

Integrated approach to the financial dimension of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR) in the Republic of Moldova*

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Goal: The project solves the following research task: development and application of a methodological framework for the assessment and monitoring of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR) in the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the recommendations of specialized international institutions, so that the mechanisms and methods for improving the efficiency of public spending and ESCR budgeting developed within the framework of the project, ensured stricter observance and protection of these rights.

The project substantiates the hypothesis that the effectiveness of public spending through the prism of human rights and their budgeting is one of the strongest mechanisms for protecting ESCR.

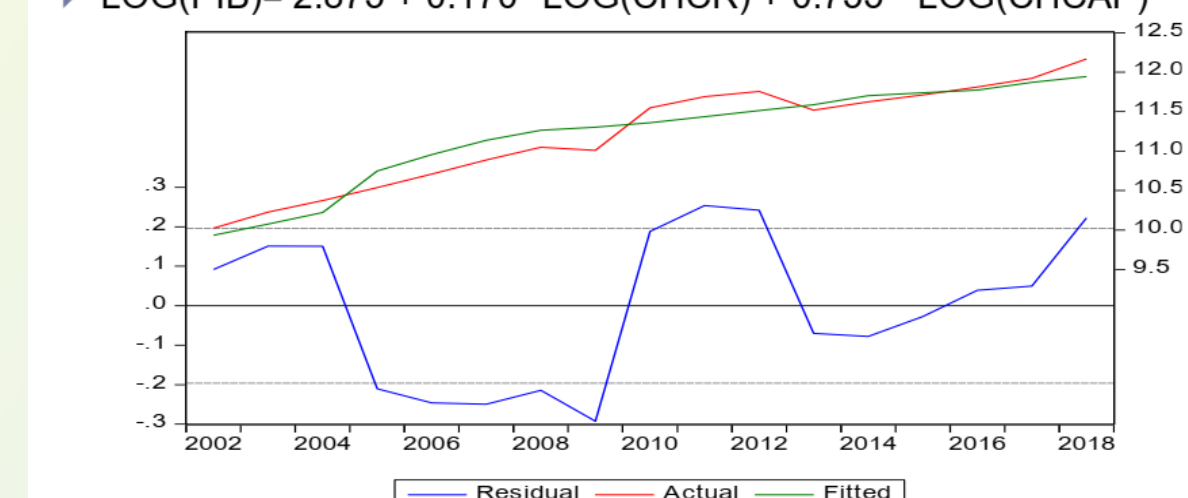
Solution: The research carried out within the project led to the achievement of the following results with an emphasis on application, including the development of social and economic policies:

- ▶ modeling the dependence between the Gross Domestic Product and public expenditures related to the social and cultural field;
- ▶ organization and conduct of the Survey "The teaching process in the Republic of Moldova under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic";
- ▶ development of the design methodology of indicators for measuring the level of respect for ESCR;
- ▶ development of the methodology for drawing up the national public budget from the perspective of human rights;
- ▶ the development of the methodology for the rationalization of local public finances in the conditions of a considerably large number of small-sized territorial administrative units in the Republic of Moldova, which determines the inefficient use of public financial funds with a critical impact on the range and cost of local public services.

Modeling the dependence between the Gross Domestic Product and public expenditures related to the social and cultural field.

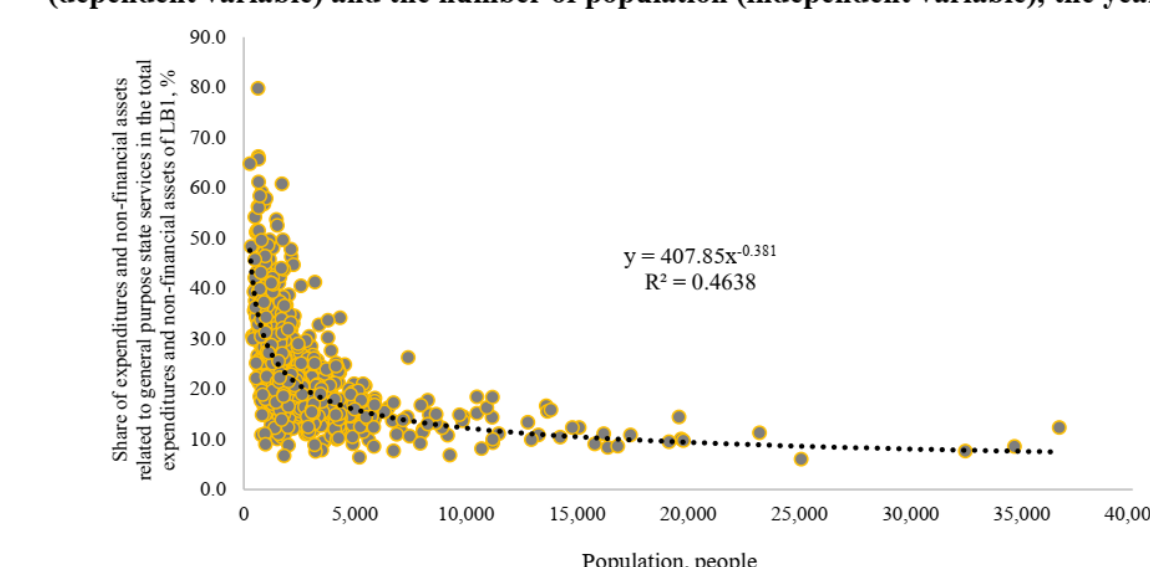
▶ The estimated regression equation of the dependence between public expenditure and GDP is given:

$$\text{LOG(PIB)} = 2.875 + 0.170 \cdot \text{LOG(CHCR)} + 0.755 \cdot \text{LOG(CHCAP)}$$



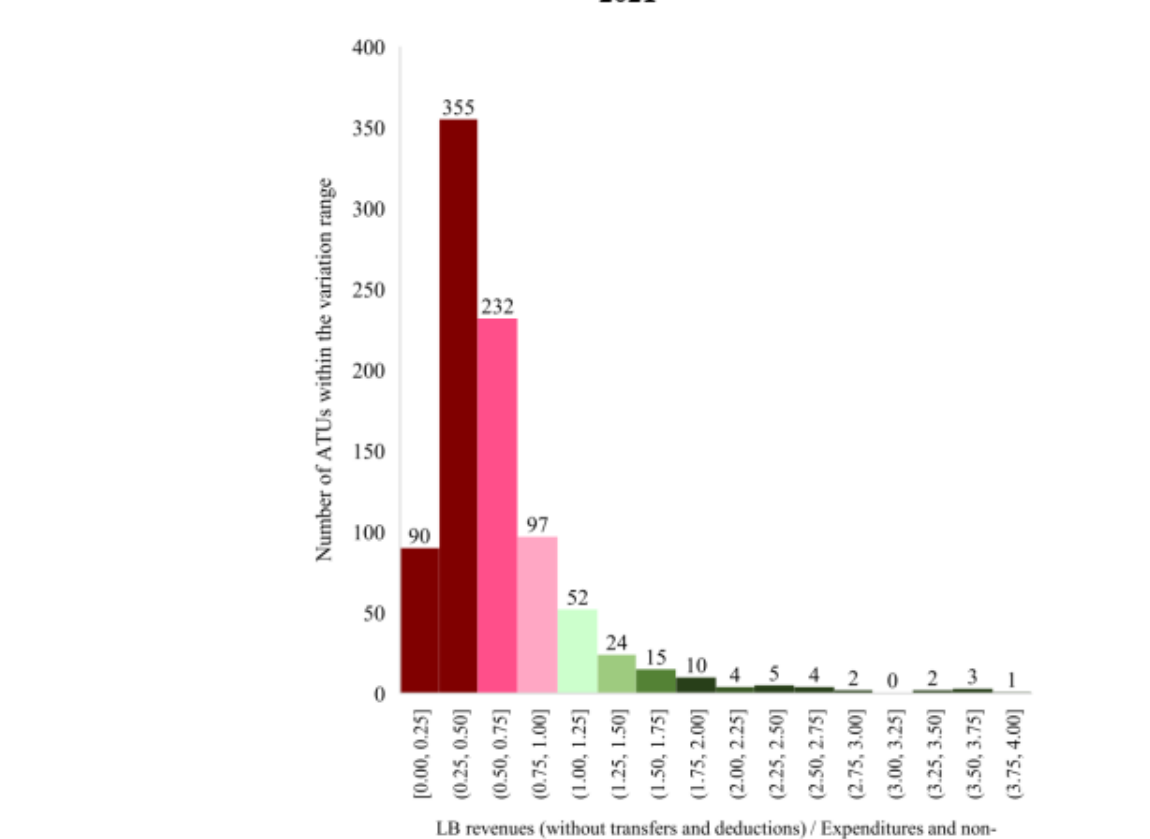
The limit of the budgets of administrative-territorial units ATUs in the Republic of Moldova to finance local goods and services derived from the economic, social and cultural rights of citizens.

