



# MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTIONS



## Regional Development in the Republic of Moldova: Status Quo and Perspectives

High Level Discussion

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# Regional Development in RM: Overview (1)



# Regional Development in RM: Overview (2)



## Strategic Objectives:

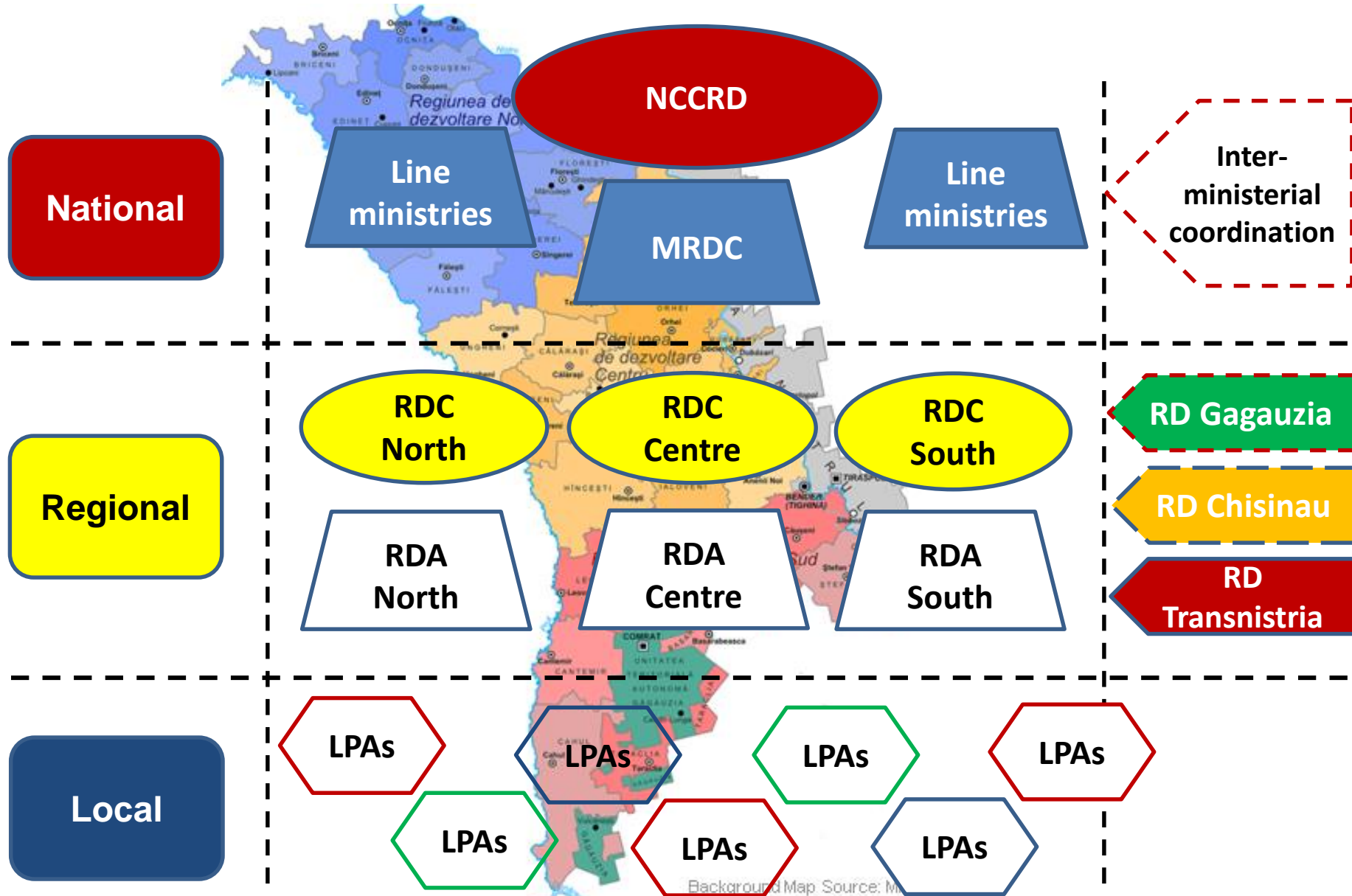
Ensuring balanced and sustainable socio-economic development

