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Dear friends,

The National Environmental Center (CNM) team is thankful that you showed interest in our activities and results in 2019.

2019 has brought us a lot of exciting moments, enthusiastic people and new inspiring activities that challenged us. This year we had been focused on environmental rehabilitation of rivers, population awareness campaigns and ecological education of pupils and students.

CNM continued to carry on the Rivers' Environmental Rehabilitation Initiative launched in 2012, kept on with the support on the operation of 6 River Sub-Basin Committees on Bâc, Ichel, Ciuhur, Răut, Tigheci and Larga rivers and streams, persevere in initiation of the School gardens in the rural localities project, pushed on with the information campaign on the essence of the democratic reforms supported by the EU in Moldova, the benefits of the association agreement and the importance of Moldova fulfilling its commitments at European level.

In 2019 CNM has completed the "Involvement of target groups in promoting integrated small river management in Moldova" project, that was implemented with the support of Austrian Development Cooperation. It started in April 2018 and finished in April 2019. The project offered trainings to economic agents on the requirements of the new Law on Water. The trainings were related to the treatment of industrial waste waters before their discharge into a communal sewage system or into the environment. It addressed also to the lake/pond owners on legal framework for lake/pond exploitation.

2019 was the year of initiation of the School garden project, financed by the European Union and implemented by our partners from Italy, Belarus and Ukraine. The main goal of the project is to promote the extension of employment opportunities for young people living in rural areas and their active participation in society and economy, by developing their advanced work skills, organizational and entrepreneurial skills, promoting promising professional skills.

CNM team has also contributed to the adaptation for the pupils and students from Moldova of the Climate Box - an innovative and interactive learning toolkit on climate change developed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for the region of Europe and Central Asia. The interactive materials provide school children with important information on issues related to global climate change in an interesting, attractive and entertaining way.

As we sparked your interest, we invite you to experience our adventures on the pages of our 2019 Annual Report.

With green respect and gratitude,
National Environmental Center Team

About CNM

The National Environmental Center (CNM) is a public association of non-profit, non-governmental, non-political character, set up by the free willingness expressed by associated persons. CNM began its activity on March 18, 2010, with a team of experienced professionals in the field of environmental protection. The association implements environmental activities with particular focus on water resources protection and environmental education of the population.

Our vision is to promote a free and open society, which respects the universal balance in everyday life aiming to live in a harmonious and sustainable manner.

Our mission is to contribute to the reestablishment of a balanced and sustainable development by advancing capacities of different stakeholders in the field of environment, supporting environmental education and public awareness, involving all society actors in environmental activities.

To achieve its mission CNM has set the following objectives:

1. to put maximum effort in raising public awareness on sustainable development principles and especially on the fact that, the society, economy and environment are depending equally on each other;
2. to raise public awareness on the right to a clean and healthy environment, as a fundamental human right;
3. to create partnerships with NGOs for exchange of experience, capacity building and implement joint activities;
4. to create partnerships with local public authorities and business sector to re-establish the natural balance, as well as explaining the role of each stakeholder in the process of sustainable development, implementing practical actions;
5. to create partnerships between educational institutions, to educate the young generation in the spirit of respect the natural balance, as a basic pre-condition of harmonious development of the society.

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

INVOLVEMENT OF TARGET GROUPS IN PROMOTING INTEGRATED SMALL RIVER MANAGEMENT IN MOLDOVA

The aim of the project is to promote the principles of integrated water resource management at sub-basin level to increase the quality and quantity of surface waters in the Republic of Moldova. As a part of the ongoing project, several activities were organized by CNM, as follows.

Basin Committees Meetings

The National Environmental Center facilitated the creation of 6 sub-basin Committees for Bic, Raut, Ichel Rivers (tributaries of Dniester River) and Tigheci, Larga and Ciuhur rivers (tributaries of Prut River). CNM is the Technical Secretariat of Bic Basin Committee since 2012 and for Raut and Ichel rivers since 2018. According to the Regulation of operation of the Committee at least 2 meetings per year are organized for each of the created Committee. These operate according to the newly developed Law on Water of Moldova adopted in 2013, which was harmonized with the EU legislation on water. Hereby, minutes of each meeting of 6 created Committee are sent to the State Agency „Moldovan Waters”, a subordinated institution of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, responsible for integrated water resources management in the country.



Tigheci Sub- Basin Committee meeting, 27.02.2019.



Bac Sub- Basin Committee meeting, 16.12.2019.



Larga Sub- Basin Committee meeting, 18.12.2019.



Raut Sub- Basin Committee meeting, Balti, 18.12.19.

Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment take part in the meetings of the Committees, State Agency “Moldovan Waters” is a member of the Bic Basin Committee together with Agency for Regional Development-Center (another subordinated institution to the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment), and of the Raut Basin Committee. All 6 Basin Committees have as members representatives of the local public authorities (towns, villages and District Councils administration), ecological inspections and centers of public health at district level as well as from civil society representatives and water users.

During the 2019 year, a series of Committees’ meetings were held:

- *2 meetings per year of basin committees: Raut river, Bic river (March and December), Tigheci river, Larga river (May and December).*
- *1 meeting for consolidating the activity of basin committees as a preparatory consultation for Water Day on the 22nd of March 2019*
- *1 meeting of Ciuhur river basin committee: (17th May 2019) and Ichel river basin committee (19 December 2019)*

During the meetings the main issues which were discussed related to the approval of the plan of activities for 2020-2021, and seeking for solutions for 2 priority issues, raised by all the Sub-Basin Committees and namely: solutions on waste water treatment at rural level, and cleaning of silted riverbeds. CNM promoted solutions on waste water treatment at rural level with the ApaSan Project in autumn 2019 within a series of events with the participation of representatives of Sub-Basin Committees and has created working groups within the sub-basin committees interested in cleaning riverbeds from silt. Working groups are formed from the representatives of the organizations (members of sub-basin committees) interested in this issue and from external experts who have relevant expertise.