A. Relationship between the share of expenditures and non-financial assets related to general purpose state services in the total non-financial expenditure and assets of BL1 (dependent variable) and the number of population (independent variable), the year 2021



Source: Ministry of Finance, own calculation

B. Distribution of first-level ATUs by the ratio between local budget revenues without transfers and deductions / Expenditures and non-financial assets related to general purpose state services, lei, 2021

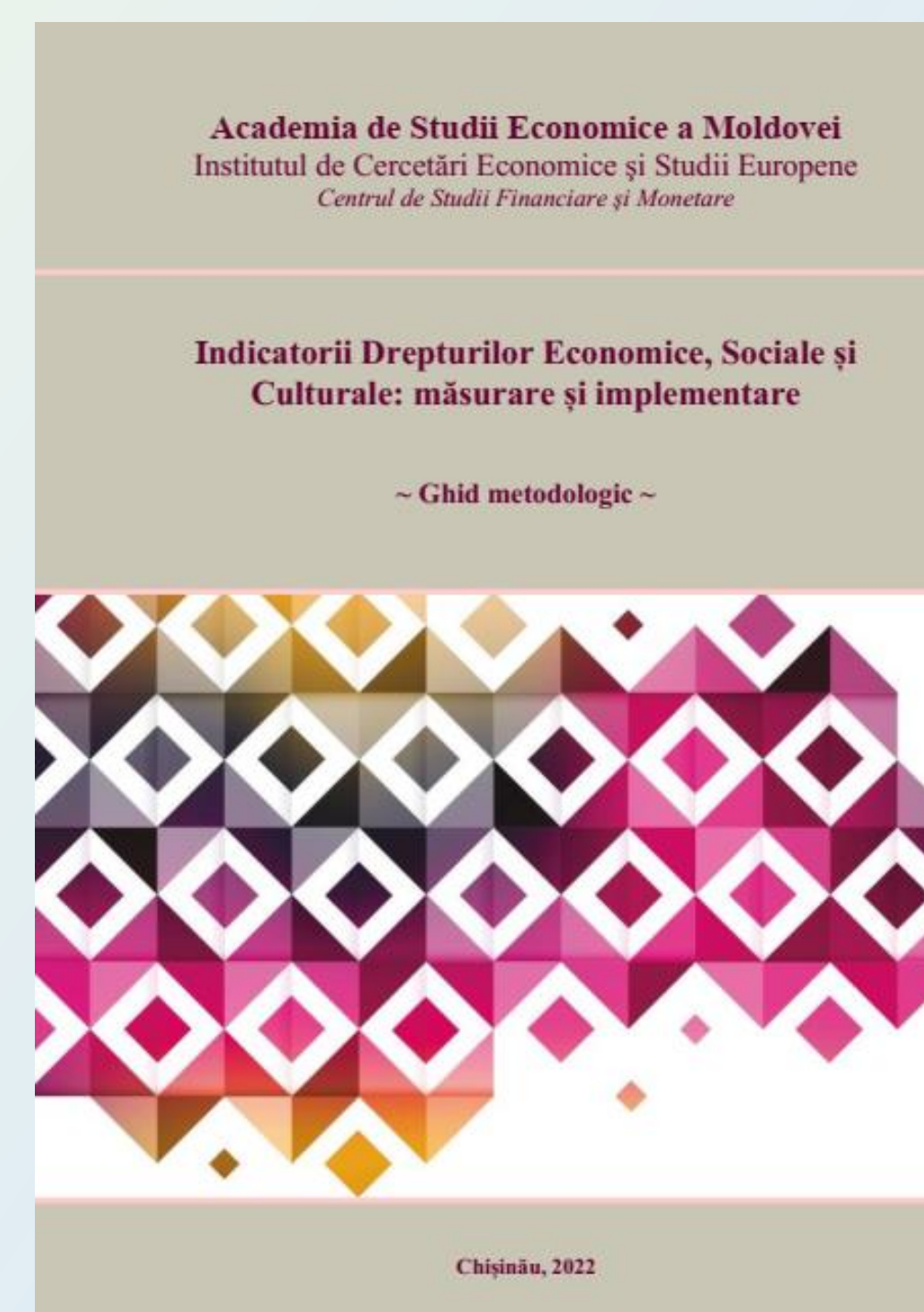


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Organization and conduct of the Survey "The teaching process in the Republic of Moldova under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic"

- ▶ The survey was carried out nationally through online interaction between April 13 and June 2, 2021. 2,782 respondents (teaching staff) participated in the survey.
- ▶ The survey "The teaching process in the Republic of Moldova under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic", representing a result of the research carried out within the Project, captures the perceptions of teaching staff on some principled aspects that determine the level of respect for the right to education and the right to work - both components fundamentals of ESCR, but also of the quality of public policies promoted at the level of central public administration and local public administration intended to strengthen the respect of these rights



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