



## Press Release

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### **The European Union provides support for the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy in the municipalities of Moldova**

*The launching event for 3 grants awarded to Moldova with EU support following competition in the framework of SuDEP (Investments for Energy Efficiency and Development of Renewable Energy in Municipalities) took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February.*

*The event was attended by representatives of the EU Delegation to Moldova, Ministries and Mayors' offices.*

The development of energy efficiency and renewable energy is one of the key aspects for a steady and sustainable economic development of the country, and municipalities have a key role to play in this process. The European Union continues to provide substantial support to the Republic of Moldova in this field.

The 3 grants financed under the SuDEP programme will focus on renewables and energy efficiency for public buildings, comprehensive demonstrational project for sustainable energy development, as well as modernisation and saving energy in street lighting. These projects will all focus on replicability of the actions engaged.

The direct beneficiaries of these grants will be the municipalities of Ungheni, Orhei, Ocnita, Soroca and Cantemir, which are signatories of the Covenant of Mayors.

The projects will help the municipalities implement their plans in the sector and will bring tangible benefits to their inhabitants. They will improve the lives of more than 375 children and 56 kindergarten employees in Ungheni and provide renewable energy sources to the Municipality, reinforce the energy efficiency in several public and residential buildings of the city of Orhei, as well as modernize and install energy efficient street lightings in Ocnita, Soroca and Cantemir.

The financial support provided by the European Union is completed with 20%-30% of co-financing from the municipalities, thus the EU is working together with local authorities for a better life for the Moldovan citizens.

## Background information:

The municipalities which are signatories of the Covenant of Mayors are committed to go beyond the objectives of EU energy policy in terms of at least 20% reduction of greenhouse emissions through the implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

## Renewables and Energy Efficiency for Public Buildings (REEPB):

- This project will work on the rehabilitation of the Kindergarten n11 in Ungheni. It will rehabilitate it to the best Energy Efficiency (EE) standards, install a geothermal pump, and install solar panels which will permit to supply electricity to the public power grid.
- The project is planned for 36 months and the EU is to finance 71, 5% of the total cost of the project.

## Comprehensive demonstrational project for sustainable energy development in the town of Orhei:

- This project will work on the development of high efficiency cogenerations, development of use of renewable energy, modernization of the district heating system, and reinforcement of energy efficiency in several public and residential buildings of the city;
- The project is planned for 38 months and the EU is to finance 75, 4% of the total cost of the project.

## Green Light Moldova – Modernisation and Saving Energy in Street Lighting:

- This project will work on the modernization and installation of modern, energy efficient street lightings in the three municipalities of Ocnita, Soroca and Cantemir;
- The project is planned for 24 months and the EU is to finance 80% of the total cost of the project.

## For more information

Delegation of the EU to Moldova: [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/index_en.htm)



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