



Roundtable Discussion

From Evidence to Policy: Building Moldova's Analytical Ecosystem for Entrepreneurship and SME Development

Objective of the Roundtable

- The roundtable aims to facilitate an initial strategic dialogue on the development of an institutional mechanism for applied economic analysis and evidence-based policymaking in the field of entrepreneurship and SME competitiveness development in the Republic of Moldova.
- The discussion is intended to provide an open and informal platform for the presentation of the emerging concept and for the exchange of reflections, international experiences and potential areas of future cooperation among national institutions and development partners.
- The roundtable aims to support a shared understanding of the initiative and explore opportunities for its further conceptual and operational development.

28 mai 2026, 15.30 – 17.30

Location/format: hybrid:

- Strada Ion Creangă 45, MD-2064, Chişinău

- Zoom link:

Moderator: Constantin ȚURCANU, <i>Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Opening remarks/strategic framing</p> <p><i>Angela TIMUȘ, PhD, Associate Professor, Director INCE</i> <i>Natalia SELEVESTRU, State Secretary, MDED</i> <i>Pernilla TRÄGÅRDH, Deputy Director, National Board of Trade Sweden (NBT Sweden)</i> <i>Virginia BILICI, Project Manager, Enabling an inclusive Green Transition in the Republic of Moldova Project, UNDP</i> <i>(tbc) Francesco ALFONSO, Economist, Deputy Head of Unit (Eastern Europe and South Caucasus), Eurasia, Global Relations</i> <i>(tbc) Niclas RUEFFER, Project Director, Digital Transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises in Eastern Partnership countries, commissioned by the German Government Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</i></p>
16:00 – 16.15	<p>Presentation of the Emerging concept on the development of an institutional mechanism for applied economic analysis and evidence-based policymaking.</p> <p><i>Constantin ȚURCANU, Head of directorate, Entrepreneurship Development Policy Directorate, MDED</i> <i>Angela TIMUȘ, PhD, Associate Professor, Director INCE</i> <i>Victoria IORDACHI, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of ARCEE</i></p>
16:15 – 16:25	<p>Institutional mechanism evidence-based policymaking - experience National Board of Trade Sweden.</p> <p><i>Michael KOCH, Long-term Adviser from National Board of Trade Sweden to the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of Moldova</i></p>
16:25 – 17:30	<p>Open reflections from development partners</p>