Water Day Conference

Planning meetings of the sub-basin committees were held on February 27 and March 5, 2019. The meetings were organized in order to consult the Sub-basin Committees on how they will be involved in the Water Day on March 22, 2019, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment, as a festive event, with the participation of the representatives of the Ministry, the subdivisions of the ministry, donors, sub-basin committees and civil society. The representatives of the sub-basin committees, created by the National Environmental Center until 2018 (Bâc, Răut, Ichel, Larga, Tigheci), as well as those created in 2018 by the Agency "Apele Moldovei" (Botna, Naslavcea-Vasilcău, Delia, Ialpuș), participated in the meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss those project proposals, which are a priority in order to stop the pollution in the sub-basins of the targeted rivers, and to adopt the way of presenting the projects during the festive event of the Water Day on March 22, 2019.



Water Day Conference, 22nd of March, 2019, Chisinau.

Most of the projects that have been approved for presentation were related to the improvement of the municipal wastewater treatment systems. At the same time, it was decided to present the activities undertaken by Sub-basin Committees which have been active for several years already (for Bic, Raut and Larga rivers) in order to motivate the newly created committees to be active and implement activities which would strengthen cooperation between various target groups and local level and start solve ste-by-step the problems which affect the quality and quantity of water in rivers.

Planting campaign of Raut River shelter belts

In spring of 2019, CNM continued to plant trees in the riparian buffer zone of Raut river in Orhei town by planting another 1000 trees.

Planting activity of 1000 trees in Orhei town as a part of activity B.1. restoring shelter belts of Raut river on a segment between Mitoc village and Orhei town (earlier, within the project, 4100 trees have been planted on a distance of 4 km of the river banks, with the help of 300 volunteers). During spring 2019, planting activity involved around 100 volunteers from Orhei-Vit company, Gas Natural Fenosa and SEBN SRL. CNM already formed a strong track record of cooperating with economic entities on such activities and cleaning and planting campaigns. Taking into account that 2019 is a year of abundant precipitations, the majority of trees planted in autumn 2018 and spring 2019 took root and started to grow.



Planting campaign, March 29th, 2019.



Growing up trees on the Raut banks, monitoring visit, June 2019.

Spring arranging in Raut River Basin

In order to increase the water flow in the Răut river, CNM cleaned from silt and arranged 5 springs from the village Rediul Mare, Donduseni district, the locality where Răut river originates from. There are several springs in that region, but most of them are clogged.



Spring arranged in Rediul Mare village, Donduseni district.

The activity was carried out in close collaboration with the local public authority of the village, which was involved in collecting waste and arranging the area where the springs were arranged. The subcontracted engineering company executed construction works according to the contract signed with CNM. CNM promotes this type of activity on all the rivers where CNM is active on, especially in the first segment of rivers, where the majority of springs are placed, but which at the moment are clogged. And this is a similar situation on all the rivers of Moldova, which, along with climate change phenomenon, contributes to a decrease of the water volume in rivers.

Decreasing industrial pollution

In May 2019, 2 seminars were organized with the meat processing, dairy products production and wine production economic entities. 87 economic entities were trained. The purpose of the seminars was to inform the economic entities about the mandatory pretreatment of waste water from the industrial activity according to the Water Law, which entered into force in October 2013.

Wastewater treatment training in the dairy sector and meat processing was held on May 29th 2019. Wastewater treatment training in the wine sector was held on the 31st of May 2019.

During the events, a brief introduction into Water Law was made, including the Regulation on the requirements for collection, treatment and discharge of wastewater in sewage systems and in rivers, presentations were made on environmental compliance and enforcement in water sector, waste water treatment technologies were presented to the participants which could be found on the Moldovan market. CNM also included a presentation of the project “Livada Moldovei” supported by EU4Businesses program, which aims to assist economic entities with credit lines for the improvement of wastewater treatment / pre-treatment technologies.



Wastewater treatment training in the dairy sector and meat processing, May 29th 2019.



Wastewater treatment training in the wine sector, 31st of May 2019.



Wastewater treatment process presentation.

For the organization of events, CNM cooperated with the Embassy of Sweden in Moldova, Moldova Competitiveness Project, funded by USAID and AIDS (Sweden International Development Cooperation Agency) and "Livada Moldovei" Project funded by European Union (EU4Business Program) and European Investment Bank.

Eco-detergents campaign

On June 7, 2019, the 4th edition of the Festival dedicated to World Environmental Day (5 June) was organized in Valea Morilor Park in the municipality of Chisinau, an event that aims to promote an environmentally friendly attitude of the population of the Republic of Moldova. The event was organized by an initiative group, which included the World Health Organization, United Nations Development Program, GEF Small Grants Program, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection and NGO "Association of Environmental Journalists and Ecological Tourism", with contribution of NGO Ecovisio, NGO Eco Contact, NGO Junior Achievement Moldova, NGO "Association for Waste Recovery", NGO Association for Planning and Reconstruction of Chisinau city, NGO Ecological Movement of Moldova, NGO National Environmental Center, Limon SRL, Bricomol Profesional SRL, METRO Cash & Carry Moldova.



