

BIG CELEBRATIONS IN CHISINAU AND COMRAT ON THE OCCASION OF EUROPE DAY

The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Moldova, the City Hall of Chisinau and the City Hall of Comrat, organized celebrations dedicated to Europe Day 2014 in the Republic of Moldova. Celebrations took place on May 10th in Chisinau and on May 17th in Comrat.

Europe Day is the key annual celebration of the European Union. Also known as Schuman Day, it marks the anniversary of the well-known Declaration, made on 9 May 1950, by then French foreign Minister Robert Schuman, which is seen as the beginning of European integration. Following the tragic experiences of two world wars, Schuman proposed a community of European states, based on shared values and shared governance. The Declaration has been seen as marking the birth of Europe as a community, which would make war between European states impossible. The path Europe took as a result of the Declaration marked the end of centuries of geopolitical competition. By entering into far-reaching agreements with the EU this year, Moldova will benefit from economic integration into the EU market, stimulating economic dynamism, as well as share in the EU's community of values, bringing stronger rule of law and better protection of human rights, including of minority rights.

The "European Villages" formed the centre of the celebrations. They were located on Piata Marii Adunari Nationale Square in Chisinau (10 May) and in the Central Square in Comrat (17 May), with a record participation of respectively 21 et 15 EU Member States and candidates countries, as well as no less than 30 EU funded projects.

The events in both cities included EUMS and EU projects tents and food corners, performances of various local and European bands, European dances master class, language classes, as well as several entertaining activities for children. Public debates brought together EU Ambassadors and Moldovan public figures to discuss EU integration issues with the wider public. Additional ad hoc cultural events have been organised throughout the day while both celebrations ended with concerts, featuring Morandi from Romania in Chisinau, and the well-known Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar singer Jamala in Comrat.

The Delegation of European Union to Moldova also have organized a European Film Festival, which took place in Chisinau from May 11 to May 16, at Gaudeamus Cinema, where 14 different movies was aired. The EU Film Festival lasted until 16 May with a two simultaneous closing evenings in Chisinau and in Comrat.

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**GOOD GOVERNANCE, RULE OF LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS****EUBAM ALERT LEADS FOR MAJOR CIGARETTES SEIZURE**

On April 30, after EUBAM issued an alert, Romanian Police did a major seizure of cigarettes in Moldova–Romania border. Based on information from Moldovan Customs, EUBAM tracked the suspicious shipment of 12,400,000 pieces of illegal cigarettes and alerted the UK Her Majesty Revenue and Customs, the European Anti-Fraud Office and Europol.

The tobacco products were meant for Greece. If it had reached the target destination, EU budget would have lost an estimated of 400.000 EUR in unpaid customs duties and taxes. European Anti-Fraud Office identified that European Union and its Member States lose more than EUR 10 billion per year because of the illicit trade in cigarettes. Cigarette smuggling is presently assessed as one of the most serious risks to border security and combating this phenomenon is a priority for border management services in Moldova and Ukraine.

This was one of the major recent seizures of illegal cigarettes, which followed previous two earlier in April and March this year. All these seizures were the outcomes of the Task Force Tobacco, which was established in 2010 and since then coordinated the joint efforts of Ukrainian and Moldovan customs agencies in combating the smuggling of tobacco products from Moldova and Ukraine to the European Union.

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CELEBRATING EUROPEAN UNITY IN MOLDOVA

On May 10, the Europe Village in the Great National Assembly Square, in central Chisinau, was filled in with hundreds of festival visitors, in spite of the grim weather. The venue was jam-packed with political debates, live music and other cultural activities. This was also where European embassies showcased their countries and EU funded projects presented their work in Moldova. EUBAM and its partners were also there.

Rain or no rain, throughout the day there was a constant stream of people at the EUBAM stand. Most of the visitors wanted to learn more about the mission and European Union. Many of the young visitors remembered the Mission from university lectures EUBAM offers at ASEM and ULIM, local universities.

