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## Green Energy Sector Champions awarded at Moldova Eco-Energetica 2014 Ceremony

**Chisinau, 5 December 2014**– More than one thousand promoters of renewables and energy efficiency got together at Moldova Eco-Energetica ceremony today to celebrate the remarkable achievements and award the Champions of the Green Energy Sector in 2014.

A total of 14 successful projects in using and promoting green energy and energy efficiency, 5 companies developing eco-responsible technologies have been handed trophies while one eco-responsible project idea receiving funding from a commercial bank with the Government being the guarantor for the transaction. The winners of “Moldova Eco-Energetica” Contest, 2014 Edition, are as follows:

- **The Best Solar Energy Project:**
  - Photovoltaic: [\*Kindergarten of Chiscareni Village, Sangerei District;\*](#)
  - Thermal: [\*Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Special Needs “Tony Hawks”, Chisinau;\*](#)
- **The Best Wind Power Project:** [\*Elteprod SRL, wind power station of Bratuseni Village, Edinet District;\*](#)
- **The Best Geothermal Energy Project:** [\*Commercial Centre “Convel SRL, Chisinau;\*](#)
- **The Best Bioenergy Project:**
  - Solid biofuel: [\*Ala Gadrautan, Braniste Village, Rascani District;\*](#)
  - Power Supply Systems (private sector): [\*Green Farm SRL;\*](#)
  - Power Supply Systems (public sector): [\*Mayor’s Office of Calfa Village, Anenii Noi District;\*](#)
- **The Best Energy Efficiency Project:**
  - Building Sector: [\*Lucia and Mihai Gavrilita, Bacioi Commune, Chisinau Municipality;\*](#)
  - Energy Sector: [\*Apa-Canal Orhei;\*](#)
  - Manufacturing Sector: [\*Aqromaxer SRL, Onitcani Village, Criuleni District;\*](#)
- **The Best Awareness-Raising Initiative:** [\*Anatol Caciuc, The National Radio;\*](#)
- **The Best Educational Initiative:** [\*Association of Wind Power Promotion, Comrat;\*](#)
- **The Best Initiative of the Youth:** [\*Coterie of Young Inventors, Chisinau;\*](#)
- **Special Prize:** [\*Mayor’s Office of Gaidar Village, Gagauz-Yeri ATU;\*](#)
- **Eco-Responsible Technologies:**
  - Bioenergy (energy willow): *Biagro Invest SRL;*
  - Geothermal power (heat pumps): *Cvadro Therm SRL;*
  - LED Technologies (green lighting): *Eco Evolutions SRL;*
  - Constructions (thermal and noise insulation of buildings): *Polytech Therm SRL;*
  - Constructions (manufacturing energy efficient doors and windows): *Profssystem SRL.*

*„It is a great pleasure for me to participate in this 4th Edition of Moldova Eco-Energetica which has now become a tradition in the Republic of Moldova. I would like to congratulate all participants in this competition. It is thanks to innovative projects like yours that we will manage altogether to transform the energy sector in order to ensure cheaper, more reliable and cleaner energy for all Moldovan citizens”, Pirkka Tapiola, Head of the European Union Delegation to Moldova, said.*

“Moldova Eco-Energetica” is the largest contest aimed at awarding successful initiatives in the area of renewables and energy efficiency. The three editions of the Contest managed to collect more than 200 successful projects related to renewables and energy efficiency, out of which 52 projects were awarded. All projects went through a comprehensive evaluation process by independent experts who assessed the work and selected the winners. These 11 categories, including 12 subcategories of the contest, represent all ways of using renewables and energy efficiency as well as the methods of their promotion.

*„I am pleased to see that Moldova Eco Energetica is gaining such an incredible interest and support. It is a success story because of the strong partnership between development and national partners. The leadership of the Ministry of Economy and Energy Efficiency Agency has been key in organizing the competition. As the UN globally develops tomorrow Sustainable Development Goals, the UN in Moldova will remain a committed partner in a more sustainable green development path benefiting everyone in Moldova”, Nicola Harrington-Buhay, UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova, said.*

In 2014, “Moldova Eco-Energetica” has been expanded to include two new components: Contest for Eco-Responsible Technologies and Fair to Finance Eco-Responsible Project Ideas. This initiative has been launched by the Ministry of Economy and the Energy Efficiency Agency, which complements the contest that rewards, as of 2014, the best Eco Stories, Technologies and Ideas.

*“The momentum gained by “Moldova Eco-Energetica” reflects the rapid growth of renewables and energy efficiency sector, and this helps increase the competitiveness of the national economy, making us more energy secure and independent”, Mihail Stratan, Director of the Energy Efficiency Agency, mentioned.*

“Moldova Eco-Energetica” was launched by the EU-UNDP Moldova Energy and Biomass Project in 2011, and is implemented jointly with the Ministry of Economy and the Energy Efficiency Agency. The 2014 edition of “Moldova Eco-Energetica” is the last one to be supported by the Energy and Biomass Project with the Ministry of Economy and the Energy Efficiency Agency taking over its organization as of 2015.

*Moldova Energy and Biomass Project is a four-year project implemented during 2011-2014. The Project budget totals EUR 14.56 million, allocated by the EU (EUR 14 million) and UNDP Moldova (EUR 560,000).*

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