

Senior Specialist, Asset Recovery, Moldova

Job title:	Senior Specialist, Asset Recovery
Place of work:	Chişinău, Moldova
Start date:	October 2024 or shortly thereafter
Employment rate:	100%
Contract duration:	Until September 2025
Reporting:	Director, ICAR

About the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

ICAR is a specialist centre of the Basel Institute on Governance that works with countries around the world to strengthen their capacities to recover stolen assets. Particular emphasis is placed on hands-on mentoring to assist practitioners from law enforcement and prosecution authorities to conduct financial investigations, develop suitable strategies for the prosecution of corruption and economic crime offences and to identify, restrain and confiscate proceeds of crime. ICAR also supports legislative and institutional reform processes, develops and delivers tailor-made training and works with other international organisations to advance innovation and global policy dialogue on asset recovery.

About our programme in Moldova

The Senior Asset Recovery Specialist will engage with key stakeholders to strengthen Moldova's "asset recovery delivery chain" in financial investigation, international cooperation and confiscation/asset recovery. With confirmed funding for an initial six-month inception phase, the specialist will build on existing ICAR interventions with Government of Moldova partners. It is anticipated that this inception phase will result in a longer-term programme of support to Government of Moldova partners.

A particular focus of this programme is for the enhancement of mutual legal assistance (MLA) capabilities within partner agencies. The appointed expert will be responsible for disseminating the recently produced MLA guidelines for Moldova, as well as mentoring law enforcement and prosecutors on the preparation of MLA guidelines.

Key responsibilities

- Disseminating and raising awareness of the MLA guidelines, through engagement with stakeholders including prosecuting agencies and the Ministry of Justice.
- Mentoring selected prosecutors on the preparation of MLA requests and developing a cohort of MLA champions to better quality assure ongoing requests.

- Leading on ongoing MLA workshops with dedicated MLA prosecutors to highlight ongoing issues with MLA and develop solutions.
- Facilitating international cooperation and evidence gathering by establishing and enhancing channels for international communication and by assisting partner agencies in the drafting of mutual legal/administrative assistance requests.
- Supporting the development of prosecution strategies for corruption-related proceedings through practical mentoring and advice.
- Promoting and embedding a strong emphasis on the identification, restraint and confiscation of proceeds of crime whilst supporting efforts to obtain judicial orders for the restraint, seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime.
- Enhancing the capability of the judiciary and courts to process cases of corruption, economic crime and asset recovery.
- Designing and delivering training tailored to the local law and policy architecture, with an emphasis on prosecuting corruption and economic crime, international MLA and asset recovery procedures.
- Facilitating domestic agency coordination and collaboration by fostering prosecutor-informed investigation processes through personal demonstration of techniques.
- Submitting progress reports in line with ICAR HQ and donor requirements.

Qualifications and skills

- At least 10 years of experience conducting prosecutor-guided/informed legal proceedings for complex economic crime, with a focus on corruption and money laundering prosecutions and/or procedures relating to the restraint and recovery of proceeds of crime.
- Knowledge and experience of international cooperation through the drafting of MLA requests as well as using informal means of cooperation.
- Knowledge and experience of MLA processes and the development of international relationships to facilitate the sharing of intelligence and evidence.
- In-depth understanding of different institutional set-ups and models for asset recovery.
- Demonstrable experience in the design and delivery of training modules within a criminal justice setting.
- Experience providing technical assistance to middle- or low-income countries highly desirable.
- Excellent communication, advocacy and interpersonal skills, with the ability to contribute to policy discussions with national and international stakeholders.
- Track record in management and leadership and/or change management desirable.
- Excellent speaking and writing fluency in English; Romanian language skills preferred.

Offer

The salary will be commensurate to experience and responsibility. Additional benefits and allowances for field staff may apply, including private health insurance, accommodation allowance and one home leave flight per 12-month period. The position is entitled to 25 days of paid leave per 12-month period and five days of paid home leave per 12-month period.

Application

Please submit your full application, including a motivation letter in English and your detailed CV, by **26 July 2024** using the following link: <https://intranet.basel.institute/job/apply/13>.

For further information about this position, please contact: application@baselgovernance.org. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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