The visa liberalization to EU has increased people's interest in travelling. Moldovan border police used the opportunity to present the latest travel documents, including the new biometric passports that meet the current international standards. Mobile document readers and equipment detecting forged travel documents also proved to be a very popular festival attraction. For children, however, the biggest show-stopper was undoubtedly the service dogs of the customs.

Every year, Europe Day celebrates the European unity and peace. The Europe Village raising awareness on EU in Moldova was organized for the sixth time.

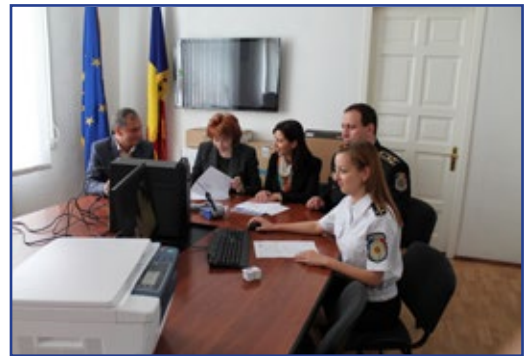
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**IT EQUIPMENT DELIVERED IN MAY UNDER FIRMM PROJECT**

16 May 2014, the Bureau of Migration and Asylum (BMA) of the Ministry of Interior of Moldova was given IT equipment to help them in registering, identifying of the foreigners as well as the monitoring of the term and conditions of stay of foreigners on the territory of the Republic of Moldova. The equipment is composed of 45 computers, 12 uninterruptible power supplies, 20 multifunctional devices for printing, copying and scanning, and 1 switch. It will be installed at the various offices of the BMA throughout the Republic of Moldova.

The equipment was purchased with the assistance of the European Union in the project 'Supporting the Republic of Moldova to Implement the EU-Moldova Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation (Fighting Irregular Migration in Moldova – FIRMM)'. "The equipment will help us to improve the information systems functioning, data exchange and our services of territorial offices" said Ms Olga Poalelungi, head of the BMA. She further underlined that the respective action will support the reform and institutional modernization of the BMA of Moldova in order fulfil its tasks in more effective manner, convenient for its partners and general public and comply with EU standards in the migration field.

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**STUDY VISIT TO HUNGARY**

On 20–23 May 2014, a study visit to Hungary took place in the framework of the EU-funded project 'Eastern Partnership Cooperation in the Fight against Irregular Migration – Supporting the Implementation of the Prague Process Action Plan (EaP-SIPPAP)'.

The visit gathered representatives of educational institutions, as well as practitioners from the border agencies of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The main idea behind the study visit, to present the educational system for border police in Hungary, was reflected in the agenda of the event.

In four days, visits to the National University of Public Service and the Adyliget Law Enforcement Vocational School took place, where participants could learn about the Hungarian educational system and exchange their experiences with other colleagues.

The most important aim of the study visit was to strengthen cooperation among the training institutions. In this regard, discussions on a memorandum of understanding (MoU) took place, which main purpose is to strengthen cooperation among the training institutions in the EaP region, as well as in the EU MSs who are partners of the project. During the discussions on the draft MoU, the representatives of the educational institutions of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine underlined their commitment and the importance of deepening cooperation.

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STAKEHOLDERS REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF EUBAM

27.05.2014, Odessa, Ukraine. For the first time as a Head of the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine, Mr Francesco Bastagli reported on EUBAM activities to members of the Mission's Advisory Board.

The 22nd Advisory Board Meeting of EUBAM brought together representatives of the EU Delegations in Moldova and Ukraine, the Foreign Ministries of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and their the border and law enforcement agencies. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Organization for Migration and United Nations Development Programme also participated in the meeting.

The Chair of the meeting, the Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Ambassador Jan Tombinski, highlighted EUBAM's engagement in the modernization of customs and border procedures, the visa liberalization process and joint border control operations. Mr Bastagli noted that the contribution to the peaceful settlement of Transnistrian conflict was also a key priority for EUBAM. At the end of its deliberations, the Advisory Board took note of EUBAM's activity reports and of the updates on the security situation and the progress in the border demarcation.

The next meeting of the advisory board will take place in October-November 2014 in Chisinau.

