

## **RESPA OPEN DAYS**

# **“ADVANCING EU ENLARGEMENT: REFORM, READINESS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION”**

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

2 JUNE 2026

Provisional Agenda



## **OBJECTIVES**

The initial event is designed to introduce ReSPA to the Eastern Neighbourhood region and to present the organisation and its support mechanisms in the context of achieving the objectives related to the implementation of the grant.

The programme will provide a practical presentation of ReSPA's work in the Western Balkans, featuring testimonials from beneficiaries of its services with different profiles. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from various groups of civil servants and partners working with ReSPA, including representatives of its governing structures, participants in ReSPA training programmes, and ReSPA partners. This approach will help the audience understand ReSPA's work in concrete terms, while also creating opportunities for networking and initial contacts between public servants from the two regions.

In addition, EU accession is a key policy area in the Eastern Neighbourhood and a common objective that brings the two regions closer together. Both regions share experiences in reform processes, as well as common objectives and overall directions in legislative and societal reforms. Participants will therefore have the opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of where each country stands on the EU accession path, how this relates to key areas of Public Administration Reform, and why strong public administration capacities are essential during the accession process and after EU membership.

Through testimonials from practitioners who have benefited from ReSPA activities over the past 15 years, new beneficiaries from Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine will learn about the instruments available through ReSPA, illustrated through concrete examples and peer experience from the Western Balkans.

The programme will conclude with interactive discussions among participants, aimed at mapping and identifying priorities in each ReSPA thematic area and supporting the development of long-lasting networks among public servants from the two regions.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The event is intended for civil servants from the Western Balkans and from Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine working in the following portfolios: Policy Management; Better Regulation and Simplification; European Integration and Accession Negotiations; Human Resources Management and Professional Development; Digital Transition and Quality Management; and Public Finance Management. It is also open to other professionals working on public administration reform and EU accession/integration portfolios.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

09.00 - 09.30

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Representative of the Moldovan Government

Representative of DG ENEST

ReSPA Director a.i.

09.30 -10.00

### **Administrative capacity in the Enlargement Context: The EU and ReSPA Partnership**

Speaker: DG ENEST

10.00-10.30

### **Presentation of the Project thematic areas and direct support instruments**

Presenter: Boris Ristovic, ReSPA Programme Manager – Coordinator

### **15 years of ReSPA video**

10.30 -11.00

*Family Photo and Coffee Break*

11.00 - 12.30

### **Panel Discussion: The Regional School of Public Administration and Its Role in Supporting Reforms in the Western Balkans**

Speakers: Members of ReSPA Governing Board

Moderator: Boris Ristovic, ReSPA Programme Manager - Coordinator

12.30-13.30

*Lunch Break*

13.30- 15.00

### **From Learning to Practice: Voices of ReSPA Participants**

Melita Rastoder Ljajic, Ministry of European Affairs, Montenegro

Stela Braniște, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Justice, Moldova

Moderator: Jelisaveta Tasev, ReSPA Programme Manager

15.00-15.30

*Coffee Break*

15.30-16.30

### **Breakout Session: Thematic Discussion Groups**

Participants will be grouped into thematic areas. The aim is for moderators to present the area in more detail to a targeted group of participants working on the concrete portfolio and to *gather information on the priority areas, needs, and expectations* over the next 3 years.

**Group 1:** Policy Management, Better Regulation and Simplification

**Group 2:** European Integration and Accession Negotiations

**Group 3:** Human Resources Management and Professional Development

**Group 4:** Digital Transition

**Group 5:** Quality Management

**Group 6:** Public Finance Management

16.30-16.45

*Conclusions*