

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia**  
**and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova**  
**on Cooperation in the Fields of Media services, Audiovisual and Cinematography**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

Recalling the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on Cooperation in the Fields of Education, Culture, Science, Youth and Sports*, signed in Chişinău on 6 November 2017, and in particular the provisions of Article 8 of the Agreement,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation in the fields of media services, audiovisual and cinematography, including initiatives aimed at promoting media freedom, media literacy and the development of audiovisual and cinematographic sectors,

Acknowledging the role of media services and cultural and creative sectors in fostering democratic values, cultural diversity, access to reliable information and people-to-people contacts,

Expressing their willingness to deepen collaboration through practical exchanges, joint initiatives and the sharing of expertise,

Have reached the following understanding:

**Article 1**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “*the MoU*”) is to promote and strengthen cooperation between the Participants in the fields of media services, audiovisual and cinematography. Such cooperation encourages to contribute to the exchange of experience, the development of professional capacities and the strengthening of institutional dialogue between relevant stakeholders from the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the applicable legislation of the two States.

**Article 2**

2.1. The Participants intend to cooperate, within their competencies and available resources, in areas related to the development of media services, audiovisual and cinematographic sectors.

2.2. Such cooperation may include the exchange of experience and best practices regarding policies and initiatives aimed at strengthening media literacy and critical thinking, as well as initiatives that encourage responsible media consumption and counter disinformation.

2.3. The Participants may also cooperate through the exchange of expertise and dialogue on policies and mechanisms that support the freedom, pluralism and independence of media services, including initiatives that contribute to strengthening professional standards and ethical journalism.

2.4. Cooperation may further include the exchange of experience regarding the development and implementation of audiovisual policies and regulatory frameworks, as well as the facilitation of contacts and cooperation between audiovisual institutions, broadcasters, producers and other relevant stakeholders.

2.5. In the field of cinematography, the Participants may encourage cooperation between film institutions, producers, directors and other professionals from both countries, including through the facilitation of co-productions, joint film projects, professional training activities and participation in film festivals, markets and other relevant events. The Participants may also exchange information regarding national policies and support mechanisms aimed at developing the cinematographic sector.

2.6. The Participants may also promote professional exchanges and capacity-building activities, including the organization of seminars, conferences, workshops, expert meetings and the exchange of specialists and professionals working in the fields covered by this Memorandum.

### **Article 3**

Cooperation under this MoU may be implemented through the exchange of information, documentation and expertise, the organization of joint events and professional exchanges, the facilitation of contacts between relevant institutions and stakeholders, and the development of joint initiatives and projects, including within European and international cooperation frameworks.

### **Article 4**

The implementation of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out within the limits of the financial resources available to the Participants. Each Participant will cover the expenses related to its participation in activities under this MoU from its own budget, in accordance with the applicable legislation and subject to the availability of funds.

### **Article 5**

5.1. This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants. Any amendment will become effective upon written confirmation by both Participants.

5.2. Any dispute that may arise between the two Participants in relation to the interpretation or application of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations.

## Article 6

6.1. This MoU reflects the intentions of the Participants and does not create legally binding obligations under international law. The implementation of this MoU will be carried out in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Moldova.

6.2. This MoU will become effective on the date of its signature and will remain valid for a period of five years. It may be renewed for successive periods unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate it at least three months in advance.

Signed in Chişinău on April 8, 2026 in two original copies, each in Latvian, Romanian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Culture  
of the Republic of Latvia**



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