

PRESS-ANNOUNCEMENT

Moldova-Ukraine Joint Decision Making Committee to endorse Joint Operational Programme for Territorial Cooperation

Kyiv, October 3, 2014 - on October 6 the Joint Decision Making Committee (JDMC) inaugural meeting will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine to adopt the Joint Operational Programme (JOP) for territorial cooperation between Moldova and Ukraine.

The representatives of the central governmental bodies, local authorities and civil society organisations from Moldova and Ukraine will gather in Kyiv to endorse the Joint Operational Programme. Members of the Joint Decision Making Committee (JDMC) will consider the results of public and inter-ministerial consultations on JOP that were held in the two countries. The meeting will focus on the objectives, priorities, common challenges of the Moldova-Ukraine territorial cooperation. Approval of the JOP paves the way to the announcement of a Call for Proposals tentatively scheduled for mid-November 2014.

The Joint Operational Programme (JOP) sets out the basic framework of the Moldova-Ukraine territorial cooperation: main objectives and priorities, requirements for projects and beneficiaries as well as programme implementation modalities. The budget of the programme constitutes 3.3 million EUR. The programme covers Odessa, Vinnytsya and Chernivtsy Oblasts in Ukraine and whole territory of Moldova.

The inaugural Joint Decision Making Committee meeting is organized by the EaPTC Managing Authority – North and supported by the EaPTC Support Programme. The Co-Chairmen of the JDMC are Mr. **Eugen Furculita**, Councilor of the Secretary General of the Government of Moldova and Mrs. **Maya Koshman**, Deputy Head of International Technical Assistance Department - Head of the EU Technical Assistance Unit of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine.

Journalists are invited to take part in the press point that will be held **at 13:30** in the **Vozdvyzhenskiy Hotel** (60 a,b Vozdvyzhenska Str., Kyiv).

Background: the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) was launched with the aim to create a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders Moldova – Ukraine, Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia and Belarus – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area, as well as to strengthen the capacity of local and regional state and non-state actors to jointly develop and implement cross-border projects. The overall EU contribution to EaPTC – 12.5 million EUR. The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a European Union initiative directed at six countries of Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The initiative aims at closer relations between the EU and the Eastern partners, deepening their political co-operation and economic integration.

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