Reducing intra- and inter – regional disparities

Improving institutional (organizational, financial and human) framework

Supporting LPAs in socio-economic development and coordination with national, regional and local strategies and programmes

# Regional Development: Institutional Framework



# Regional Development Councils

**Improvement of infrastructure**

**Improvement of environmental quality & tourism attractiveness**

**Diversification of economy & support to private sector development**

## Priorities

**25%  
Business  
Community**

**25%  
Mayors**

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Presidents  
25%**

**Civil  
Society  
25%**

**Support  
by  
RDAs**

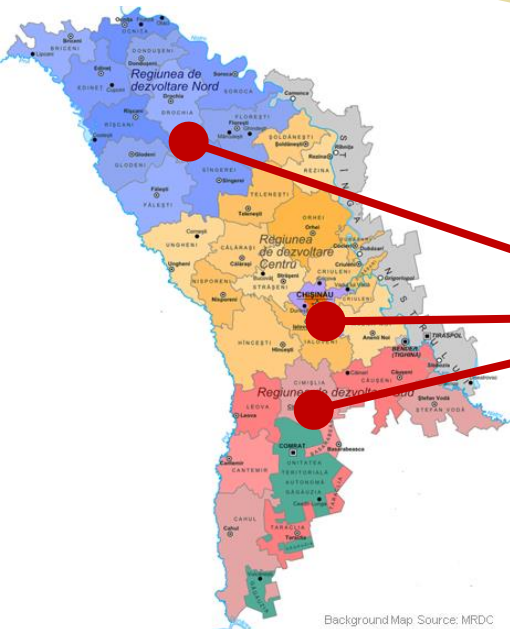
**Support  
by  
Development  
Partners**

