

Goods: Procurement of Small and Middle Ballistic Shields

Organization: Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova

Type of contract: Purchase Agreement

Duration of the contract: The delivery period for the small and middle ballistic shields must be no longer than **2 months** from the date of contract signing.

Place of delivery: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Deadline for submitting applications: 30.12.2025, 23:59 EEST

I. Organizational Context: Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova is the Chisinau Branch of Fundacja Solidarności Międzynarodowej, Warsaw, a state foundation, managed and co-financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, created to contribute to the development of the neighbouring countries.

In 2023, Solidarity Fund PL successfully completed the process of obtaining the EU "Pillar Assessment" certification, joining the group of entities with greater capacities to access European funds. You can find out more about the activity of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova [here](#).

Project Context: EU4 Moldova Resilience- Secure States, Resilient Communities (EU4MR), a 2-year project funded by the European Commission through the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and implemented by Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova (SFPL in Moldova). It is being launched as part of the European Union's support for the Republic of Moldova in the context of the country's intensified integration process into the EU and the decreasing geopolitical security in the region, exacerbated by Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The general objective and expected outcome of the EU4MR project is to increase the Republic of Moldova's resilience to emergencies and potential security threats. To this end, the capacities of state institutions will be strengthened to detect and counter potential emergencies and security threats. Additionally, the resilience of local communities will be enhanced by fostering local development opportunities that maintain social cohesion and increase confidence in the European path of the Republic of Moldova as a perspective for modernization and development of the country.

The expected results of the project implementation are:

Result 1: State institutions have enhanced their capacity to protect critical infrastructure, identify, detect, and counter threats, and inform the population about threats.

Result 2: The resilience of society to security threats is improved through various local opportunities and initiatives that maintain and promote social cohesion, thereby increasing confidence in the European integration process.

Together, these results will contribute to increasing the resilience of the Republic of Moldova to security threats.

Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova invites you to submit a bid for the following equipment:

II. Description of the procurement:

The goal is to equip the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova with protective equipment. The Ministry will act as a beneficiary and will not transfer purchased equipment to unauthorized entities, only to authorised subordinated entities.

The purpose of this procurement is to acquire:

Ballistic Shields – Small & Medium (PN K4 / NIJ IV / STANAG Equivalent)

Procurement of two categories of ballistic shields intended for high-risk operations, dynamic entries, national patrol duties, and tactical deployments by rapid reaction units. All shields must provide rifle-grade ballistic protection in accordance with PN K4, NIJ Level IV, and be compliant with or equivalent to STANAG 4569 ballistic protection levels (1–3 depending on shield type).

A. Small Tactical Ballistic Shield – 5 Units

Ballistic protection equivalent to PN K4 / NIJ Level IV / STANAG 4569 Level 1–2 (or equivalent). Lightweight tactical ballistic shield engineered for rapid-entry, CQB, and dynamic intervention scenarios. Provides rifle-level ballistic protection in a compact, highly manoeuvrable configuration. Ambidextrous design enables immediate use by both right- and left-handed operators. The ergonomic handle system offers secure weapon manipulation with either a sidearm or a long gun.

B. Medium Ballistic Shield with Viewport & Tactical Lighting – 5 Units

Ballistic protection equivalent to PN K4 / NIJ Level IV / STANAG 4569 Level 2–3 (or equivalent).

Heavy-duty ballistic shield designed for high-risk police operations requiring full-scale rifle protection, extended situational awareness, and environmental endurance. Equipped with a ballistic glass viewport, ergonomic dual-handle system, detachable harness, and integrated tactical lighting for low-light conditions.

Small Tactical Ballistic Shield – 5 Units

Product Specifications (minimum technical requirements):

1. Ballistic Protection Standards

- (i). **Protection level:** PN K4/NIJ Level IV;
- (ii). **STANAG compliance:** STANAG 4569 Level 1- 2 (or equivalent);
 - **Level 1 reference:** 5.56×45 mm / 7.62×39 mm;
 - **Level 2 reference:** 7.62×51 mm NATO FMJ;
- (iii). *A certified ballistic test report confirming the declared protection level is required.*

2. Operational & Environmental Conditions

- (i). Designed for year-round use in all weather conditions;
- (ii). Resistant to: rain, snow, humidity, dust, UV exposure;
- (iii). Resistant to mechanical factors: impacts, abrasion, shocks, vibration;
- (iv). Operating temperature: –30°C to +50°C.