Detergents and environment Fair during the World Environment Day in Chisinau, June, 7th, 2019



People learn about ecological detergents



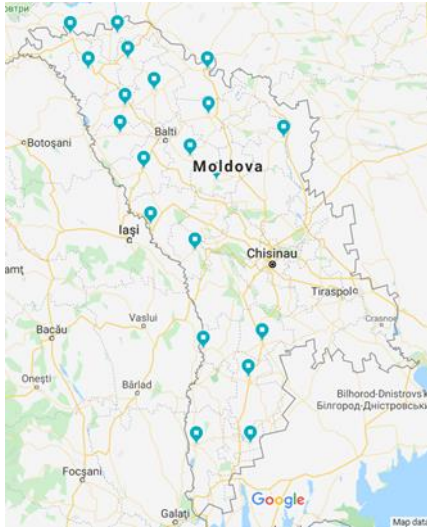
Children are also interested and lured by the delightful scent of handmade soaps



People attending the World Environment Day opt for more sustainable detergents

CNM participated in the event as the organizer of the ecological detergents' exhibition, attended by 13 economic entities and artisans who import, produce or sell ecological detergents, soaps and body care products on the market of the Republic of Moldova. The activity was organized in the framework of the campaign to promote the use of ecological detergents in the Republic of Moldova, which was launched by CNM in 2017. The aim of this campaign is to reduce the ecological pressure exerted on wastewater treatment plants which do not cope with the treatment of a large concentration of chemicals that are found in the today household and industrial consumption.

INFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN THE REGIONS OF MOLDOVA ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN EU AND MOLDOVA



Within the project, 20 information seminars „European reforms for citizens” were organized in the Northern and Southern regions of the country during the period of February-June 2019.

These were held in Florești, Soroca, Edinet, Briceni, Ocnița, Dondușeni, Drochia, Riscani, Glodeni, Telenеști, Singerei, Nisporeni, Ungheni, Leova, Cimislia, Comrat, Fălești, Rezina, Taraclia, Cahul towns. Each meeting involved 4 civil society experts in the field of economic development, environment, social reforms and justice reforms. Up to 700 participants were informed about the benefits of implementing the Association Agreement in Moldova.

3 separate events were organized for the students of universities and colleges from Balti university and Comrat and Cahul colleges on the implementation of the Association Agreement and possibilities foreseen for youth in the Agreement. As a result of the event, more than 200 participants were informed in the above-mentioned field.

The participants from the seminars were from local public administration and decentralized institutions, teachers, doctors, farmers, businessmen, local journalists, NGOs and the general public. The involved experts were members of the National Platform of Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership, who presented the implementation of the European reforms in Moldova in the above-mentioned areas.



Telenești, 16.04.2019



Gagauzia, 21.05.2019



Rezina, 04.06.2019



Cahul, 11.06.2019



Taraclia, 11.06.2019



Rîșcani, 16.07.2019



Stîrcea, Glodeni, 23.07.2019



Fălești, 23.07.2019

17 outdoor activities were organized to disseminate information via „Europe for me” newspaper elaborated by the NGO “Independent Press Association” with the aim to deliver the same message as for the indoor meetings, targeting individuals in the crowded public places such as district bus station and agricultural markets: Briceni, Ocnîța, Edineț, Fălești, Rezina, Soroca Drochia, Riscani, Singerei, Telenesti, Glodeni, Leova, Cantemir, Cimișlia, Comrat, Taraclia, Cahul. This way people who received the newspaper on the implementation of European reforms in Moldova, had a chance to read and discuss with other people (in buses, in agricultural markets) the messages included in the newspaper.

The project was financed by the EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova through the urgent response mechanism.

SCHOOL GARDEN FOR AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The project is implemented by a consortium of 4 organizations: John Paul II Foundation from Italy, Green Cross Belarus, Green Cross Ukraine and National Environmental Center.

The overall objective of the project is to foster the employability and active participation of young people residing in disadvantaged rural areas (incl. the Chernobyl one) in society and economy by developing modern labor skills, supporting them in becoming leaders / entrepreneurs and promoting new professional opportunities among them.

Thus, during the reporting period the following results have been achieved:

Selection of the partner schools from the Republic of Moldova.

Prior selection, CNM had visited educational institutions that could be potential partners in the project. Afterwards, the potential project beneficiaries filled in the application and were consulted by CNM team on the project scope and objectives. Analysis of 6 received forms, has selected 4 selected partners: Taul College, Stefan-Voda primary school, Oxentia secondary school, Riscova educational center.

Creation of School Garden incubators in the Republic of Moldova.

After the school's selection, the project will continue to support them through expertise and purchasing on necessary planting material and equipment in order to start raising agricultural products.

The next activities were focused on:

- Informing the stakeholders (employees, pupils, parents) about the project objectives. In March meetings with teachers, auxiliary staff, pupils, parents, local authorities were held, where project activity plan was discussed.
- 4 activity plans were elaborated for each involved school.
- Market analysis, collecting the commercial offers within the project. Based on the project budget, the local market was researched for the purpose of obtaining commercial offers as requested by the project. In some situations, meetings with the specialists in the field were set, where what are the most appropriate products / services to buy, greenhouse types, necessary seeds and planting material, irrigation systems, agricultural equipment and other tools were discussed.
- Land preparation for planting. Each school has prepared the land for planting with seeds of different vegetables, flowers, fruit shrubs, and vegetable seedling, fruits and greenhouse installations. At the Primary School in Stefan Voda town, the local public authority was also involved in the project. The City Hall has made available to the school the necessary land for the arrangement of the plots where the crops will be planted. In this activity, the auxiliary staff of the school, the parents and the teaching staff were more involved.
- 1 greenhouse restored. The Oxentia Gymnasium has a greenhouse that required some repair work and special film coating. In parallel, the seedlings for planting process were prepared.
- Plantations carried out within 4 education institutions.