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SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

NEXUS REACHED PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FIELD

"Get us on board" – this is the main message addressed by representatives of the private sector at NEXUS introductory meetings held in May in Cahul, Edinet and Ungheni. Top entrepreneurs from the region expressed their keen interest to provide services and goods to Moldovan migrants through NEXUS platform.

Ludmila Mostovei, director of a dental clinic from Cahul said in the meeting, "Usually migrants don't have time to get well informed on the whole range of opportunities to solve their problems while they come home to visit their families. At NEXUS Service Centers not only can they get the most out of their efforts, but also we, as private companies, can improve our turnover, by adapting our offers to their specific needs".

Nicolaas de Zwager, NEXUS project coordinator and IASCI founder/director mentioned that, if up to now, at local level the initiatives of NEXUS Moldova were supported only by rayonal councils and mayoralties, after these meetings the network of NEXUS partners will definitely enlarge. "This high level of involvement proved once more the advantages of NEXUS platform, which in the end will contribute not only to local community development, but to the development of the entire country" he added.

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AN INFORMED EMPLOYEE IS A PROTECTED EMPLOYEE!

An informed employee is a protected employee! Guided by this principle, 80 young trade union members from Falesti, Ungheni, Causeni and Calarasi have participated at the "Socio-economic rights of the young people and the social dialogue" training.

The trainings were organized within the period May 13 - May 29 as a part of the "Decent Work for YOUth - improving the social economic situation of young people in Moldova by empowering Moldovan youth and Moldovan civil society" project, implemented by Foundation CNV Internationaal, the Association for Children and Youth "Facilia" and the National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova with financial support from the European Union.

The young people learned about the existent practical issues which hinder successful social dialogue implementation in Moldova and the legislation gaps pertinent thereto and were advised on most effective solutions and best practices in overcoming current problems in this domain and shared their own experience in building an efficient social dialogue at company level.

In this context, within the trainings, they were involved in different practical exercises, debates, role playing and other activities.

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INCREASING UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

In support of the national process to increase the autonomy of universities, a workshop on university autonomy and accountability in the decentralization process took place in Chisinau on 14–15 May 2014.

The event brought together senior staff of the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu", vice rectors, faculty deans, deputy deans, and heads of various administrative departments to learn from Estonian experience in applying practical tools of university self management. The workshop was organized by the WHO Country Office in the Republic of Moldova in the frame of the EU-funded Project "Better Managing the Mobility of the Health Professionals in the Republic of Moldova".

The specific topics of the workshop were: Estonian experiences in implementing reforms and joining the European Union; how the University of Tartu performs as an independent and autonomous entity with public responsibilities; practical tools of university management; specific topics of administrative, financial and educational aspects initiated by university decision-makers.

The ongoing process of strengthening the capacity of the Republic of Moldova to manage the migration of Moldovan health professionals is related to the EU-funded project "Better Managing the Mobility of the Health Professionals in the Republic of Moldova".

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SUPPORTING LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORGANIZING THE BEECH FESTIVAL IN MOLDOVA

The 2nd edition of the "Beech Festival – culture and tourism" was held at the Nature Reserve "Beech Forest" (Ungheni district, Moldova) during 19-25 May, 2014. It was organized by the Ungheni District Council, local division of culture and tourism, local community Radenii Vechi, Nature Reserve "Beech Forest" (local name is "Plaiul Fagului") and Agency Mold-iva with assistance from the ENPI East FLEG in Moldova.

The 1st edition of the festival was held in 2013. It has already become a tradition that people can come, meet, discuss and share things. Protection of forests and their biodiversity as well as using forests and a platform for eco-tourism is among priorities of the festival.

Nature Reserve "Beech Forest" harbors circa 680 species of vascular plants and 211 species of vertebrates and numerous species of invertebrates (including 27 species of plants and animals in the National Red Book data). The area is a true laboratory in the air and a hot-spot for biodiversity, and the festival is a way to raise awareness about the conservation and rational use of forest resources.

