



**Government of the Republic of Moldova  
United Nations in Moldova**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**SUPPORT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE R&D SECTOR AND ELABORATION OF THE REFORMING  
CONCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

**NATIONAL CONSULTANCY**

**BACKGROUND**

Research and innovation (R&I) have an important role in driving economic growth. The present economic recession is a blow to worldwide economic growth and most governments are taking actions to restore the stability of the financial system and stimulate growth. The Government of the Republic of Moldova will proceed to changing the country development paradigm from a consumption-driven economy to an economy based on investments, innovations and competitiveness, so that the national economy becomes able to create viable and well-paid jobs, while the whole society in general and each citizen in particular could enjoy the effects of a sound economic, organic and balanced growth.

In this regard, the Governmental Programme “European Integration, Freedom, Democracy and Wellbeing” 2009-2013 foreseen the creation of favourable conditions in order to develop an competitive industry, through innovation and know-know, Focus academic policies in the scientific and innovation field on building the capacity and competitiveness of the research and innovation system through technological transfer and in line with the concept of knowledge-driven economy.

Unfortunately, the current situation is characterised by a weak linkage between research area and the requests (necessities) existing within the national economy.

In order to move the accents from the quantitative system of indicators (number of the activities, publications, participations within the scientific forums and other measures) to the qualitative system of indicators (economic and social impact of the investments allocated in the sector on the development of the social and real sectors) it is necessary to make a reform within the whole R&D sector, starting with an evaluation of the existing system

**OBJECTIVE**

Assessment of the R&D sector and elaboration of the reforming concept in accordance with the international experience.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL SETTING**

The consultant will be based in the Ministry of Economy and will work directly with the Department on industrial policies and competitiveness.

### **TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*The tasks under this assignment will be performed by 2 experts:*

#### **I expert:**

- Assessment of the existing situation of the R&D sector in Moldova,
- Elaboration of the reforming concept of the R&D sector in accordance with the international experience.

#### **II expert:**

Examination of the international experience in the field

- Elaboration of the reforming concept of the R&D sector in accordance with the international experience.

### **DELIVERABLES**

The main outputs of the assignment, contributing to the increasing of the enterprise efficiency, are:

- Report on the assessment of the R&D sector
- Reforming concept of the R&D sector

### **TIMEFRAME**

The contract is provided for 6 months

### **SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

- A degree/post-graduate qualification in economics;
- At least 5 years overall professional experience;
- It is preferred the expert worked previously on the field of R&D sector
- Knowledge of Romanian, Russian and English languages.