The following species were planted:

- The agricultural college of Taul has planted raspberries, strawberries, vegetables and salads.
- In the Oxentia Gymnasium tomato seedlings and peppers were planted in greenhouse. On the adjacent land to the greenhouse potatoes, beans and onions were planted.
- In the primary school from Stefan Voda raspberry, goji, flowers and salad seeds has been

planted

- At Rascova - eco-certified salad seeds.

Increasing capacity of teachers from School Garden incubators

A study tour in Italy of representatives from Taul College, Stefan-Voda primary school, Oxentia gymnasium, Riscova educational center was organized in spring 2019 to strengthen capacities of schools to develop school gardens on the basis of their schools.

CNM representative participated in spring 2019 in a training organized by the lead partner – Green Cross of Belarus, aiming to strengthen capacities of CNM to promote the creation of school gardens on Moldova.

Harvest time

During August - September, vegetables were harvested and marketed. Each institution has developed a network of consumers. In September, 3 production incubators participated in the Festival of ecological opportunities and social entrepreneurship IarmarEco. During this festival, they had the opportunity to promote and sell the products they harvested.

Following the visit to Belarus, in November 2019, where the project coordinators participated, the work strategy and action plan for the following year were finalized.

Autumn is the period when after the harvest of the fruit, the processing of the land, educational activities take place in which the young people develop skills and competences.



Field work of the students from Taul College, spring 2019



Partners from Taul College attending the IarmarEco open air Fair with their harvested crops



Pupils from Oxentia gymnasium school working in greenhouse



It's harvest time! (Oxentia gymnasium)

CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROJECT – CLIMATE BOX

The goal of the UNDP Climate Change Education and Awareness Project – “Climate Box” is to strengthen a set of important capacities for Moldova to make better decisions to meet and sustain global environmental conventions. Climate Box toolkit, which was previously developed by UNDP in Russian and English languages, consists of an illustrated textbook, the Climate Quiz game, a wall map illustrating the possible effects of climate change on nature and mankind, a poster with tips on how to reduce your carbon footprint, and a disk/flash drive with all of the toolkit materials. The project in Moldova envisages the development of an adapted version of the toolkit to Moldova’s climate context, its translation into the local language and piloting among selected schools.

The National Environmental Center was subcontracted by UNDP Moldova to implement the activities of the "Climate Change Education and Awareness Project – Climate Box" envisaged for the Republic of Moldova.

The overall objective of this assignment is to improve awareness and understanding of climate change among youth in the Republic of Moldova by using the innovative interactive learning toolkit, “the Climate Box”, adapted and translated to local language.

Increase capacity of teachers to apply Climate Box toolkit

CNM organized Climate Box workshops together with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research and the international team of trainers and authors of the Climate Box.

Between March 25-27, 2019, three training sessions were organized for over 160 teachers from Moldova. They became familiar with the educational material from Climate Box in order to be able to use it optionally during the hours of geography, biology, physics, sciences and ecological education. The events received a positive feedback from the teachers, expressing their wish to use the Climate Box toolkit to be adopted with the national context and promoted in the educational system.

In the Republic of Moldova, in partnership with the National Environment Centre, 174 teachers from 155 schools, along with 3100 pupils, have tested the education materials from the Climate Box. The content had been adapted to the national context, translated and published to be optionally used at classes of geography, biology, physics, science and ecological education.

Increased awareness of school children on Climate change based on Climate Box platform

In the context of promoting the Climate Box toolkit a contest was organized for students who needed to be selected for the international competition for ecological projects which address the issues of climate change.

Students from schools in the Republic of Moldova were eligible to participate in the competition. Taking into account the time constraint for the preparation, not so many schools managed to enroll into the contest. On April 13, 2019 the national contest took place, where the participants presented their works in front of the jury composed of representatives of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment, UNDP Moldova, the scientific sector and teachers from schools. The students participating in the contest presented their projects that expressed their vision regarding the reduction of the carbon footprint and the impact of climate change on the water resources.

Following the jury's deliberation, 3 projects were selected for the participation in the international competition, which took place on April 24-27, 2019 in Kazakhstan.



Alexandr Cobzac, The project of a wastewater treatment plant for industrial enterprises, "A. S. Pushkin" High school, Chisinau



Gabriel Lazar, Acid rains - an urgent environmental problem of our time, "Mihai Marinchuk" Theoretical high school with real profile, Chisinau



Veaceslav Banari and Maxim Garabadgiu, Reduce the carbon footprint. Clean city and its surroundings, "A. S. Pushkin" high school, Donduseni



Alexandr Cobzac and Victor Caranfil, Electric cars - cars of the future, "A. S. Pushkin" High school, Chisinau



Ariana Vlad and Stanislav Turcan, Obtaining of myco-humus on the basis of used mushroom substrates using California worms, Theoretical high school with real profile, Chisinau



Chiril Dvornin, A new method for producing a mycelium of edible mushrooms on corrugated paperboard, "N. Milescu-Spatarul" High school, Chisinau