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LAUNCHING OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN UNGHENI AND SINGEREI DISTRICTS

On 21, 28 May, this year there have been launched 3 Social Services for people with disabilities in the District of Ungheni - Community Home, Mobile Team and Respite Social Services and has been organized the "Mobile Team" Social Service Launching Event in the District of Singerei.

The Social Services have been developed by the Ungheni Rayonal Council with the support of Keystone Moldova. At present, 47 local people with disabilities have benefited or benefit from the assistance provided within these services.

The Launching event was attended by Mr. Gh. Meaun, the President of Singerei Rayonal Council; Mindaugas Kacerauskis, Political officer of EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova; Keystone Moldova representatives; LPA (level I & II) representatives, social service providers and press representatives. From the EU funded Project there have been purchased cars, furniture and additional equipment, chiropractic tools, teaching materials and literature.

The "Community Home" and "Respite" Social Services have been established by the Local Public Administration within the frame of Social Assistance & Family Protection Department with the financial support of Open Society & Mental Health Initiatives Foundations. The "Mobile Team" Social Service has been organised and developed within the "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform" Project, funded by European Union.

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THE SECOND EDITION OF E-JOB FAIR HAS TAKEN PLACE IN MOLDOVA (WWW.E-ANGAJARE.MD)

In the period May 29 – June 2 the second e-Job Fair, has taken place in Moldova. It was organized by the National Employment Agency (NEA) with the support of the EU funded project “Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova”.

More than 70 companies from Chisinau, Balti, Cahul, Ungheni and other cities participated at the Job Fair placing over 1500 job vacancies in different domains and specialties. During five days of the job fair, the web platform has been accessed more than 88.000 times by almost 8000 visitors, 75% of those being new ones. There have been registered over 300 applications, mainly in IT, medical, administrative and sales domains.

“The second edition of the e-Job Fair has underlined the importance of continuous development of access to labour market services and the need to modernization. This is why, the project together with NEA has taken the decision to develop a web platform, www.e-angajare.md, on which e-Job Fairs shall be organised. In this way, we make more available the employment services.” mentioned Per Lindberg, director of the EU project.

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VULNERABLE ADOLESCENTS IN MOLDOVA ASK FOR A SECOND CHANCE IN LIFE IN ONE-MINUTE FILMS

30 May, 2014, Balti, Moldova – Thirteen vulnerable and under-privileged teenagers came together in a OneMinutesJr. workshop from 26–30 May 2014 in Balti, northern Moldova, to give voice to their struggles, ideas and aspirations.

The OneMinutesJr. is a UNICEF initiative that teaches adolescents and young people to develop his/her own story and produce a 60-second video that is screened at the end of the workshop.

The participants of the 2014 Moldovan edition of OneMinutesJr. came from different backgrounds. Some were living in residential institutions, others were affected by HIV, drug abuse and commercial sex work or had been in conflict with the law.

The 13 one-minute movies were screened in a public event on 30 May 2014 at an Youth Friendly Health Centre in Balti. The screening was attended by the teens, the Deputy Speaker, Liliana Palihovici, UNICEF Representative in Moldova, Nune Mangasaryan, and UN Resident Coordinator in Moldova, Nicola Harrington-Buhay.

The films will be used to advocate for the rights of the country's most vulnerable children and adolescents and to ensure that their concerns are heard by society at large. The videos can be watched here: <http://bit.ly/tomJr-balti>

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ART AND CULTURE FOR THE FOREST – CHILDREN'S DAY IN MOLDOVA

May 31, 2014, A number of 60 children from all around the country were selected as finalists of the national art fine contest “Forest, forest, how do you live?”. Initiative belongs to the art school for children “A. Șciusev” and Theoretic Gymnasium “Academician C. Sibirschi” in cooperation with Agency “Moldsilva”, ENPI East FLEG Program, Antis-Media” SRL and National Ethnography and Natural History Museum, which were the host of the event.

The event was dedicated to Children's Day to honor children globally. The finalists received awards (diplomas and special mentions) and gifts, including per 3-age categories (6-9, 10-14, 15-18) and 3 art fine categories (tableau, inspiration and composition).

Main goal of the event was to raise awareness to develop and appropriate attitude towards the nature and forests in particular.

