SIGMA Mission to Chisinau, Moldova

11-15 October 2021

Meeting with the Prime Minister of Moldova Mrs Natalia Gavrilița

The SIGMA delegation, led by Gregor Virant, met the Prime Minister of Moldova Mrs. Natalia Gavrilița and her Chief of Staff Mrs. Stella Jemna.

The past and potential future co-operation between SIGMA and Moldova in building the capacities of the public administration was discussed. Mr. Virant congratulated the Prime Minister on an ambitious set of good governance reforms envisaged in her Government Programme and offered SIGMA assistance in implementing those.

The Prime Minister pointed out that she is well aware of the SIGMA Programme and praised a number of SIGMA publications in the field of centre of government. Both parties agreed that the areas of potential co-operation would include work on the new Public Administration Reform Strategy, as well as reviewing the remuneration system in the public administration to make it more competitive in the labour market.
Meeting with the Minister of Finance Mr. Dumitru Budianschi

During the meeting with the Minister of Finance Mr. Dumitru Budianschi and the key heads of departments of the ministry, a number of areas for possible co-operation were discussed. It was agreed that SIGMA could provide its support in further improving the programme-based budgeting approach, continue with improving the regulatory framework for public procurement processes, as well as re-instating the concept behind the concept of public internal financial control, including internal audit. The Minister specifically asked SIGMA to assist in carrying out a functional review of the ministry to better streamline it for delivering on its mandate, and SIGMA agreed.

Supporting public administrations during the COVID-19 crisis

During the meeting in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Moldova with the Head of the Department for European Integration Mrs. Daniela Cujba and her Deputy Mrs. Daniela Rusu, past and future co-operation between the OECD/SIGMA and the public institutions of the Republic of Moldova were discussed, including within the broader context of the EU Eastern Partnership policy.