## Roles

**Approval  
of Regional Development  
Strategy**

**Approval  
of financing for regional  
development projects**

**Monitoring  
the implementation of  
RD Strategy**



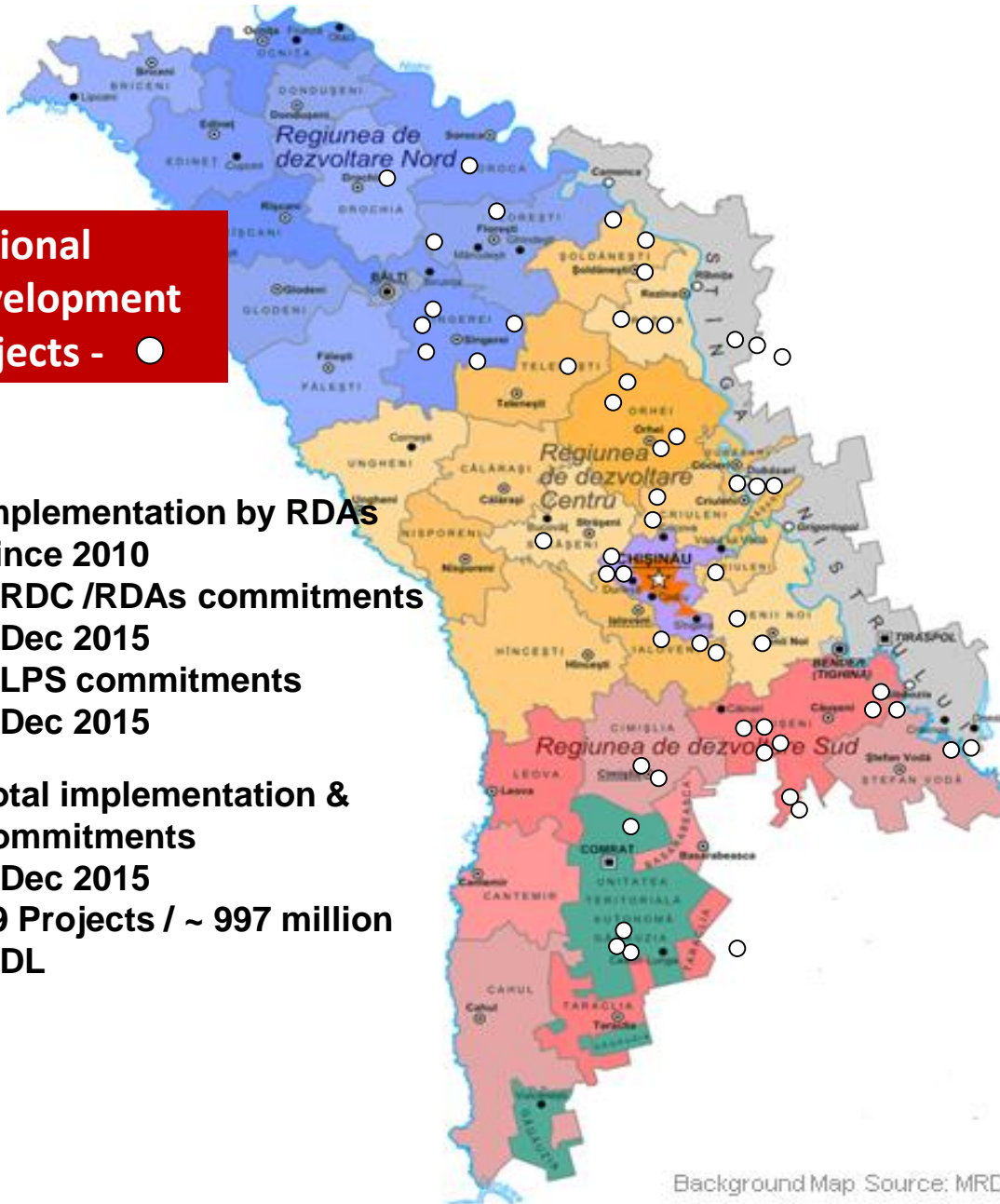
Background Map Source: MRDC

# Key achievements

- ❖ **Legal and normative framework** in relation to regional development is in place.
- ❖ **Institutional framework** in regional development (national and in the 3 development regions) is in place and functional.
- ❖ A viable National funding mechanism – **National Fund for Regional Development** – is in place and operationalized. In total, 79 regional development projects in 3 Development Regions amounted at approximately 997 million MDL have been funded to date.
- ❖ **11 Regional Sector Programmes** in 4 sectors (WSS, SWM, EE in public buildings, RLR) have been developed in a participatory manner and are currently under implementation.
- ❖ A **pipeline of public investment projects** in 4 sectors have been prioritized and are being further developed.

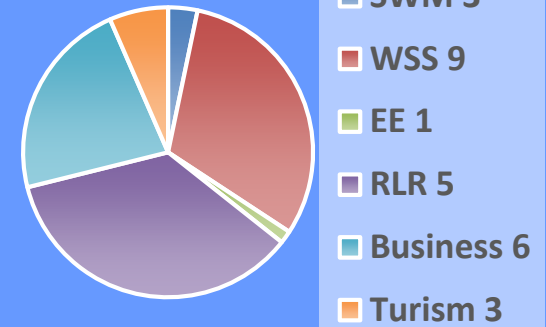
**Regional Development Projects - ●**

**Implementation by RDAs Since 2010**  
**MRDC /RDAs commitments > Dec 2015**  
**MLPS commitments > Dec 2015**  
**Total implementation & commitments > Dec 2015**  
**79 Projects / ~ 997 million MDL**

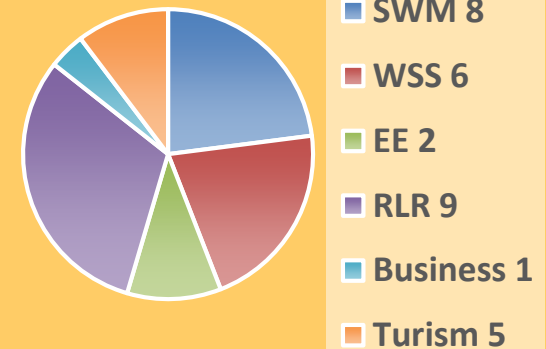


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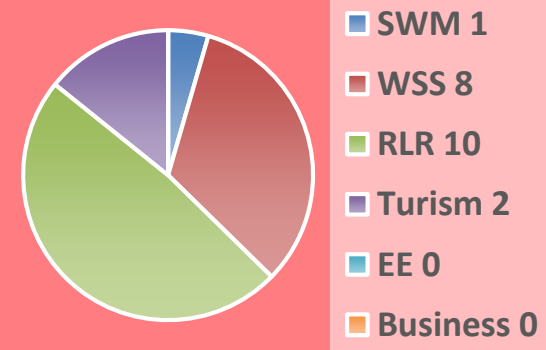
**RDA North 311,4 MMDL**