The finalist art fine works dedicated to forests and their problems are presented in a gallery at the main hall of the Museum and will stay open another 3 weeks for the large public. After that, the finalist works will be taken by Agency Modsilva to be presented as art fine gallery throughout its forest enterprises and professional day of foresters.

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TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT TO THE DCFTA PROCESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

9 May 2014. In close collaboration with the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova, the Project «Support to the DCFTA process in the Republic of Moldova» has initiated a public awareness campaign to inform strategic stakeholders and the wider population in rural areas of the country of the potential benefits to be derived from the implementation of the provisions of the DCFTA and Association Agreements (AA).

Four Policy-Dialogue Workshops have already been undertaken in May in Cimişlia, Calarasi, Rezina and Soroca with the active participation of entrepreneurs, business association representatives, local authorities and local public administration officials.

During these workshops, private sector participants from the agro-food sector and public sector officials exchanged information and views on export promotion possibilities following the signature of the DCFTA, potential risks from trade disruption and trade defense mechanisms, supporting instruments and policies to ensure market access and promote competitiveness and potential financial support schemes to facilitate trade and provide adequate trade financing.

In conclusion, it was agreed that successful DCFTA implementation requires a collective effort to promote and implement an inclusive transformative agenda for productive restructuring, employment creation and the modernization of the Moldovan economy.

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NON DIETARY EXPOSURE TRAINING ORGANISED BY THE EU TWINNING PROJECT

From 13th - 16th May 2014, in the context of implementing the Twinning Project «Support to Moldova in the field of norms and standards in food safety for plant origin products», a 4 day training course entitled «Non Dietary Exposure» for the national food safety agency and other institutions involved in the authorization of plant protection products was held in Chisinau.

Seventeen staff from various Divisions and Units of the National Food Safety Agency (NFSA); the State Centre for Accreditation and Testing of Products for Phytosanitary Use and Fertilisers; the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and the National Centre for Public Health attended the training course organized at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova.

Further to the face to face training and mentoring, a comprehensive CD of the training material including the practical exercises and respective solutions was provided to each of the attendees with additional background presentations supplementary to the training material.

The comprehensive training was delivered by a UK Short Term Expert from the UK's Chemicals Regulation Directorate, based at their headquarters in York, England.

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90 CHILDREN WILL ATTEND SUMMER CAMP ENERTEL ORGANISED BY THE EU-UNDP FUNDED MOLDOVA ENERGY AND BIOMASS PROJECT AND ITS PARTNERS

16 May - 90 children from 21 schools attended Summer Camp ENERTEL, 3rd Edition, organized in the first half of July in Raculesti Village, Criuleni District.

The children represent the schools from those rural communities and districts where the Energy and Biomass Project installed, in the course of 2013-2014, biomass heating plants at the expense of European funds.

Around 1,500 pupils from 21 schools have been taught the course on renewables and energy efficiency during the 2013-2014 school-year. Since the launch of Moldova Energy and Biomass Project (2011) and up until now, this course has been taught in 352 schools across the country districts, covering circa 19,000 children.

The Educational Initiative on renewables and energy efficiency is unrolled in partnership with the Continuous Education Institute and the Republican Centre for Children and Youth "Gutta-Club". Initially it covered those communities that had their schools and kindergartens connected to biomass heating systems under the EU-UNDP funded Moldova Energy and Biomass Project. As of 2013, the course on renewables and energy efficiency is part of school optional subjects as per the decision issued by the Ministry of Education, and is available in all Moldovan schools.

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OFFICIAL SOD CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN NISPORENI

On May 16th, 2014 the Sod Cutting Ceremony of the 11.3 million euro Multi-Donor Project "Rehabilitation of the Water Supply System in the Rayon Nisporeni: Municipalities of Nisporeni, Vărzărești and Grozești, Republic of Moldova" took place.

