

Annex 4: National and international regulatory framework, standards and guidelines, treaties applicable

National strategies

- Digital Transformation Strategy of the Republic of Moldova for 2023-2030, approved by GD No. 650/2023.
- National Health Strategy "Health 2030", approved by GD no. 387/2023.
- National Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Development for 2023-2030, approved by GD no. 56/2023
- Energy Strategy of the Republic of Moldova until 2030, approved by GD no. 102/2013.
- The "Education 2030" Development Strategy, approved by GD no. 114/2023.
- National Programme for Promoting Entrepreneurship and Increasing Competitiveness in 2023-2027, approved by GD no. 653/2023.
- National Road Safety Programme 2025–2030 approved by GD 326/2025
- National Mobility Strategy 2025-2030 approved by GD589/2024
- National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for the period 2024-2030 approved by GD804/2024
- National Regional Development Strategy of the Republic of Moldova for 2022-2028 approved by GD 40/2022
- National Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy 2014-2030 approved by GD 199/2014
- Waste Management Strategy in the Republic of Moldova for 2013-2027 approved by GD 248/2013
- Environmental Strategy 2024-2030 approved by GD409/2024
- National tourism development program "Tourism 2028" (2025-2028)
- National Social and Economic Development Strategy Moldova 2030 approved by GD 329/2024
- National Development Strategy "European Moldova 2030" approved by GD315/2022.

List of the main national legislation on environment/biodiversity

Name of Act	Last Amended	Description
Law No. 1515/1993 on environmental protection	17.04.2025	The basic legal framework for the development of special regulatory acts and instructions of special issues, covering the field of environmental protection.
Law no. 86/2014 on environmental impact assessment	22.09.2025 Sept. 2022	Partially transposes Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.
Forest Code no. 69/2024	26.04.2025	Regulates the sustainable management of the forest fund through rational use, regeneration, guarding and protection of forests, maintaining, preserving and improving forest biological diversity, ensuring with forest resources the current and future needs of society based on their multi-functionality.
Land Code no. 22/2024	12.09.2025	Regulates the legal regime of the land fund of the Republic of Moldova and the land relations established between individuals and legal entities.
Law No. 11/2017 on strategic environmental assessment	01.09.2024	Establishes a legal basis for a strategic environmental assessment to ensure a high level of environmental protection, to prevent or reduce adverse environmental impact, including health-related consequences of certain plans and programs.

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Law No. 98/2022 on atmospheric air quality	17.04.2025	This strengthens the institutional capacities for monitoring and assessing atmospheric air quality; to identify and implement effective measures to reduce air pollutant emissions to levels that minimise the harmful effects on human health and the environment. This partially transposes Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe.
Law No. 227/2022 on industrial emissions	22.09.2025	The establishment of the regulatory framework regarding the prevention of pollution caused by industrial and economic activities, in order to reduce emissions to air, water and soil, including the generation of waste, as well as environmental control, the promotion and application of the best available techniques to achieve a high level of environmental protection. Partially transposes Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24/11/2010 on industrial emissions.
Law No. 78/2017 for the ratification of the Paris Agreement	-	This agreement, contributing to the implementation of the convention, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat posed by climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.
Law on water No. 272/2011	22.09.2025	Creation of a regulatory framework for the monitoring, assessment, management, protection and efficient use of surface water and underground water. The law is partially harmonised with directives no. 91/271/EEC, no. 91/676 EEC, no. 2000/60/EC, no. 2006/7/EC, no. 2007/60/EC and no. 2008/105/EC.
Law on drinking water quality no. 182/2019	16.08.2025	Establishes the legal framework regarding the drinking water quality, as well as the measures by the authorities responsible for ensuring the compliance of drinking water quality.
Law No. 368/2023 on hydrometeorological activity	-	Legal framework for meteorological and hydrological activities, necessary for the sustainable socio-economic development of countries, as well as for the prevention and minimization of the impact of dangerous meteorological and hydrological phenomena on human lives, property and state security.
Law No. 1102/1997 on natural resources	21.12.2023	Regulates the relations in the field of use, protection and reproduction of the natural resources, in order to ensure the ecological security and sustainable development of the country.
Law No. 239/2007 on vegetal kingdom	25.01.2024	Establishes the legal framework in the field of conservation, protection, restoration and use of objects of the plant kingdom, as well as the competences of public authorities at all levels and of scientific institutions in the field.
Law No. 1538/1998 on the fund of natural areas protected by the state	21.12.2023	Establishes the legal bases for the creation and operation of the funding for natural areas protected by the state; principles, mechanism and method of conservation thereof; as well as the attributions of central and local public authorities, non-governmental organisations and citizens in this field.
Law no. 591/1999 on green spaces in urban and rural communities	21.12.2023	Regulates relations in the field of development and protection of green spaces of urban and rural localities in order to ensure the right of every person to a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment.
Law no. 439/1995 on the animal kingdom	21.12.2023	Regulates relations in the field of protection and use of wild animals, which live naturally on land, in water, in the atmosphere or in the soil, permanently or temporarily populating the territory of the republic.