3. Shield Body Construction

- (i). Rigid, multi-layer ballistic composite; matte black finish;
- (ii). Dimensions: height 800–840 mm, width 480–500 mm;
- (iii). Front plate must include multiple cut-outs (upper, side, lower) enabling dynamic shooting positions while maintaining full ballistic coverage;
- (iv). Ricochet-reducing geometry;
- (v). Permanently reinforced edges to prevent mechanical damage.

4. Handle & Support System

- (i). Fixed metal or composite ergonomic handle, fully ambidextrous;
- (ii). Handle must support multiple vertical mounting positions (minimum 3) to adjust handle height to operator preference;
- (iii). Arm-rest padding at the point of contact with the operator's arm;
- (iv). Adjustable forearm support strap allowing the operator to fire a weapon without removing the hand from the shield;
- (v). Handle and support system must not create pressure points, injuries, or discomfort during prolonged use.

5. Sling & Carrying Features

- (i). Integrated attachment points for a carrying sling;
- (ii). Sling must allow stable transport;
- (iii). Sling must be able to lay flat against the shield when not in use to avoid snagging.

6. Weight

- (i). As low as practicable; **not exceeding 15 kg**, while meeting all ballistic requirements

7. Accessories

- (i). Soft transport cover (preferred);

- (ii). User manual and maintenance documentation in English and/or Romanian.

8. Warranty

- (i). Ballistic panel: **minimum 5 years** (recommended: 7 years);
- (ii). Other components (handle, straps, padding, sling): **minimum 2 years**.

Medium Ballistic Shield with Viewport & Tactical Lighting – 5 Units

Product Specifications (minimum technical requirements):

A. Ballistic Protection Standards

- (i). **Protection level:** PN K4/NIJ Level IV;
- (ii). Viewport must match the ballistic level of the shield plate;
- (iii). **STANAG compliance:** STANAG 4569 Level 2 or 3 (or equivalent):
 - **Level 2: 7.62×39 MSC;**
 - **Level 3: 7.62×51 NATO.**
- (v). A certified ballistic test report confirming the declared protection level is required.

B. Dimensions & Weight

- (ii). Height: 1050 mm (± 55 mm);
- (iii). Width: 525 mm (± 30 mm);
- (iv). Weight: approx. 20 kg.

C. Shield Body Construction

- (i). Matte black ballistic composite;
- (ii). Ricochet-reducing geometry;
- (iii). Reinforced edges;
- (iv). Weather and environment resistant: rain, snow, humidity, sunlight, dust;
- (v). Mechanical resistance: shocks, vibration, routine impacts;
- (vi). Temperature range: -40°C to $+50^{\circ}\text{C}$.

D. Ergonomic Handle System

- (i). Two fixed steel handles ($\varnothing 35$ mm ± 2 mm)
- (ii). Handle spacing: 340 mm (± 10 mm)
- (iii). Handle width: 300 mm (± 10 mm)
- (iv). Handle clearance from shield surface: 90 mm (± 10 mm)
- (v). High-friction, fire-resistant foam coating

E. Ballistic Viewport

- (i). Transparent area:
 - Width 200–300 mm;
 - Height ≥ 100 mm.
- (ii). Position: top of viewport located 100–150 mm below upper shield edge;
- (iii). Reinforced against scratches and operational wear;
- (iv). Must match shield ballistic rating.

F. Load-Bearing Harness

- (i). Detachable multi-point harness for weight distribution;
- (ii). Quick-attach and quick-release points;
- (iii). Fully ambidextrous user operation.