The Minister of Environment, Mr. Gheorghe Șalaru, Mr. Marian Lupu, member in the Parliament of Moldova, Mr. Kaido Sirel, Head of the Operation Section of the EU Delegation in Moldova, Mr. Gerhard Schaumberger, Head of the Austrian Development Agency in Chisinau, Mrs. Georgette Bruchez, Country Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Mr. Vasile Bitca, president of the Rayon Nisporeni, mayors and citizens of the three Municipalities took part at this important event in Grozești.

The Ceremony earmarks the long awaited official start of the construction of the water supply system comprising the intake and the raw water pumping station at the River Prut, a new water treatment plant, a 17km long transmission line to Nisporeni and the distribution systems. The works will be completed in 2016.

The water supply system will provide sufficient and safe drinking water to the citizens of the three Municipalities thereby improving their quality of life and enhancing public health and economic opportunities.

For further information please contact the PIU or visit the Project webpage at www.prut-nisporeni.md

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT: "TA TO ECONOMIC STIMULATION IN RURAL AREA BUDGET SUPPORT PROGRAMME (ESRA BSP)" PARTICIPATES IN EUROPE DAY EVENTS IN CHISINAU AND COMRAT

On the 10th of May, 2014 in Chisinau and on the 17th of May, 2014 in Comrat (Gagauzia) the ESRA Technical Assistance (TA) Project participated in the "Europe Day" event organised by the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova.

Seventeen staff from various Divisions and Units of the National Food Safety Agency (NFSA); the State Centre for Accreditation and Testing of Products for Phytosanitary Use and Fertilisers; the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and the National Centre for Public Health attended the training course organized at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova.

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LEOVA DISTRICT HOLDS THE LEADING POSITION BY THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS HEATED WITH BIOENERGY

28 May 2014 - 25 schools, kindergartens and community centres of Leova District will switch to biomass-based heating during the next cold season and will benefit from a single service management unit. These are the key provisions of the first Bioenergy Sector Public-Private Partnership Model launched in Leova District. The Public-Private Partnership Agreement has signed by Leova District Council and Company "Green-Farm" SRL, selected as winner of the tender organised by the local authority.

This year, "Green-Farm" Company will install modern pellet-fired heating plants at 19 public institutions of Leova District, the investment being valued at circa EUR 500,000. Thus, Leova District will hold the leading position by the number of public institutions heated with bioenergy, totalling 25 schools, kindergartens and community centres, including those installed at the expense of the EU-UNDP funded Moldova Energy and Biomass Project resources and of other Partners.

The Company will be in charge for managing the supply of biomass heat, out of our resources, and for proper operation of biomass-fired heating plants installed at 19 public institutions connected to the biomass heating systems, as well as those six district plants already in place.

and is available in all Moldovan schools.

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TRAINING WORKSHOP: "SAMPLING PROCEDURES - LITHUANIAN EXPERIENCE" ORGANISED BY THE EU TWINNING PROJECT

From 27th - 29th May 2014, during the implementation of the Twinning Project "Support to Moldova in the field of norms and standards in food safety for plant origin products", a 3 day workshop for the national food safety agency and the ministry of agriculture and food industry entitled "Sampling procedures - Lithuanian Experience" was held in Chisinau.

The Lithuanian Short Term Expert (STE) is Deputy Director of the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute in the Republic of Lithuania and covered topics that had jointly been identified (with Moldovan colleagues from the NFSA involved in risk assessment activities) during a previous visit to Moldova. The participants at the workshop were provided with detailed explanations of Lithuania's experience in sampling methodology for pesticide residue testing; the process of planning the sampling programme and how results are recorded and reported in the context of an annual pesticides residue monitoring programme.

The training and mentoring delivered also tackled practical topics such as risk-based sample planning; annual control planning; the development of reports following the receipt of results from official control in the field of plant health and food safety; interpretation of results and the mechanism for informing economic agents about the laboratory test results and their implications.

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SUPPORT THE USE OF REMITTANCES FOR NEW BUSINESSES AND JOBS CREATION

In the framework of the "Support the use of remittances for new businesses and jobs creation" Project, on May 2014 2 training sessions of post creation assistance were organized in Chisinau and Ialoveni Rayon.

