

# Concerning the meeting of the civil status and population documentation working groups



Today, March 11, 2022, after a nearly year-long pause, a new meeting of the working groups for civil status and population documentation has been convened (the last meeting took place on March 26, 2021), with the participation of the experts from both banks of the Nistru River and the representatives in the "5+2" negotiation format.

The agenda of discussions included current issues regarding the documentation of citizens with civil status documents, with a focus on the services provided by the territorial subdivisions of the Public Services Agency which serve the residents of the villages along the Nistru River's left bank as well as the municipality of Bender. It was emphasized that the services are available for online registration, since those are often requested by residents, and all the requests are preceded quickly and in a non-discriminatory manner.

The Tiraspol experts urged formalizing an interaction mechanism at the level of civil status structures on both banks of the Nistru River. In turn, the experts from Chisinau expressed doubts about intermediation in this procedure as long as citizens are served personally and quickly after submitting requests to the Public Services Agency's territorial subdivisions, with no restrictions or unjustified refusals.

The experts also agreed to coordinate a joint model of declaration concerning the consent of the person for personal data processing which would comply with the working requirements in this area and be used in the process of transmitting, obtaining and checking information regarding corresponding civil status events.