G. Integrated Tactical Lighting

- (i). Minimum output: 560 lumens, white/cool beam
- (ii). Modes: constant and strobe
- (iii). Ambidextrous activation switch, protected from accidental activation
- (iv). Minimum run time: 1 hour
- (v). Powered by widely available batteries (AA / CR123)
- (vi). Cabling secured against mechanical damage (excluding ballistic impacts)

H. Accessories

- (i). Padded transport cover;
- (ii). Storage / transport stand;
- (iii). Full documentation and maintenance instructions.

I. Warranty

- (i). Minimum 24 month

III. Estimated order and execution time:

- 3.1. The delivery period for the equipment kits should **not exceed 2 months** from the date of contract signing;
- 3.2. The delivery is carried out under DAP (Delivered At Place) Incoterms 2020;
- 3.3. The delivery direction is the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Internal Affairs.

IV. Ineligible bidders:

- 4.1. candidates with a record of non-compliance in fulfilling obligations under previous contractual relationships with Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova;
- 4.2. candidates appearing on government sanctions lists issued by the European Union and Poland.

V. Requirements for bidders:

Within the purchase call may apply legal entities who:

- 5.1. own and are able to submit a valid certificate of registration or extract for the legal entity in line with the activities outlined in the ToR;
- 5.2. have at least 3 years of demonstrated experience in supplying ballistic protective equipment, such as ballistic shields, body armor, tactical equipment, or other relevant protective systems;
- 5.3. have collaboration with at least 2 specialized institutions, such as law enforcement agencies, emergency response services, rescue organizations, tactical intervention teams, or other relevant entities;
- 5.4. offer a minimum **2-year** warranty for other components from Ballistic panel, for Medium Ballistic equipment and minimum **5-year** warranty for Ballistic panel;
- 5.5. have at least 2 import-export operations conducted under DAP Incoterms 2020 conditions.

VI. The application file will contain the following documents:

6.1. Activity portfolio with:

- (i) Demonstrated operational history of a minimum 3 years in supplying ballistic protective equipment, such as ballistic shields, body armor, tactical equipment, or other relevant protective systems (through register of contracts, reports, other relevant documents);
- (ii) Collaboration with at least 2 specialized institutions, such as law enforcement agencies, emergency response services, rescue organizations, tactical intervention teams, or other relevant entities (proven through contracts, recommendation letters, handover documents, and other relevant documents);
- (iii) Demonstrated operational history of at least 2 import-export operations conducted under DAP Incoterms 2020 conditions (through proof of delivery, customs declarations, commercial invoices, or other relevant documents)¹.

6.2. Price offer, in EUR, personalized and which will include:

- (i) the fixed price offer, indicating the amount without VAT and specifying whether the entity is VAT registered or not;
- (ii) contact details (company, e-mail address, contact details, telephone number);
- (iii) technical compliance specifications of the offered equipment, (demonstrating conformity with the requirements listed in the procurement description in the Terms of Reference);
- (iv) a statement confirming warranty for the equipment.

¹ This requirement applies only to service providers based outside the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

6.3. A declaration of compliance [LINK](#) (according to the provided template from link), with the following annexes:

- (i). Certificate of Registration/Extract for the Legal Entity;
- (ii). a certificate confirming the absence of debts to the national budget as of the submission date.

6.4. Tax residency certificate¹ for non-resident legal entities (in electronic form), issued by the competent authority of their country of residence.

** The application will be considered incomplete if it doesn't include the documents listed under points 6.1–6.4.*

** All documents in the dossier must be submitted in English.*

VII. Submission of the application file and communication with the applicants:

- 7.1. The application file must be sent to the email address: procurements@solidarityfund.md, with a title "Offer-EU4MR Small and Middle Ballistic Shields" no later than **30.12.2025, 23:59 EEST**.
- 7.2. The submitted application file must contain all documents requested under Section VI, stored in a single archived folder.
- 7.3. Each applicant may submit only one application file under this procurement procedure and shall bear all costs related to the preparation and submission of the file. Submission of multiple applications will result in the rejection of all applications submitted by the same applicant.
- 7.4. The applicant will receive a confirmation of receipt for the submitted application file no later than the next day after submission. In case no confirmation is received, the applicant must send a follow-up email requesting confirmation of receipt.
- 7.5. The applicant may modify, withdraw, or resubmit the application file by sending a written request to the mentioned email address prior to the submission deadline. After the deadline, no modifications or withdrawals of the submitted file will be accepted.
- 7.6. All communication throughout the procurement procedure shall take place exclusively via email at procurements@solidarityfund.md. Any communication conducted through other methods, to other email addresses, or via alternative channels shall not be considered valid.

