

Russia and Eurasia Programme

Sources of Moldova's resilience to Russian interference

Research workshop, 5 December 2023, Chatham House and online

Draft agenda

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 – 10:10 Welcoming remarks

10:10 – 11:30 Findings from the expert survey: vulnerability assessment and evaluation of resilience strengthening efforts

Key issues:

- Assessment of resilience across five pillars: human security, social cohesion, economic agility, cognitive resilience and governance
- What was Russia's interference in recent local elections in Moldova, and how did government counter that?
- How effective is Moldova coping with diminishing foreign interference?

Confirmed speakers:

Valeriu Pasha, Program Manager, WatchDog.MD

Tatiana Cojocari, Expert, WatchDog.MD

Chair: Orysia Lutsevych, Head, Ukraine Forum, Chatham House

11:30 – 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 – 13:00 Looking forward: how do we build resilience in EU accession countries that are targeted by Russia?

Key issues:

- Countering Russian information and electoral interference in Moldova and the Balkans
- What is the level and methods of Russian interference in domestic political affairs in accession countries?
- How Russia is using far right and anti-systemic parties to threaten status quo – parallels between Moldova and other countries.

Confirmed speakers:

Ana Revenco, Director, Center for Strategic Communications and Combating Disinformation; Former Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova (2021-2023)

Dimitar Bechev, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe; Lecturer, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

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