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Law no. 325/2005 on the Red Book of the Republic of Moldova	21.12.2023	Restoration of extinct, critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, rare and undetermined species of plants and animals, included in the Red Book of the Republic of Moldova, in order to prevent their disappearance and ensure the conservation of their genetic background, establishes the legal bases for keeping the Red Book, the attributions of public authorities at all levels and of scientific institutions in the field.
Law No. 209/2016 on waste	22.09.2025	It establishes the legal basis, the state policy and the necessary measures for the protection of the environment and the health of the population by preventing or reducing the adverse effects determined by the generation and management of waste and by reducing the general effects of the use of resources and increasing the efficiency of their use.
Law on local public administration no. 436/2006	22.04.2025	Determines and establishes the way of organization and operation of the public administration authorities in the administrative-territorial units

Main legal acts on transport, urbanism, construction, and public administration

Field / Area	Legal Act / Regulation	Main provisions relevant to the Project
Transport and Road Infrastructure	<i>Road Transport Code No. 150/2014</i> (last amended 05.09.2025)	Regulates the organisation, licensing, and safety of road transport operations.
	<i>Law on Transport No. 1194/1997</i> (last amended 01.07.2022)	Establishes general principles for transport development and coordination among modes.
	<i>Law on Road Traffic Safety No. 131/2007</i> (last amended 10.07.2025)	Defines measures to improve traffic safety, enforcement, and driver conduct.
	<i>Law on Roads No. 509/1995</i> (last amended 10.07.2025)	Determines classification, ownership, management, and maintenance of public roads.
	<i>Law No. 720/1996 on the Road Fund</i> (last amended 21.06.2023)	Regulates financing mechanisms for construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of public roads.
	<i>Government Decision No. 1468/2016 on Approval of the Lists of National and Local Public Roads in the Republic of Moldova</i> (last amended 04.10.2025)	Defines the inventory of national and local roads, including M3 and R7 corridors.
Urbanism and Construction	<i>Urban Planning and Construction Code No. 424/2023</i> (last amended 02.09.2025)	Establishes procedures for spatial planning, urban zoning, building permits, and technical documentation for infrastructure projects.
Land Aquisition	<i>Law No. 204/2024 on the Declaration of Public Utility for the Construction, Rehabilitation, Modernisation and Extension Works of Certain National Public Roads</i>	Declares specific road sections—including M3 Chişinău – Comrat – Giurgiuleşti (bypasses of Cimişlia and Vulcăneşti) and R7 R14 – Drochia – Costeşti – border with Romania—as projects of public utility and national interest, enabling expropriation and land acquisition procedures.
	<i>Law No. 488/1999 on Expropriation for Public Utility</i> (last amended 01.04.2025)	Provides legal procedures for expropriation, valuation, and compensation for land and property required for public infrastructure.

