

PROFILE OF THE PUBLIC ASSOCIATION "SOLUTII COMUNITARE"

The Public Association "Solutii Comunitare" is a young organization founded in December 2021 formed by professionals in the field of community development, that aims to promote good governance and the development of public policies at local level. The organization was registered on December 6, 2021 with the status of public association by the Public Services Agency of Moldova.

The mission of the AO "Solutii Comunitare" is to become a leading organisation to provide support to sustainable development of local communities.

For achieving its mission, AO "Solutii Comunitare" works on four strategic directions:

- > strengthening local communities through programmes, projects, trainings, awareness, lobby and consultancy in the good governance field;
- > conducting research, developing and monitoring public policies in the following fields: economy, social, digitalization, ecology, mass-media and management;
- > providing consultancy and services in project writing and management;
- > conducting raising awareness campaigns.

Our team consists of three people, all of them - former members of the implementation team of the project "Grassroots Civil Society Development Facility in the Republic of Moldova" (2018-2021), funded by the European Union and coordinated by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation e.V. (dezvolt.md). Within the afore-mentioned program, over 100 grassroots CSOs as well as local and national organizations from all over the country have been capacitated and encouraged to be actively involved in policy and decision-making processes and in promoting and monitoring the transparency and accountability of public authorities. The overall budget of the project was of about 3.5 million EUR.

"Community Solutions" members bring extensive work experience in the associative and governmental sector and have a vast network of carefully selected contacts cultivated over the past 10 years. Our team members have expertise in the following areas: administrative law and anti-corruption law, local development, public and institutional communication, inter-ethnic relations, accounting, finance, project management and consultancy.

Starting with February 2023, the public association "Solutii Comunitare" has extended its pool of experts by welcoming on board two experts in project management, in particular cross-border and EU funded projects.

The 3 Board members of the organization:



Denis Zacon, founder of "Community solutions" and executive director. Mr. Zacon has over ten years of experience both within the governmental as well as within the nongovernmental sector. Mr. Zacon was employed as sub-grant manager (01.10.2019 – 31.12.2021) within the project "Grassroots Civil Society Development Facility in the Republic of Moldova". In this position, he was responsible for the evaluation and monitoring of 100 sub-granted projects implemented throughout the country. As Chief of cabinet/Advisor of the Mayor on education and digitalization (01.01.2018 - 01.07.2019) he coordinated the digitalization of several public services and education institutions - eGradinita, eScoala, EuChisinau. Furthermore, Mr. Zacon activated as a consultant for the UN Refugee Agency (01.01.2017 – 31.12.2017) advocating for the refugees' right to work in the country and collaborated to this end with several Central Public Authorities. Prior to that, Mr. Zacon conducted independent research for the Open Government Institute (01.07.2012 – 31.12.2016) on good governance and democracy, education and sustainable development and digital citizenship. Mr. Zacon was awarded a Masters' Degree in Public Law by the Public Administration Academy, Chisinau, Moldova.

Maia Lefter, founder of "Community solutions" and communications specialist. Mrs. Lefter has over 30 years of experience in journalism and the marketing sector. She activated both within governmental as well as nongovernmental agencies. Mrs. Lefter is currently employed as public relations specialist within the State Public Services Agency. Mrs. Lefter was formerly employed as a communication's specialist (01.04.2019 – 31.12.2021) within the program "Grassroots Civil Society Development Facility in the Republic of Moldova", as well as a public relations specialist within the Moldova Social Investment Fund (01.02.2018 – 31.04.2019).

Doina Plamadeala, project coordinator. Ms. Plamadeala is currently employed as a communications specialist within the EU-funded project "Partnerships for inclusive and resilient social canteens services" implemented by the Private Institution "Keystone Moldova". Mrs. Plamadeala holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Bologna. After her studies, Mrs. Plamadeala successfully completed an internship with the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin, an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with headquarters in the USA and in Berlin. Subsequently, Mrs. Plamadeala worked as a Project Assistant within the project "Grassroots Civil Society Development Facility in the Republic of Moldova", during which she supported the sub-grant manager and the team leader in the overall coordination of the project implementation (announcement, selection process, monitoring of implementation) of all sub-grant schemes realized in the framework of the project.

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