Ecaterina Suba, Reducing the "carbon footprint" as a lifestyle of every person, "M. V. Lomonosov" High school, Balti



Winners!!!! *Tatiana Manastirli and Nadejda Curdova, Carbon footprint of plastic trash, "S. I. Baranovski" High school, Copceac village, ATU Gagauzia*



Victoria Dimova, "With love to the motherland!", "B. Yanakoglo" High school, Copceac village, ATU Gagauzia



Group photo

Tatiana Manastirli, a student from Copceac village, is one of the participants in the Regional Climate Camp organized by the "Climate Box" project in Kazakhstan, which brought together students from eight countries who stood out through practical climate projects in their schools and communities. She says that there she had put forward an initiative to reduce plastic consumption: "Green education can become more interesting, handier, that's why mobile phone apps should be created, contests, raffles should be organized. Only in such a way will pupils understand that climate change is a reality and we need to adapt, denying what is happening is not a solution, neither is the destruction of the environment."

Climate Box toolkit ready for dissemination in Moldova

The working group for the adaptation of the Climate Box toolkit to national context was formed from the representatives of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, teachers from secondary education, academia and National Environmental Center. The objective of the working group is to review the existing Climate Box toolkit, adapt it to national context and issue it in Romanian language. The Romanian version of Climate Box was printed in September 2019.

On 24 October 2019, the optional course, educating about climate and environmentally friendly lifestyles "Climate Box" was presented to the public.

The Climate Box has been developed for pupils aged 7 to 16 years old. The curriculum is flexible, containing group activities, projects and experiments, as well as materials, which pupils can individually use. This gives both teachers, as well as the youth, the possibility to take control over climate change education, interactively engaging them in the addressed topics and combining learning with fun.



Participants at the "Climate Box" launch event on October 24th, 2019 in Chisinau

The trained teachers shall use the Climate Box during classes, and the pupils shall know better climate change issues and have an appropriate behavior. The National Environment Center plans to train more teachers. So far, 200 copies of the publication have been printed and distributed.

Climate Box encyclopedia was written by experts in climatology, geography, biology and economics, that have cooperated with professors and children literature writers. Today it is used by about 50,000 pupils from eight countries from Eastern Europe and Central Asia. "Climate Box" is accessible online as an app for mobile phone, available in Russian.

The "Climate Box" project contributes to Actions for Climate Empowerment (ACE) - a framework approved by the UN Climate Change Framework Convention (UNCCC). The actions derived from the recognition of the fact that in order to achieve the targets of the Paris Agreement, the countries must strengthen their education about climate change, public awareness and participation.

Education comprises an integral part of climate leadership, and Climate Box is working to make climate change education more relevant, equitable, and inclusive for all youth.

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of the Working Group 3 of EaP CSF

The meeting of Working Group 3 of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum was organized on the 10-11th April 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. Ina Coseru moderated the meeting as a coordinator of the regional group for 6 Eastern Partnership countries. <http://eap-csf.eu/working-group-3/> During the meeting Ina Coseru was selected for the 3rd year in a row to be the Coordinator of Working Group 3 on Environment, Energy Security and Climate Change.

Messages developed during the meeting were used for the upcoming events, organized within the Eastern Partnership Initiative, and namely for the next Panel on Environment and Climate Change which was held in May 2019. During the annual Panel meeting on Environment and Climate and Change and during the Platform meeting on Environment, Energy and Transport, 2 representatives of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum represent the Forum with the urgent messages for all the 6 countries of Eastern Partnership.

Back-to-back to Working Group 3 meeting, Ina Coseru was invited and one representative of EaP Civil Society Forum (representing 700 NGOs) to the Senior Official Meeting attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Eastern Partnership countries and high-level officials from the European Commission and European External Action Service and well as other relevant European partners. SOM was held on the 11th of April, when still the Democratic Party was in power in Moldova, and it was an excellent opportunity to talk about the difficult political situation in Moldova along with very challenging problems in promoting democracy in other countries, such as Azerbaijan, Belarus, Armenia, Ukraine and Georgia.

Meetings of EaP Civil Society Forum Steering Committee

2 meetings of Steering Committee of EaP Civil Society Forum, formed from 13 people were organized on 4-5 April and on the 4-5 July 2019. During the second meeting, Ina Coseru was elected as a Co-Chair of the Steering Committee. Moldova was elected in such a position for the first time, since Eastern Partnership Civil Society was formed in 2009. During the meetings preparation to the Annual Assembly which is one of the core activities of the Forum was discussed. The Annual Assembly is attended by 200 NGOs out of 700, which are selected by the Steering Committee. Other issues, such as development of urgent declarations to be sent to the European institutions in Brussels on various challenges in the EaP countries, granting program, preparation to the high-level event of 10 years of Eastern Partnership which was held on the 14th May 2019 in Brussels, were discussed as well.

10th Eastern Partnership Anniversary in Brussels

On 14 May, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker hosted a high-level conference on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership. The conference brought together Heads of State or Government of the Eastern partner countries, foreign ministers of the EU Member States, civil society representatives, business leaders, young people and journalists from across the 34 countries. High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini, Commissioner Johannes Hahn and Commissioner for Trade, Cecilia Malmström, also participated in the event.