	<i>Law 18/2025¹, on the declaration of public utility of national interest of construction, rehabilitation, modernization and expansion works of national public roads, including state border crossing points with related infrastructures.</i>	Declares of public utility of national interest the construction works for the projects M3 Chisinau – Comrat – Giurgiulesti – border with Romania (sector M3.1 – border crossing point with Romania); M3.1 Giurgiulesti – border with Ukraine, including the state border crossing point with the related infrastructure; and the bypass road of the village of Giurgiulesti (the connection between the M3 – R34 roads) with the parking area for freight transport;
	<i>GD 323/2025² regarding some measures to ensure the expropriation process for works declared of public utility of national interest by Law No. 18/2025.</i>	Approves the nominal composition of the commissions for solving the expropriated parties' responses to the expropriation proposals for the construction, rehabilitation, modernization and extension of some national roads, including the state border crossing points with the related infrastructures
	<i>Law 150/2012 regarding the construction, rehabilitation, modernization and expansion works of the following national public roads are declared of public utility of national interest (Lot 2)</i>	Declares of public utility of national interest the construction works for the projects M3 Lot 2 M3 - Sagaidac, Costangalia, Gradiște, Ecaterinvc, Cimișlia, Comrat, Vulcănești, Ciumai, Burlăcenii, Slobozia Mare, Cîșlița-Prut, Giurgiulesti.
	<i>GD 781/2013 regarding some measures to ensure the rehabilitation and expansion of the national roads M3 Chisinau – Cimișlia – Vulcănești – Giurgiulesti – border with Romania including for Lot 2</i>	Approves the nominal composition of the commissions for solving the expropriated parties' responses to the expropriation proposals for the construction, rehabilitation, modernization and extension of some national roads
Public Administration and Property Management	<i>Administrative Code of the Republic of Moldova No. 116/2018 (last amended 31.08.2025)</i>	Defines administrative procedures, competencies of public authorities, and principles of good governance.
	<i>Law on Local Public Administration No. 436/2006 (last amended 22.04.2025)</i>	Determines powers of local councils and mayors in spatial planning, permitting, and coordination of construction activities.
	<i>Law No. 29/2018 on the Delimitation of Public Property (last amended 31.08.2025)</i>	Regulates the classification and delimitation of public and private property belonging to the state and local authorities.

¹ https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=147219&lang=ro

² https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=148852&lang=ro

Specific legal acts on social aspect, health, and safety

Labour Relations and Workers' Rights	<i>Labour Code of the Republic of Moldova, No. 154/2003 (last amended 26.06.2025)</i>	Defines employment relationships, workers' rights, conditions of work, and grievance procedures.
Mediation and Conflict Resolution	<i>Law on Mediation, No. 137/2015 (last amended 28.11.2024)</i>	Establishes mechanisms for resolving civil and employment disputes through mediation.
Freedom of Expression and Transparency	<i>Law No. 64/2010 on Freedom of Expression (last amended 28.12.2023);</i>	Guarantee the right to express opinions and share information, relevant to public consultation and stakeholder engagement.
	<i>Law on Transparency in Decision-Making, No. 239/2008 (last amended 28.10.2016)</i>	Ensures access to information and public participation in decisions related to environmental and infrastructure projects.
Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)	<i>Law on Security and Health at Work, No. 186/2008 (last amended 2024)</i>	Establishes the responsibilities of employers and employees to ensure safe working conditions and compliance with OSH standards. It transposes Council Directive of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (89/391/EEC)
	<i>GD No. 906/2020 – Minimum Health and Safety Requirements for the Use by Workers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</i>	Defines selection, use, and maintenance rules for PPE at workplaces. This Decision transposes Council Directive 89/656/EEC of 30 November 1989 on the minimum safety and health requirements for the use by workers of personal protective equipment at work
	<i>GD No. 80/2012 – Minimum Health and Safety Requirements for Temporary or Mobile Construction Sites (last amended 01.01.2021)</i>	Sets safety obligations for construction sites, including signage, supervision, and worker training. Is transposing Council Directive 92/57/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements applicable to temporary or mobile construction sites (eighth individual directive within the meaning of paragraph (1) of art. 16 of Directive 89/391/EEC), published in the Official Journal no. L245 of 26 August 1992,/Council Directive 92/57/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the implementation of minimum safety and health requirements at temporary or mobile construction sites (eighth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)
	GD 353/2010 - Minimum Health and Safety requirements at work	Is transposing Council Directive 89/654/EEC of November 30, 1989 on the minimum safety and health requirements at work

