



Press Release

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The European Union provides support for the opening of the Business Incubator in Cimislia

On Thursday 23 April 2015, the event marking the official opening of the Cimislia Business Incubator was held in the premises of the new Business Incubator established in Cimislia, Republic of Moldova.

The official opening event was organised by the Moldovan Organisation for the Development of SMEs (ODIMM) and included official opening statements by, amongst others, HE Stephane Bride, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of the Republic of Moldova and Mr. Wicher Slagter, Head of Political and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova.

The European Union is supporting concrete aid programmes and initiatives in the field of small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) development with the Economic Stimulation in Rural Area Budget Support Programme (ESRA BSP) being a key platform for development.

The total EU financial assistance provided through the ESRA BSP programme during 2010-2014 was approximately EUR 72 million, with one of the focal intervention areas being the creation of Rural Business Incubators in the Republic of Moldova.

In this context, Mr. Wicher Slagter, Head of Political and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to Moldova, outlined the role Business Incubators play in the creation of new businesses and jobs, and their relevance to rural economic activity in the Republic of Moldova: “The Cimislia Business Incubator, which we open today is the eighth Business Incubator built and opened under the Economic Stimulation in Rural Area Budget Support Programme and it is anticipated that an additional two rural Business Incubators will be opened in Moldova late this or early next year. Currently, close to 200 Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and individual entrepreneurs are hosted by the 8 operational Business Incubators, in the process creating over 600 jobs, of which more than 200 female”.

Background information:

The official opening of the Cimislia Business Incubator was attended by over 75 participants including officials from central, rayon and city authorities, EU Delegation and the ESRA Technical Assistance project as well as local businessmen and entrepreneurs including the new tenants of the Cimislia Business Incubator.



Photo caption:

Mr. Wicher Slagter, Head of Political and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, delivering his opening remarks at the official opening ceremony of the Cimislia Business Incubator.

For more information

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