“The Eastern Partnership is fundamentally a future-oriented partnership for the citizens and with the citizens; firmly focused on what is important for them. Together we are working towards stronger economies, stronger governance, stronger connectivity and stronger

societies”, said President Juncker. “We have put in place ambitious Association Agreements and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and citizens of these countries also benefit from visa free travel for short stays in the EU. 125,000 loans have been provided to businesses in the Eastern Partnership, of which half are in local currency, and we have contributed to the creation of over 30,000 jobs in the region. And our trade has increased with each of the six Eastern Partnership countries, which together are the EU’s 10th trading partner. I would like us to continue to focus on the content of what we believe we should do together so that our Partnership can keep its promises.”

The conference’s participants discussed the developments of the partnership during this first decade and exchanged views on its future.

Ten years ago, in May 2009, the Heads of State or Government and representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine gathered with high-level EU officials in Prague to strengthen mutual ties of friendship and cooperation and to launch a strategic and ambitious partnership, as a specific dimension of the European Neighborhood Policy to be developed alongside bilateral cooperation.

This joint endeavor, in an effort to build a more prosperous, resilient, stable and democratic region, was based on shared values, mutual interests and commitments, bringing the Eastern partner countries closer to the EU and developing stronger ties among the partner countries themselves, for the benefit of all.

Ina Coseru took part in the event on behalf of the National Environmental Center. Photos of the event could be found here <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/reportage/P-040231>

7th EaP Panel on Environment and Climate Change in Vienna, 27-28 May 2019

Ina Coseru, as a representative of the EaP Civil Society Forum took part in the Panel and made a presentation on challenges in environment and climate change identified in the 6 EaP countries. The following challenges were voiced by 2 EaP CSF representatives during the Panel meeting:

- Environmental governance should be strengthened in EaP countries. In case of Moldova and Georgia, where Ministries of Environment were merged with the Ministries of Agriculture, which is one of the main polluters of environment, this central institutional reform created obstacles in implementing the Association Agreement signed between Moldova with EU and Georgia with EU. EaP Civil Society Forum recommended not to eliminate ministries of environment in other EaP countries and separate Ministries of Environment in Moldova and Georgia. Also it was recommended to strengthen sectoral cooperation between various ministries in the process of implementing EU4Climate and EU4Environment programmes (agriculture, energy, transport, forestry)
- Environmental legislation implementation should be a part of the new programmes; even new legislation was adopted on EIA and SEA in EaP countries, still new economic entities such as hydropower plants, with considerable impact on environment could be built without Environmental Impact Assessment. It is mandatory for hydropower plants which are built in various EaP countries, usually on smaller rivers, provoking a considerable impact on water quantity and quality. Novodnistrovsk hydropower plant, built on Dniester river in Ukraine, which plans to expand its activity with 3 more turbines to those existing 3 turbines needs EIA for the expansion of its activity. This is an issue of argues in the recently created Moldo-Ukrainian Commission on regulation of operation of Novodnistrovsk

hydropower plant. It was set up to improve water resources management on Dniester river, which is a source of drinking water for 2/3 of the Moldovan population and for the Odessa city of Ukraine, though due to the plants operation, there is less and less water in Dniester river and a risk not to supply with drinking water the inhabitants of Dniester river basin in the near future increases every day.

Other case studies were also mentioned, such as a multitude of cascades of small hydropower plants in Georgia and Armenia, built without EIA and without public consultations prior to construction. This bad practice led to considerable degradation of water resources and drying of small rivers. Svydovets resort from Ukraine was also mentioned as an object which needs EIA before construction.

- EaP CSF asked the EC to pay more attention to the industrial untreated waste waters through the EU4Environment Programme, a continuation of EaPGreen Programme, and create models in economic sector, to be followed by other industrial enterprises
- Both programmes should include reforestation measures to increase the % of forest coverage in EaP countries and get closer to 40 % of average forest coverage in EU countries. This measure combats climate change effects and improves the water quality and quantity, as well as contributes to biodiversity protection and creation of ecosystems services for the population of EaP countries.
- For the promotion of circular economy, a component of EU4Environment programme, which means 0 waste produced from any human activities, it is important to involve civil society and general public in implementation of projects in this field. It is also important to improve strategic communication in the field of environment and climate change and communicate good examples and positive results to the population in the EaP countries. The population of EaP countries needs to understand, what are the benefits of EU funded environmental and climate change projects successfully implemented in EaP countries. This will build a long-term trust of EaP citizens in the European agenda implemented in the EaP region.

Assembly of the EaP

PROTECTION OF DNIESTER RIVER CAMPAIGN

Meetings of the CHEP Dniester Project Board

The Overall Objective of the project is to support sustainable management and protection of the Dniester River. The Specific Objectives are: 1) to ensure that Government of the Republic of Moldova is aware of the impacts of the functioning of the Dniester HPC and is fully prepared in negotiations on the Agreement on functioning of the Dniester HPC, and 2) to provide the public with science-based information on the current and potential impacts of the functioning of the Dniester HPC. The project is financed by the Swedish Government and the main outcome is to develop a Study on Environmental Impact Assessment and present the results of it in the mixed Moldo-Ukrainian Committee for the protection and sustainable use of Dniester river. Iuliana Cantaragiu, the member of the Board, attended regularly the Board meetings.

Moldova-Ukraine Committee for the protection and sustainable use of the Dniester River

The Moldovan-Ukrainian bilateral committee for the protection and sustainable use of the Nistru River (Dniester Committee) was created on the basis of the Rome Agreement signed by the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in 2012 and entered into force in 2017. The Dniester Committee includes 38 members, representatives of state institutions, scientific institutions and civil society from the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The composition of the representatives of the Republic of Moldova of the Dniester Committee is established by Government Decision. Thus, the National Environmental Center is the representative of the civil society of Moldova in the Dniester Committee.