VIII. Evaluation procedure:

The evaluation procedure is carried out individually by the Evaluation Committee, as follows:

- 8.1. **Formal evaluation** - verification of the submitted file's compliance with formal criteria:
 - 1. The application file is submitted within the deadline. Files submitted after the deadline will not be further evaluated, and the remaining criteria will be marked as N/A;
 - 2. The application file contains all the required documents (including those submitted in response to subsequent requests for additional relevant documents and/or information);
 - 3. The applicants do not fall under the provisions regarding "Ineligible Applicants."
- 8.2. **Content Evaluation** – assessment of the application file's compliance with the **content evaluation criteria**, as reflected in the "**Evaluation Criteria Form**", which can be accessed [here](#). The individual evaluation results of the Committee members are consolidated into a single Evaluation Form, which reflects the average score obtained for each application file.
- 8.3. **Interview Stage** – conducted at the Committee's discretion, following the content evaluation stage, and only with the pre-selected applicant(s). During this stage, the Committee may decide to negotiate the proposed financial offer, get acquainted with the team of experts/specialists to be involved in the assignment, and/or request additional relevant information or documentation, if deemed necessary.
- 8.4. The Committee may request the Applicant to: (i) provide clarifications regarding the content of the submitted offer; (ii) supplement the application file with missing documents, and/or provide

¹ The tax residency certificate is submitted by the bidders if they are residents of a foreign country.

additional relevant information; (iii) correct identified errors. Additionally, the Committee reserves the right to independently correct obvious technical and/or typographical errors, including calculation mistakes, without materially altering the content of the application file. The Applicant will be immediately notified about such corrections. The maximum deadline granted to the Applicant for completing the file, submitting the additional documents/information, making corrections, or confirming acceptance of the applied changes is five (5) working days.

IX. Due Diligence Procedure

The due diligence procedure is carried out according to the internal rules of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova. The dossiers are subject to verification in order to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the data provided by the bidder with public records and to identify the presence or absence of the bidder in the mentioned sanction lists. Additionally, the history of collaboration, behaviour, reputational risk, and other factors that may pose an increased or unacceptable risk to future collaboration are also analysed. If Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova identifies any potential collaboration risk, it reserves the right to exclude the applicant from the procurement procedure, even after the applicant has been informed of the procurement outcome, without providing any explanation.

X. Rejection of the Application File from the procurement procedure:

Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova may reject an application if:

- 10.1. it was submitted after the application deadline;
- 10.2. was presented by the applicant:
 - a. excluded from the procedure; or
 - b. does not meet the participation requirements for the procedure; or
 - c. its content is incompatible with the terms of the procurement procedure and/or the contract;
- 10.3. it was not prepared or submitted in a manner compatible with the technical and organizational requirements for preparing or submitting applications through the electronic communication means specified by the organization;
- 10.4. it contains a price or cost that is extremely low in relation to the subject of the contract;
- 10.5. it contains errors in the calculation of the price or costs, including after a request for adjustment;
- 10.6. the applicant did not correct the errors within the established deadline;
- 10.7. the applicant did not provide written consent, by email or other means, for the extension of the offer's validity period;
- 10.8. the applicant did not provide written consent for the selection of their offer after the expiration of the offer's validity period;
- 10.9. the selection would violate public safety or a significant state security interest, and this guarantee or interest cannot be ensured in any other way;
- 10.10. the application was submitted without complying with the requirement to conduct a visit to the applicant to verify the documents necessary for contract execution, if this was requested in the procurement documents;
- 10.11. Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova may reject the application if its price is higher than the market price.

