



Development Cooperation between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Moldova



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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Moldova ("Moldova") and the Czech Republic ("Czechia") enjoy long-standing relations. Czechia's good image in Moldova owes a lot to its development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, and to frequent visits of Czech experts to Moldova and vice versa. Czech-Moldovan cooperation started in the early 2000s with an overall objective of Moldova's European future. However, the EU candidate status granted to Moldova in June 2022 opens new opportunities to support Moldova by sharing Czechia's experience of pre-accession transformation processes.

Moldova became a priority country of Czechia's development cooperation ("Czech Aid") in 2005. Russia's aggression against the neighbouring Ukraine in February 2022 then prompted more humanitarian assistance to Moldova.

- In inclusive social development Czech projects introduced the term medico-social home care, new policies to deinstitutionalize social services and improve care for persons with autistic spectrum disorders.
- In agriculture and rural development, the Vineyard and Wine Register was created, and legislation on organic farming was aligned with European standards.
- In the natural resources management sector, areas polluted with pesticides were decontaminated, and investments in wastewater treatment were another step towards better living conditions and a clean environment.
- In good governance, capacities were developed in the fields of digitalization, cybersecurity, and emergency response (with support for firefighters, border police, and canine units).

Partnership in Action: Moldova & Czechia



Key Contributions for an Inclusive Social Development

Reforming the Social Care and Mental Health System

Czechia supports Moldova's transition from institutional to community-based care. Over 1,800 people with mental disabilities have indirectly benefited from this process. Two pilot protected housing centers were developed, and a new university curriculum was introduced at Free International University of Moldova, including lecturers with personal recovery experience. Peer mental health specialists were trained and employed in community services. Projects contributed to transition plans for 29 protected housing units, quality audits, and public anti-stigma campaigns.

Support for Children with Autism and Their Families

With a contribution of €2.48 million, the project implemented by SOS Autism generated systemic change:

- The Autism Law was drafted.
- Over 700 professionals (doctors, educators, therapists) were trained.
- The first medically accredited SOS Autism center was established.
- Vocational workshops, LEGO clubs, and an electronic ASD registry were launched.
- In 2022 Ukrainian refugee mothers of children with autism received assistance.

Development of Home Care Services

With a contribution of over **€5.44 million**, the project implemented by the HomeCare Association between 2007 and 2025 brought home care service to Moldova:

- 12 medico-social centers were established across various regions of the country.
- Over 3,000 patients received home-based care annually.
- Hundreds of nurses, social workers, and volunteers were trained in best practices.
- Essential medical equipment was provided (osteodensitometers, blood pressure monitors, hearing aids, etc.).
- More than **16,000** telemedicine consultations were conducted in rural areas.
- Humanitarian, medical, and psychological support was provided to Ukrainian refugees first the border and then in adapted centers.





Enhancing Capacities in Social Protection

Between 2016–2018 and 2025–2027, with a contribution of **€1 million**, Czechia supported the reform of social worker education:

- A new legislative framework for professional training was approved.
- Eight specialized training courses were developed.
- 550 social workers were trained through pilot programs.
- The reform supported the professionalization of the sector and the establishment of a sustainable education system.



Key Contributions for a Good Governance

Supporting Public Safety and Emergency Response

Between 2012–2025, with a constant contribution, Czechia collaborated with the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations to:

- Build a “flashover” container in Moldova for real-fire simulation and purchase modern rescue equipment, including flood response boats.
- Hold training sessions in both Moldova and Czechia on hazardous materials response.

Enhancing Canine Unit Capacities

Since 2023, with a budget of €400,000, the project has modernized the canine units of the Customs and Border Police by:

- Organizing training for canine handlers and providing modern equipment for service dogs.

Transition Promotion Programme

Drawing on Czech transformation experience, the programme works with local partners to strengthen civil society, independent journalism, and critical thinking.

- Basarabeasca: 15 local journalists trained in ethical reporting; 20+ media pieces produced on European values, reaching over 10,000 residents.
- Gagauzia: 100+ youth, teachers, and leaders trained in media literacy to counter disinformation and propaganda.

Key Contributions for a Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

Environmental Remediation in Pesticide-Affected Areas

The project implemented by DEKONTA led to the environmental remediation of pesticide-contaminated areas in Moldova:

- Hundreds of tons of pesticides and contaminated soil were safely removed.
- Hazardous waste management stations were equipped.
- Environmental and health risk assessments were conducted.
- The project contributed to reducing pollution and protecting public health.