The first meeting of the Dniester Committee took place in September 2018 in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova), and the second was held on 4-5 April 2019 in Kiev (Ukraine).

During the preparation for the meeting of the Dniester Committee, meetings of the Moldovan side of the Committee took place (21 March and 3 April), where proposals for the agenda and the country's position on different aspects of the agenda were discussed. Thus, CNM proposed to include in the agenda the subject of Ukraine's intention to expand the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex by installing another 3 turbines. The subject was agreed by both sides to be included in the agenda of the meeting that followed in Kiev.

On April 4-5, 2019, the 2nd Committee Meeting on the sustainable use and protection of the Dniester River (also called the Dniester Commission) took place. The agenda of the meeting included ordinary topics related to the Commission's working groups, the results of the studies carried out within the GEF/OSCE cross-border projects on Dniester, etc., as well as sensitive topics such as hydropower, river pollution with wastewater from Soroca and wastes from the oil, chemical and energy activities that are kept in the open upstream dumps in the Dniester River basin.

Another presentation that drew the attention of the Commission members was the conclusions of the special working group, formed within the GEF/OSCE project, which had the task of analyzing the impact of the activity of the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex on the Dniester River.

One topic that raised heated discussions was the one regarding the Operation Rules of the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex. In this context, the Ukrainian side came with a historical analysis of the data on the volumes of water accumulated and discharged into the Dniester River, trying to

point out that the minimum water volume of 130 m³/s requested by Moldova in the negotiation process is unrealistic, given that the data presented by them show that the Dniester River has not had this constant volume of water over many years.

At the same time, the Moldovan side of the Commission raised the question of the legal nature of the document, which will be endorsed by the Commission. From our point of view, *the legal nature of the document is very important - it will determine how to settle disputes between the parties (Moldova and Ukraine) in the event of non-compliance with the provisions of the Regulation.* Thus, if the Regulation will be a document approved only by the competent institutions in Ukraine, in case of non-compliance with the provisions of the Regulation, the economic operator of the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex will answer administratively to the competent bodies of Ukraine, based on Ukrainian legislation. However, in contrast, its impact will be largely felt on the territory of Moldova and will not be offset - this is not found in this document or in any other regulation currently in force.

During the negotiations, the construction of the 6 hydropower plants and the expansion of the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex and the additional construction of three additional turbines at the pumping storage station were discussed. The Ukrainian side informed the participants that currently any new construction of 6 hydropower plants is stopped. The Ukrainian state has to develop a policy document for this new construction of 6 hydropower plants, the construction project will be subject to the strategic environmental assessment, as stipulated by the legislation of Ukraine and Moldova, both harmonized to the EU directives. If the cross-border impact of this policy document will be recognized, Moldova's part for consultations will also be involved. Only later, the technical documentation for construction will be subject to environmental impact assessment - with Moldovan involvement in consultations. And this procedure is regulated by the normative framework of both states and aligned with the requirements of the EU Directives. However, the atmosphere became tense when asked about the expansion of the Dniester Hydro-energetic Complex with another 3 turbines (altogether 7). In the opinion of the Moldovan delegation, this construction would have a significant potential impact on the Dniester, in addition to the already existing one. The Moldovan delegation requested that all documents (environmental, technical and permissive documents) issued by the authorities for the CHEN activity be presented, even if they are dated from the Soviet period. The next meeting of the Dniester Commission is planned for October 2019 and will take place in Chisinau. Meanwhile, both countries prepared to mark the Dniester day planned for the last weekend of May, and the official invitation from Moldova to Ukraine was accepted. It has to be acknowledged that the meeting was not easy, the Moldovan team was well prepared and that all points in the Agenda had a support in form of prepared reports and an argument position.

The meeting materials can be accessed through the following link - <https://dniester-commission.com/meetings/vtoroe-zasedanie-dvustoronnej-dnestrovskoj-komissii-v-g-kieve/>

Meetings of the Committee of Dniester Hydrographic District

The Committee took note of the draft Risk Management Plan at floods of the Dniester river basin district and the Program of Measures. Members of the Committee came forward with proposals to amend the institutions responsible, in accordance with the duties, of the actions included in the Program Measures of the Flood Risk Management Plan for Dniester river. Concerning the Draft of the District Drought Management Plan for Dniester river basin, the committee took note of the draft Drought Management Plan of Dniester River and of the Measures Program. The Dniester Committee took note of the information presented and the results of the

Commission's 2nd Session on Sustainable Use and Basin Protection of Dniester River, including the final report on the inventory of deposits on the territory of Ukraine, developed under the GEF project.