XI. Offer selection and Contract conclusion:

- 11.1. The application/offer that receives the highest score, including compliance with the price–quality ratio, will be selected as the most advantageous.
- 11.2. After the evaluation stages are completed, all applicants will be informed about the results of the procurement call.
- 11.3. The applicant whose offer has been selected as the most advantageous will be informed by Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova of the place and date for signing the contract. If the applicant refuses to conclude the contract, Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova may re-examine and evaluate the submitted offers and select the next most advantageous offer, or may cancel the procedure and launch a new one.

- 11.4. Persons representing the selected applicant must present, at the contract signing, documents confirming their authorization to represent the applicant, except where such authorization is already evident from the documents attached to the application/offer.

XII. Exclusion of bidders from the procurement process:

- 12.1. Bidders are excluded from the procurement procedure if a final court decision or administrative act has been rendered against the natural person, entity or person representing him/her, has control/decision-making power, or against any member of the executive, management/supervisory bodies for any of the following reasons:
- a. bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation proceedings;
 - b. violation of obligations regarding the payment of taxes or social security contributions;
 - c. committing serious professional misconduct, including false statements;
 - d. fraud;
 - e. corruption;
 - f. an action associated with a criminal organisation;
 - g. money laundering and terrorist financing;
 - h. terrorist offence or offences related to terrorist activities;
 - i. child labour or any other crime related to human trafficking;
 - j. establishment and operation of a shell company;
 - k. establishment of a cover company;
 - l. sing or participating in discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment. The exclusion can also occur if there is no final court decision or administrative act in question and has been proven by means available to Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova or development partners.
- 12.2. The applicant shall be excluded if, under the laws of the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Poland (Art. 108, para. 1), the European Union, international law, or the donor country, restrictions apply to the entity or its representatives, persons holding control/decision-making power, or any member of the executive, management, or supervisory bodies.
- 12.3. The applicant shall be excluded if it is undergoing liquidation, its assets are managed by a liquidator or by a court that has concluded a preventive concordat, its commercial activity is suspended, or it is in any similar situation resulting from a similar procedure under the regulations of the jurisdiction where the procedure is initiated, in accordance with Article 109, paragraph (1), point 4 of the Public Procurement Law
- 12.4. The applicant shall be excluded if non-compliance is identified with Council of the European Union Regulation (EU) 2022/576, amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 2022/576, OJ L 111 of 08.04.2022, p. 1) and the Law of 13 April 2022 on special measures to counter support for aggression against Ukraine and to protect national security.
- 12.5. The applicant shall be excluded if the application file is incomplete, submitted after the deadline, or if multiple offers were submitted for the same contract under the procurement procedure.
- 12.6. The applicant may be excluded at any stage of the procurement procedure, including after the announcement of the results – during the pre-contract verification stage (e.g., presence on sanctions lists, participation of Russian contractors, etc.).
- 12.7. Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova reserves the right not to limit itself to the exclusion criteria from the procurement procedure, mentioned above.

NB! Questions regarding the purchase can be sent to the email address: procurements@solidarityfund.md, no later than 5 days before the deadline for submitting the application file.

The answers will be published in the Q&A section, 3 days before the deadline for submitting the application file.

** The bidder has the right to establish the limits of confidentiality of the data provided and to mention which of the documents attached to the tender are confidential.*

*** Personal data will be processed by Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova for the purpose of carrying out the procurement process, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force and internal rules. The provision of personal data is voluntary. The refusal to provide data leads to the impossibility of concluding the contract with Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova. Individuals have the right to obtain information on the purpose, scope and manner of processing of personal data, the right of access to their personal data, their portability and rectification. Personal data may be transmitted to donors, auditors, state bodies, including public law enforcement bodies, lawyers – for the purpose of controlling Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova, protecting rights, resolving disputes. Personal data will not be passed on to other third parties without the prior consent of the bidder. Any questions regarding personal data can be directed to Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova via e-mail info@solidarityfund.md.*

**** For the purpose of transparency of the procurement process, the results of the tender with the information on the selected provider (name/surname, surname, service provided, price, period) will be published on the website of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova. Participation in the tender by sending documents means acceptance of the publication of the results of the call for tenders, except for information marked as confidential.*

***** Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any time without any obligations towards the bidders.*