



American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova

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- ★ ***~ 100 companies (20.000 employees),
US and other foreign and local investments***
- ★ ***~ 500 managers of different level involved
in AmCham activities***
- ★ ***~20 high profile events per year***
- ★ ***~ 50 lobbying initiatives per year***
- ★ ***~ 50 focused-topic meetings per year***



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DCFTA: the two dimensions

Dimension 1: Free Trade Agreement with EU

- 1. Lower import dues for goods produced by US companies in EU to be imported to Moldova***
- 2. Lower import dues for raw materials and no export dues for goods produced by US companies in Moldova for EU market***



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DCFTA: the two dimensions

Dimension 2: “Deep & Comprehensive” approach

- 1. RM Government action plan for implementing the EU recommendations for negotiation of DCFTA***
- 2. Roadmap for improving competitiveness***
- 3. Draft National Action Plan for implementation of AA RM-UE 2014-2016***



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Concerns & Constrains

Eliminating corruption:

- 1. Judicial system***
- 2. Shadow economy***
- 3. Predatory behavior of state authorities***
- 4. Bureaucratic hassle***

**Eliminating corruption - one of major
preconditions for DCFTA implementation!**



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Concerns & Constrains

Competition Environment:

- 1. Property protection***
- 2. Competition policy***
- 3. Public procurement***
- 4. Intellectual property rights***
- 5. Labor regulations***

These are addressed in EU recommendations!



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Concerns & Constrains

Barriers to trade:

- 1. Tariff and nontariff barriers***
- 2. Technical barriers to trade***
- 3. Sanitary and phitosanitary measures***

These are addressed in EU recommendations!



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Concerns & Constrains

1. Transparent & predictable legislation process

2. Timely consultations with business community

These are addressed in EU recommendations!



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Risks

- 1. Overregulation***
- 2. Lack of capacity of businesses to get involved in consultation processes***

Recommendation:

Creation of information centers within companies to follow Government agenda