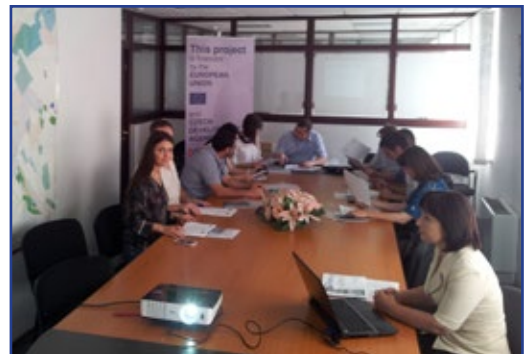
Therefore, 1 training session of post creation assistance was organized in Chisinau for 9 final beneficiaries of the project and the second one in Ialoveni Rayon for 13 persons. The post creation seminars were organized at the request of beneficiaries with the themes: "Business Development: - Subsidies in agriculture, Credit offers for small businesses in Moldova and Time Management" and "Sharing experience - success stories".

During the training sessions there were discussed important aspects aimed at developing a business, namely: time management, credit offers and subsidies in agriculture for 2014.

Participants had the opportunity to deduct the instructional applicability of different business ideas in terms of success and risks that may influence their business development. With the purpose of increasing the impact of the project, in May there were disseminated 990 brochures "Success Stories" to the local authorities (North, Centre and South regions)

Also, during May, 2 success stories were published in national newspapers (1 article in Natura newspaper, 1 article in Moldova Suverana newspaper).

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CONFLICT PREVENTION

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ON BOTH BANKS OF THE NISTRU LEARN TOGETHER HOW TO DEVELOP THEIR BUSINESSES

42 young people from both banks of the Nistru River shared their experience and networked during a joint conference organized on May 22-23 by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry from Tiraspol, in partnership with AXA Management Consulting. The event is part of a project funded by the European Union and UNDP within the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme.

The conference took place within a project supported by the EU-UNDP Programme aiming to create employment opportunities for youth living in the Security Zone and the Transnistrian region, based on a business plan competition for people aged 18 - 35. The selected entrepreneurs benefit from grants of up to USD 15,000, individual consultancy services for a period of 10 months and assistance for the procurement of equipment and materials needed to start or develop a business. The young people will also carry out study visits to enterprises situated on both banks of the Nistru River and will become members of a network of young entrepreneurs. The network is to become a platform for communicating and disseminating good practices that will enable them to establish cooperation relations with peers on both banks of the Nistru River.

The Programme is implemented during 2012-2015 with a total budget of 10.600.000 Euro, provided by the European Union (9,500,000 Euro) and UNDP (1,100,000 Euro).

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OTHER EVENTS

11 JUNE, CHISINAU, R. MOLDOVA

Press-conference for concluding the project "Monitoring of human rights of persons with disabilities in Moldova", implemented by Association "MOTIVAȚIE" of Moldova in partnership with "Center for Society Orientation- COD".

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15-19 JUNE, HUNGARY

Study Visit on Migration Management for the Moldovan officials, within MIGRECO project.

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17 JUNE, CHISINAU, R. MOLDOVA

DCFTA Implementation – Meeting of Donors

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18 JUNE, LISBON, PORTUGAL

Study Visit on Pharmaceutical Price Controls

For more information on TAIEX assistance go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix>

20 JUNE, CHISINAU, R. MOLDOVA

Post creation training within "Support the use of remittances for new businesses and jobs creation" project.

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23-26 JUNE, AUSTRIA

Study Visit on Integration of Foreigners for the Moldovan officials and NGO sector, within MIGRECO project.

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23-26 JUNE, TBC

One week training on organ donation

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27 JUNE, LISBON, LISBON AND PORTO, PORTUGAL

Study Visit on establishing integration centres

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27 JUNE, BRUXELLES, BELGIUM

Signing the Association Agreement

For more information: <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova>

23-29 JUNE, CHISINAU, BALTI, R. MOLDOVA

EU Sustainable Energy Week in Moldova

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30 JUNE, CHISINAU, R. MOLDOVA

Closing conference of the "Support the use of remittances for new businesses and jobs creation" project

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