



CONSILIUL PENTRU PREVENIREA ȘI ELIMINAREA  
DISCRIMINĂRII ȘI ASIGURAREA EGALITĂȚII  
СОВЕТ ПО ПРЕДУПРЕЖДЕНИЮ И ЛИКВИДАЦИИ  
ДИСКРИМИНАЦИИ И ОБЕСПЕЧЕНИЮ РАВЕНСТВА  
COUNCIL FOR PREVENTING AND ELIMINATING  
DISCRIMINATION AND ENSURING EQUALITY

The **Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination and Ensuring Equality** (Equality Council) is an independent autonomous central public authority subordinated to the Parliament. It is a collective body consisting of 5 members named by the Parliament for 5-year term and assisted by administrative apparatus.

Equality Council began its activity on July 31, 2013 based on the Law 121 on Ensuring Equality of 25.05.2012, which created legal framework to implement Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 and Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000.

The Law 121 establishes legal and institutional framework for preventing and combating discrimination and ensuring equality for all persons on the territory of the Republic of Moldova. It prohibits discrimination in the political, economic, social, cultural and other spheres of life. The grounds protected from discrimination are race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, language, religion and beliefs, sex, age, disability, opinion, political affiliation or any other similar ground. The list of grounds is not exhaustive. The Law applies to individuals and legal entities from public and private sphere.

Council is both tribunal (para-judicial) and promotion type of equality body. Mandate of the Council relates to: 1 – examination of complaints of alleged discrimination and issuing Decisions, which are legally binding unless contested in the Court; 2 – assessment of the existing legal framework and draft laws from the perspective of equality and non-discrimination standards; 3 – awareness raising and promotion of equal opportunities. Activity of the Equality Council is regulated by the Law 298 of 21.12.2012 on the Activity of the Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination and Ensuring Equality.