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### Conclusions of the project

#### ***Preparing Moldova for a comprehensive free trade area with the European Union***

On September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011, the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives - IDIS „Viitorul” (Republic of Moldova) and the European Institute of Romania organize a Conference concluding the project ‘*Preparing Moldova for a comprehensive free trade area with the European Union*’ in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova.

The event will be attended by Mrs. Natalia Gherman, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Valeriu Lazăr, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, Mr. Vasile Bumacov, Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry, Mr. Victor Barbăneagră, Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Liubomir Chiriac, Executive Director of IDIS Viitorul, Mrs. Gabriela Drăgan, General Director of the European Institute of Romania. Among the contributors to this event will be Romanian trainers and researchers with experience in European negotiations and foreign trade, namely Mrs. Victoria Câmpeanu, Mr. Ciprian Ciucu, Ms. Alexandra Toderiţă, as well as representatives of the US German Marshall Fund (GMF).

Launched in Bucharest on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the project ‘*Preparing Moldova for a comprehensive free trade area with the European Union*’ was financed by US German Marshall Fund (GMF), through *Black Sea Trust* initiative and aimed at supporting the public administration of the Republic of Moldova involved in the negotiation process for concluding a free trade agreement with the European Union. The project combined *training activities* (by carrying out a training course in Chisinau for 30 representatives of the central public administration of the Republic of Moldova) and *research activities* (by elaborating a study concerning *the consequences of a deep and comprehensive free trade area on the economy of the Republic of Moldova*).

During the conference, both the results of the training session and the conclusions of the study will be presented to the audience, giving the opportunity of a debate platform stimulating the future cooperation between the Romanian authorities and the ones of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the transfer of know-how among the experts of the two countries.

The project description and the study (full text in Romanian, executive summary also in English) can be accessed on EIR webpage, at [www.ier.ro](http://www.ier.ro).

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