

**Press Release** 

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## The European Union provides a substantial support to improving the mapping process in Moldova

The launch of the Twinning Project "Twinning Project for the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre (ALRC) - Organization, Streamlining and Computerization Process in Mapping in the Republic of Moldova" is marked today with an opening conference attended by the Head of EU Delegation to Moldova, Pirkka Tapiola

The goal of EU assistance provided through the Twinning Project "Organization, Streamlining and Computerization Process in Mapping in the Republic of Moldova" is to accelerate the development of the Information Society services in Moldova. This initiative is in direct relation with the implementation of the Inspire EU Directive and in this respect European funds in the amount of EUR 1.2 million will be provided for ensuring the implementation of the Action Plan Project.

The main beneficiary of the project is the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre (ALRC) of the Republic of Moldova which will receive support in improving its mapping system, performance and impact. This will be achieved in cooperation with the EU partners of this project, Swedesurvey, the overseas agency of Lantmäteriet (the Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authority) and State Geodetic Administration of the Republic of Croatia.

The project aims to step up the work with the development of the information society services in the Republic of Moldova. Additionally, the activity will provide support to the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre for the management and update of a mapping system, which is secure, unitary, integrated and cost efficient. In order to achieve these goals an active involved from all relevant stakeholders is expected. Thus, the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre will encourage increased interaction with other ministries and agencies in the Republic of Moldova.

The implementation of this project will contribute to improved mapping system in line with EU standards and best international practices of management of geographical data. The support provided by the European Union in this framework will lead to increased transparency of governance through the usage and promotion of information technologies in the public sector.

## **Background information:**

The activities undertaken during the implementation of the Twinning Project "Twinning Project for the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre (ALRC) - Organization, Streamlining and Computerization Process in Mapping in the Republic of Moldova" provide the opportunity to obtain the expected results for the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre, in line with the EU standards and best international practices of management of geographical data.

Although the Republic of Moldova is not a candidate country for EU accession, the INSPIRE mechanism is considered by the Agency of Land Relation and Cadastre as an appealing instrument for ensuring sound and cost efficient conditions of management and dissemination of geographic data nationwide. The project will provides support to the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre in their efforts to implement the INSPIRE mechanism.

The project will focus on the implementation of activities listed in 4 components:

- Draft Geographic data umbrella law in line with the EU INSPIRE requirements;
- Demonstration of an effective regional SDI solution with several stakeholders in line with EU best practices;
- Demonstration of a local SDI solution with several stakeholders in pilot areas in line with EU best practices;
- Demonstration of Networks services in the field of data sharing under the responsibility of ALRC.

## **Event information:**

The Opening Conference of Twinning Project "Twinning Project for the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre (ALRC) - Organization, Streamlining and Computerization Process in Mapping in the Republic of Moldova" project funded by the European Union will take place on the **17<sup>th</sup> of November**, **2014**. The venue of the conference is the conference hall at the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre (ALRC) of the Republic of Moldova, (1-st floor, Chisinau, 47 Pushkin str.), starting time 14:00.

The benefits and implication of the project will be discussed by:

- Head of European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola
- Ambassador of Sweden, Ingrid Tersman
- Director General of the Agency of the Land Relations and Cadastre of the Republic of Moldova, Anatolie Ghilas

## For more information

Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre of the Republic of Moldova: <u>www.arfc.gov.md</u> Delegation of the EU to Moldova: <u>http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/index\_en.htm</u> Eastern Partnership: <u>www.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/easternpartnership</u>



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