

**Question for written answer E-002609/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: The ECIPEs Programme, an unprecedented 23 months of work benefiting the Republic of Moldova, with no support from any stakeholders

The ECIPEs Programme is an unprecedented 23 months of work benefiting Moldova, with no support from any stakeholders. The ECIPEs Programme¹ is based on a proposal by IDEP Moldova (Moldova's Institute for Project Development and Expertise), for the benefit of citizens, local authorities and young people, regarding a mechanism for obtaining EU support directly via a digital programme. This programme was proposed (in meetings/letters/e-mails/questions from Members) by the Commission, to be implemented in Moldova. IDEP Moldova is not requesting any support for its organisation and has acted as a platform for discussions and debates with key players. The ECIPEs Programme is an unprecedented 23 months of work benefiting the country, with no support from any stakeholders.

1. Can the Commission organise a joint working group led by the EU Delegation to Moldova to carry out an impact study in relation to the ECIPEs model?
2. In the answers to the 10 written questions from Members, the Commission misunderstood the request. The Commission normally engages in self-notification where written questions from several Members are similar in content, organising related thematic debates. Can the Commission re-examine all of the answers and organise a debate on support via a digital programme for citizens, local authorities and young people?
3. The ECIPEs Programme complies with EU legislation and the EU-Moldova Association Agreement. Could the Commission comment on the points raised?

¹ <https://idep.md/2019/11/18/ecipes-program-concept/>