	GD 362/2014 - Minimum requirements for the protection of workers against risks to their health and safety arising or likely to arise from exposure to noise	Is transposing Directive 2003/10/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 February 2003 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (noise) [seventeenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC]
	GD 603/2011 - last amended in 2013 - general minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work	Is transposing Directive 2009/104/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work (Official Journal of the European Union, series L, no. 260/5 of 3.10.2009) / Directive 2009/104/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work
	GD 95/2009 - last amended in 2024 - Regulation on the organization of activities for the protection of workers at work and prevention of occupational risks	Regulation establishes minimum requirements for activities to protect workers at work and prevent occupational risks.
	GD 918/2013 - On general minimum requirements for safety and health signs at work	Is transposing Council Directive 92/58/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the minimum requirements for safety and health signs at work (ninth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)
Insurance and Compensation	<i>Law No. 756/1999 on Insurance against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases (last amended 16.12.2020)</i>	Provides social insurance coverage and compensation mechanisms for work-related accidents and occupational diseases.
Public Health and Sanitary Protection	<i>Law on State Supervision of Public Health, No. 10/2009 (last amended 03.03.2023)</i> <i>GD No. 1466/2016 – Sanitary Regulation on Small Drinking Water Supply Systems</i> <i>GD No. 949/2013 – Regulation on Sanitary Protection Zones of Water Intakes (last amended 18.01.2019)</i> <i>GD No. 656/2002 – Framework Regulation on the Use of Municipal Water Supply and Sewerage Systems (last amended 17.06.2016)</i> <i>GD No. 1467/2016 – Regulation on Public Access to Environmental Information (last amended 18.01.2019)</i>	Establishes sanitary and hygiene standards for workplaces and construction sites. Defines requirements for quality and monitoring of water supply used during construction. Establishes sanitary-protection perimeters and restrictions near water sources. Regulates connection, maintenance, and protection of municipal water infrastructure.
Access to Environmental Information		Guarantees public access to environmental data and procedures for information requests and dissemination.

EU Directives

Directive / Policy Instrument	Title and main relevance
Directive 2009/147/EC (Birds Directive)	On the conservation of wild birds – establishes measures for the protection, management, and control of naturally occurring species of wild birds and their habitats.
Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive)	On the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora – sets up the Natura 2000 network and defines obligations for impact assessment of projects potentially affecting protected habitats and species.
Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (EIA Directive)	On the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment – forms the procedural basis for environmental impact assessment, public consultation, and decision-making.
Directive 2008/98/EC (Waste Framework Directive)	Establishes the waste hierarchy and principles for prevention, reuse, recycling, and recovery of waste, including construction and demolition waste.
Directive 2008/50/EC (Air Quality Directive)	Sets limit values for air pollutants and provides measures for maintaining and improving air quality, relevant to construction emissions and vehicle exhaust.
Directive 1999/31/EC (Landfill Directive)	Regulates the disposal of waste to landfill, defines waste-acceptance criteria, and aims to prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment.
Council Directive 92/57/EEC (Construction Sites Directive)	On the implementation of minimum safety and health requirements at temporary or mobile construction sites – establishes obligations for contractors, supervisors, and workers.
Council Directive 89/391/EEC (OSH Framework Directive)	On the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work – defines general principles of prevention and risk management.
Council Directive 89/656/EEC (PPE Directive)	On the minimum health and safety requirements for the use by workers of personal protective equipment at the workplace – sets design, selection, and usage standards for PPE.
Directive 2009/125/EC (Ecodesign Directive)	Establishes a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for energy-related products, supporting energy efficiency and resource conservation.
Construction and Demolition Waste Management Protocol (2016)	Implementing guidance under Directive 2008/98/EC – provides best practices for handling, recycling, and recovery of construction and demolition waste.
EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014–2020	Approved under Council Directive 89/391/EEC – defines EU policy priorities for occupational health and safety improvement, accident prevention, and worker protection.

International treaties related to the environment

Theme / Sector	Convention / Agreement	Place & Year
General Environmental Governance	Aarhus Convention – Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters	Aarhus, 1998
	Espoo Convention – Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context	Espoo, 1991
Freshwater Resources	Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (ECE Water Convention)	Helsinki, 1992
	Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution	Bucharest, 1992
Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides	Basel Convention – Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	Basel, 1989
	Rotterdam Convention – Prior Informed Consent for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides	Rotterdam, 1998
	Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents	Helsinki, 1992
	European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)	Geneva, 1957
	Minamata Convention on Mercury	Minamata, 2013
	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	Stockholm, 2001
Nature Conservation and Biodiversity	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	Nairobi, 1992
	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)	Washington, DC, 1973
	UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)	Paris, 1994
	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance	Ramsar, 1971
	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	Bonn, 1979
	Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (under CMS)	Bonn, 1979
	Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (under CMS)	Bonn, 1979
	UNESCO World Heritage Convention – Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage	Paris, 1972
Air and Climate Change	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)	Geneva, 1979
	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	New York, 1992
	Kyoto Protocol (under UNFCCC)	1997
	Paris Agreement (under UNFCCC)	2015
	Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer	Vienna, 1985
	Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Montreal, 1987