Key Contributions for a Agriculture and Rural Development

Digitalization of the Wine Sector

Between 2014–2019, with a contribution of **€450,000**, Czechia supported the development of the Wine and Vine Register – the first national IT system in the viticulture sector:

- Wine traceability and origin certification were ensured.
- Over 100 producers and institutions participated in training sessions.
- The project contributed to the alignment of the sector with EU standards and the growth of wine exports

Organic Farming Sector Support

Between 2017–2023, with a contribution of **€680,000**, Czechia supported the institutional development of organic farming in Moldova:

- Strengthened regulatory framework aligned with EU standards
- Unified system for input approval and official control
- Local laboratories upgraded for testing and certification
- Science-based recommendations for organic practices and crop selection

The project enhanced Moldova's organic farming credibility, export potential, and long-term sustainability.



Czech Aid in Moldova:

A Partnership for Sustainable Change

Over the past two decades, development cooperation between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Moldova has evolved significantly, making a tangible impact on the country's social, economic, and institutional transformation. Czech Aid – the Czech Republic's official development cooperation program – has become a reliable partner for Moldovan public institutions, local authorities, and civil society organizations.

In 2022, Czech support reached €6 million, and in 2023 it rose sharply to over €10 million, reflecting Moldova's growing needs in humanitarian assistance and security cooperation. Estimated total for 2024 as well as 2025 is around €8 million, including humanitarian and security cooperation.

Ongoing Projects and Priorities

Social care and mental health reform:

Development of home medical and social services. Transition from institutional care to community-based services, pilot centers established, and specialists trained.

Support for children with autism:

Autism Law drafted, accredited centers established, over 700 professionals trained, support extended to refugee families.

Border security and control:

Project with the International International Centre for Migration Policy Development and the Border Police, €1 million budget.

Sustainable agriculture:

Strengthening phytosanitary control and promoting smart, climate-resilient agriculture. Creating a registry of organic agriculture under Delegated Cooperation with the European Union and PolishAid.

Water access and wastewater treatment:

Ensuring accessibility to drinking water, optimizing energy consumption in the water sector.

Support for civil society:

Combating disinformation and strengthening independent media through our transition promotion programme.

Integrated humanitarian assistance:

Support for Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable communities, aligned with development projects.

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A Model of Sustainable Partnership

Czech Aid is more than a development program – it is a long-term partnership that supports Moldova on its European path. With an integrated approach and a strong network of institutions, NGOs, universities, and international partners, Czech-backed projects have helped strengthen Moldova's internal capacities and improve the quality of life for thousands.

With a focus on sustainability, cooperation, and lasting impact, Czechia continues to stand by Moldova during this period of deep transformation and profound challenges.

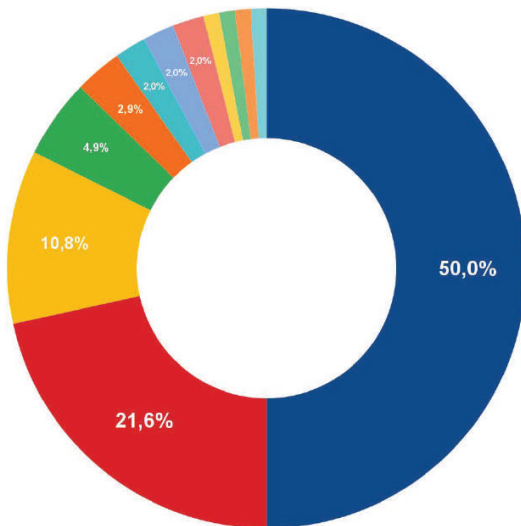
For nearly **20 years**, development cooperation between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Moldova has gone far beyond financial assistance. It has grown into a strong and enduring partnership, built on trust, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to building a better future for all Moldovan citizens.

Investing in people, institutions, and innovation is the key to building a more resilient, prosperous, and European Moldova.



EXPLORE MORE

Breakdown of funding by sector — Moldova, 2023



- Humanitarian Aid / Refugee Support
- Social Infrastructure and services (Czech Development Agency and MFA)
- Water and sanitation / Environment (Czech Development Agency)
- Aid for Trade (Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic)
- Government and civil society (Czech Development Agency)
- Agriculture (Czech Development Agency)
- Transition Projects (MFA)
- Education (MFA)
- Czech - UNDP Challenge Fund projects
- Small Scale Projects (Czech Embassy)
- Economic diplomacy Projects
- Transfer of Czech know-how

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