**RDA Center 369,2 MMDL**



**RDA South 316,4 MMDL**



SWM = Solid waste management, WSS = Water supply & sanitation, EE = Energy efficiency in public buildings, RLR = Regional & local roads, MMDL = Million MDL

# Regional Planning and Programming

- Enhanced coordination between institutions at the local, regional and central levels through **coherent and participatory** planning and programming of sector development in the regions, including of public investments
  
- Regional sector planning and programming ensured in the fields of **water supply and sanitation, solid waste management, energy efficiency in public buildings, and regional and local roads**
  
- Main processes and instruments:
  - Regional Sector Working Groups
  - Project Working Groups
  - Development of a pipeline of prioritised investment projects



# Regional Sector Programmes

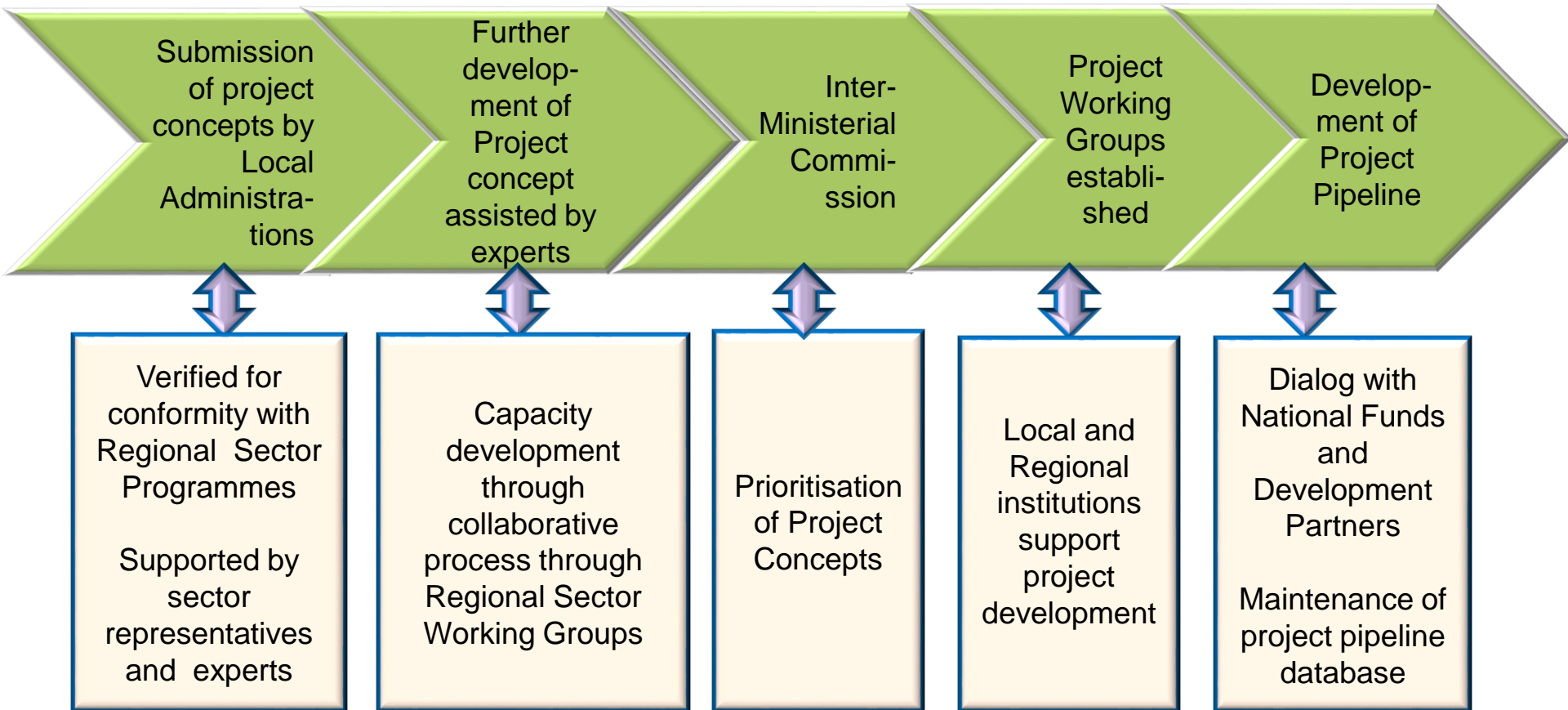
Regional Sector Programme is an **operational tool** that communicates local-level sector priorities to the national level and outside Moldova.

