

# **621 diplomas of neutral model were apostilled by the competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova in the period 28 March 2018-31 December 2024**



The reintegration of young people from the Transnistrian region into the national educational space that meets international standards is a strategic goal of the Republic of Moldova.

In the same logic, during almost 7 years since the implementation of the Protocol Decision „On the application of the apostille on the documents of studies in the Transnistrian region” of November 25, 2017, the implementation of this mechanism was ensured. Thus, between March 28, 2018 – December 31, 2024, the competent national authorities applied the Apostille of the Republic of Moldova on 621 diplomas of neutral model whose holders are young people from the Transnistrian region.

The European Union is the main destination for continuing higher education abroad, followed by the United States, Israel and the United Kingdom (the dynamics by year and the top 10 destinations are shown in the figure).

We remind, that the Apostille does not imply recognition of the status of a diploma, but represents a formality, by which the veracity of the signature is attested, the quality in which the signatory of the act acted, the authenticity of the seal and the stamp of this act, giving the possibility to the holder of the diploma to use it on the territory of a state party to the Hague Convention abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents of 5 October 1961, entered into force in the Republic of Moldova on March 16, 2007.

The procedure for super-legalization of these diplomas is carried out in states that are not parties to the Hague Convention (for example, the United Arab Emirates) or in states that have raised objections to the accession of the Republic of Moldova to this convention (for example, the Federal Republic of Germany).

