthcare

4) Ensuring the accessibility of medications

**12. Environment protection**

1) Creation and development of environment infrastructure

2) Restoration, protection and conservation of biodiversity

3) Diminishing of climate change risks and facilitation of climate change adaption of national economy sectors

4) Ensuring the treatment of the urban waste water in accordance with the requirements of the Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment

5) Reform of the environment governance system and development of the political and normative framework in the area of environment protection and rational use of natural resources according to the commitments made under the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the EU

**13. Communications**

1) Enhancing the cybersecurity level and increasing the online safety

2) Implementation of the Automated Information System in the 112 Service

**14. Agriculture**

1) Enhancing the competitiveness of the agricultural food sector by restructuring and modernizing the market

2) Ensuring a sustainable management of natural resources in agriculture

3) Development of post-harvesting processes

**15. Public order and state security**

1) Strengthening the national security domain

2) Implementation of the National Strategy on Reforming the Troupes of Riflemen

3) Building the intervention capacities in the event of fires or emergency situations

4) Strengthening the state border management

5) Ensuring the efficient management of migration processes

6) Implementation of the National Integrity and Anticorruption Strategy

**16. Penitentiary institutions**

Building the capacities and the infrastructure of the penitentiary system and improvement of detention conditions

**17. National defense**

1) Development and modernization of the defense capacities in the National Army

2) Increasing and maintaining the contribution of the Republic of Moldova to international peace-building missions and operations

**18. Foreign affairs**

1) Strengthening the relations with strategic development partners in view of implementing the reform agenda to achieve the objectives set in the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union

2) Enhancing the efficiency of the diplomatic service’s activity of the Republic of Moldova

**19. Tourism**

Valorization of the national touristic potential and promotion of the image of the Republic of Moldova as a touristic destination

**20. Culture**

1) Development of the cultural institution infrastructure

2) Safeguarding the national cultural heritage

3) Support to the development of creative industries in the Republic of Moldova

**21. Youth and sports**

1) Enhancing the level of youth involvement in decision-making processes and development of youth services

2) Modernization of sports infrastructure and support to the performance and grassroots sports

**22. Prevention and fighting of domestic violence**

Implementation of the National Strategy to Prevent and Fight Violence against Women and Domestic Violence