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THE FIRST SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUTH ENTITLED „BRING EUROPE TO YOUR HOME” TOOK PLACE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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During July 26-28, 2012, the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova has organized the first Summer School “Bring Europe to your home”, dedicated to the development of the network of Euroclubs for the young people of the Republic of Moldova.

26 young people, from different localities of the Republic of Moldova, aged 16-23 years, selected based on a contest participated in the summer school. To be admitted to the Summer School, those interested sent an essay on the following topic "What does a Euroclub mean for my community", along with a CV.

During three days, the beneficiaries of the Summer School had the possibility to participate in theoretical and practical courses on the following topics: European Union instruments for the youth: Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Jean Monet, Comenius – benefits and opportunities; opportunities for youth involvement at the national and European level; Euroclubs for the young people from the Republic of Moldova: support offered by the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova for their development and consolidation/strengthening; youth policies in the Republic of Moldova: support to youth businesses, new ideas, as well as expanding citizen access to public services on-line by Internet.

At the Summer School we have had as trainers representatives of the European Delegation to Moldova, as well as of the Government of the Republic of Moldova, national experts with good practices of project management at the national and European level: **Dirk Lorenz**, Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova; **Cornel Rîșcanu**, Project Manager, Social Protection, Health, Research, Education and Youth, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, **Tudor Darie**, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Youth Policy and ICT, **Olga Roșca**, beneficiary of Erasmus Mundus Programme; **Sandru Coica**, Programme Coordinator, East-

European Foundation; **Alina Osmacova** and **Irina Pijevskaia**, representatives of the Association for Development, Voluntary Services and Youth Information Programmes;.

Finally, the participants were awarded participation diplomas, signed by the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova. The Summer School took place at the tourist complex “Doi Haiduci”, Orhei.

The Euroclub is a Youth Association / Initiative, based on common values and interests shared by its members, with the aim to promote & develop European values among youth. The activities developed by a EuroClub might envisage the organization of different intellectual & cultural contests, debates, Olympiads, round tables, social responsibility initiatives, etc.

In addition to gaining new knowledge about the UE, this type of activities allow also to develop communication skills, use of information, build leadership capacities, initiate international dialogues with similar EuroClubs from overseas as well as with the relevant European NGOs, etc.

In the Republic of Moldova there are five Euroclubs, launched in 2011, in the cities of Chisinau, Balti and Cahul.