- Transparent, repeatable, participative, bottom-up/top-down approach that links local priorities with national strategies.
- Regional Development Council, supported by Regional Development Agencies as secretariats, is responsible for the approval and implementation of the RSPs

RSP contains **per sector and development region**:

- analysis of the current situation, including institutional and financing capacities
- regional targets, based on national strategies and targets
- methodology (process, methods, criteria) for identifying priority projects that are responsive to the Regional Sector Programme and contribute to achieving the targets
- action plan for needed reforms at national, regional, and local level

# Project development and implementation



## Project pipeline

- ❖ **Priority projects** – identified using multi-criteria analysis, reflecting compliance with and contribution to achievement of RSP objectives
  
- ❖ **Project pipeline** – medium-term investment plan to promote priority projects in four sectors:
  - Energy efficiency in public buildings (EE)
  - Water supply and sanitation (WSS)
  - Solid waste management (SWM)
  - Regional and local roads (RLR)

## Project pipeline – current status

Sector	RSP approval	Project concepts	Inter-ministerial commission	Number of project concepts/ prioritized concepts per development region			Prioritized concepts for further development	Total estimated value (MEUR)
				NORTH	CENTRE	SOUTH		
Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings	February 2014	124/33	Nov 2014	43/12/5	53/13/5	28/8/3	13	19
Solid Waste Management	February 2014	5/5	Apr 2015	2/1	2/1	1/1	3	15
Local and Regional Roads	March/ April 2015	28/15 (+4)	Have not taken place yet	9/5	12/5 (+4)	7/5	15	138
Water Supply and Sanitation	June 2014	45/29	Feb 2015	17/12/5	15/11/5	13/6/2	12	35

## Regional Development: perspectives

- The preliminary evaluation of the **National Strategies on Regional Development 2010-2012/2013-2015** is completed.
- The evaluation of the **Regional Strategies 2010-2016** of the 3 development regions is currently undergoing.
- The development of the draft **National Strategy on Regional Development 2016-2020** is under completion.
- The development of the **Regional Strategies 2016-2020** of the 3 development regions is initiated.

# Draft National Strategy on Regional Development 2016-2020: premises

- Provisions of the **EU Cohesion Policy** and the **EU Association Agreement** and its **Action Plan** are taken into account.
- NSRD 2016-2020 **calls for continuity** in promotion of the existing regional development paradigm focused on streamlining, effectiveness and ensuring sustainability of invested efforts and created mechanisms.
- The regional development itself **presents** a joint effort to integrate and synergize sector policies, thus an **integrated** planning both at regional and national levels is required.
- Effective implementation of this Strategy requires an **efficient (multi-sector) coordination at the national and regional level.**

# Draft National Strategy on Regional Development 2016-2020: main architecture

Overall Objective of the NSRD 2016-2020 is:

Balanced and sustainable development is ensured in all development regions of the Republic of Moldova

Specific Objective 1:



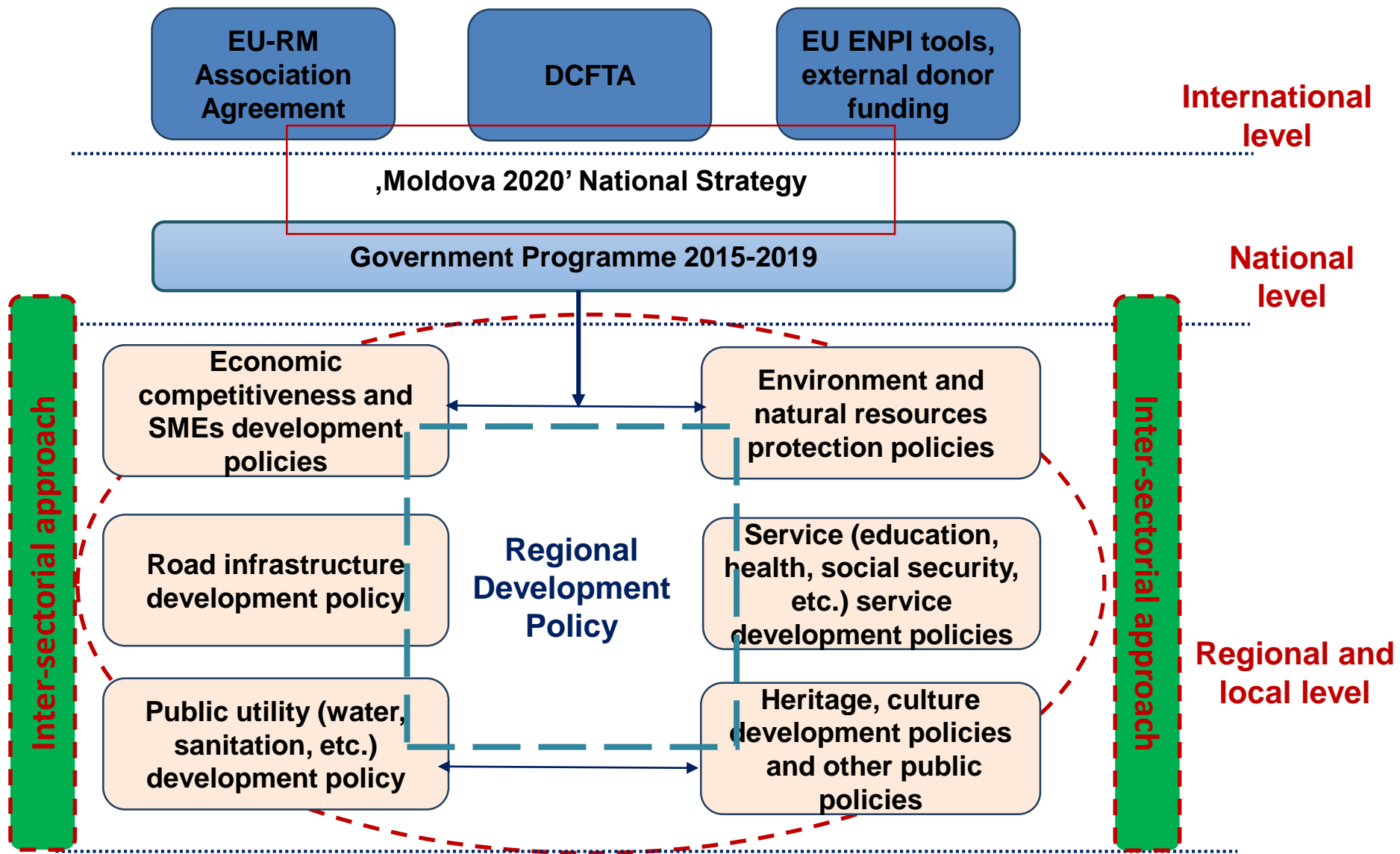
Specific Objective 2:



Regional development governance is improved

Specific Objective 3:

# Synergies with other policies





## Key challenges

- Political endorsement of the new NSRD 2016-2020 and commitment from line ministries
- Definition of inter - and intra - regional disparities based on a sound regional statistics
- Putting in place and efficient Governance in regional development, including effective inter-ministerial coordination and in the regions
- Territorial extension of the development regions (TAU Gagauzia, Chisinau, Transnistria)
- Ensuring synergies between national and external funds for the implementation of the NSRD and RDS, as well as related public investment projects (including pipeline).
- Delivering sound results and positive impact on people



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**Thank you for your attention  
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