Meetings of EU-MD Civil Society Platform

On 23.05.2019, in Brussels, the 5th meeting of Moldova-European Civil Society Platform was held. The Moldova-EU Civil Society Platform was created on the basis of the provisions of the Moldova-EU Association Agreement. This Platform is one of the instruments for monitoring the MD-EU Association Agreement and the reforms our country has undertaken with signing of the Association Agreement. The Platform includes representatives of civil society organizations, employers' organizations and trade unions in Moldova and the European Union. Among the Moldovan civil society participants, who took part in the event, there was Iuliana Cantaragiu, the National Environmental Center, Ion Guzun, the Moldovan Legal Resources Center, Mihai Mogildea, the Institute for European Policies and Reforms, Denis Cenușă, the Expert-Grup Analytical Center, Vladislav Caminschi, National Confederation of Employers of Moldova and Sergiu Sainciuc, National Confederation of Trade Unions of Moldova. On behalf of the EU civil society, there was Cristian Pîrvulescu, Pro Democracy Association, Dumitru Fornea, MERIDIAN Trade Union Confederation of Romania, Georgi Stoev, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bulgaria and others, who attended the meeting. On behalf of the European Commission, the event was attended by Mr. Lawrence Meredith, Director, Neighborhood East and Institution Building, DG NEAR and Ms. Nicoletta Pusterla, Team Leader Georgia - Republic of Moldova. European External Action Service also attended the meeting. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Moldova, the event was attended by his Excellency, Ambassador Eugen Caras, Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union.

During the meeting, the civil society's vision on the progress of the Republic of Moldova in the implementation of the Moldova-EU Association Agreement, the state of affairs in the Republic of Moldova on various aspects, such as economy, justice, migration, environmental protection, social, work, etc. were presented. Representatives of civil society from Moldova presented reports / findings, each according to its expertise, which were the subject of debates and conclusions found in the Joint Statement of the Moldova-EU Civil Society Platform. Both the members of civil society and the members of the European Commission mentioned in the discussions that the Government of the Republic of Moldova would like to be more accountable in the implementation of the national legislation, which was harmonized with the EU Directives, according to the MD-EU Association Agreement. Taking into account the major interest that has raised concerns in the society regarding the fate of the Dniester river and the ecological and water security for the Republic of Moldova, the topic of the integrated management of water resources of the Dniester River was included in the agenda of the meeting, and the Platform included a set of recommendations for the Government of the Republic of Moldova to ensure the health of the river. This topic was also included in the meeting of the Platform organized in Brussels in spring 2018. Also, the Platform members had the opportunity to convey the concerns of the Moldovan society to several officials from the European Commission and the European Parliament. The 4th Platform Meeting, which took place in Chisinau in October 2018, continued to monitor the subject and again included various recommendations regarding the management of the water resources of the Dniester River. As a result, due to the funding for civil society interventions in Moldova and the EU, there was a lot of pressure on Ukraine, which recently declared at the meeting of the Moldovan-Ukrainian bilateral Commission on the protection and sustainable use of the Dniester

River to suspend its activities on the potential construction of 6 hydropower plants on Dniester river, assuring the Republic of Moldova that it will carry out the strategic environmental assessment of the hydropower program in Ukraine as stipulated by the Espoo Convention and the Directives of the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty to which both countries are part. *Considering that the subject of ecological safety of the Dniester River is a complex and major one for our society, it was also included in the agenda of the 5th Platform meeting to inform members and stakeholders about the current developments of the subject and include additional recommendations for the Government of Moldova, especially considering that the Government of Ukraine intends to expand the Dniester Hydroelectric Complex (the hydropower plant in Novodnistrovsk, an existing hydroelectric infrastructure that already affects the Republic of Moldova) with another 3 turbines.* A Joint Statement, which includes various findings and recommendations for decision-makers from the Republic of Moldova and the European Union, was elaborated and adopted following the meeting. The subsequent statement is sent by the Secretariat of SC MD-EU Platform to the Association Council, the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and the institutions of the European Commission.

Later, on 24.05.2019, Moldovan civil society members Ion Guzun (CRJM), Iuliana Cantaragiu (CNM) and Mihai Mogildea (IPRE) had bilateral meetings with representatives of the Department of Macro-Financial Assistance within DG Economic and Financial Affairs, Dirk Lenaerts, Chief of Macro-Financial Assistance Section, Santiago Loranca Garcia, Head of Neighboring Countries Macro-Financial Assistance, Henrik Huitfeldt, Economic Analyst in the Neighboring Countries Department - Macro-Financial Assistance and representatives of the Bilateral Eastern Partnership Department of the European External Action Service, Nicoletta Pusterla, Georgia-Republic of Moldova Team Co-ordinator of the bilateral Eastern Partnership Department, and Peter Lesser, Political Officer of the Bilateral Eastern Partnership. During these meetings, members of civil society had discussions with the representatives of the European Commission institutions on the situation in Moldova on its areas of expertise.

Thus, in the field of environmental protection, Iuliana Cantaragiu, mentioned that part of the legislation of the Republic of Moldova in the field of environmental protection was harmonized with the EU Directives, but there are great gaps in the implementation. In the water field, for example, the Government of the Republic of Moldova invests in water supply systems, but very little or nothing in sewage systems and waste water treatment, which creates a high environmental pressure on water resources and consequently will lead to wider pollution of water resources, which will increase the cost of water treatment for potable use or use for various economic purposes. It was also mentioned that the Government's administrative reform, which led to the merge of the Ministry of Environment with the Ministry of Agriculture - diminishes the progress that the RM should make in the implementation of the MD-EU Association Agreement in the field of environmental protection because of the economic interests of the agricultural sector, which is given priority over environmental protection.

Dniester Day festival

The Dniester Day is traditionally organized on the last Sunday of May. This year, CNM organized a fair with exhibitions and sales - Detergents and the Environment within the Dniester Day organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment. Distributors of biodegradable detergents and artisans who create personal care products were present at the fair. The event was organized in Vadul lui Voda town. Most of the participants were

from the Vadul lui Voda town, who stated that this subject is new for them and they have not yet realized the negative influence of the detergents on the environment.



TECHNICAL SANITATION SOLUTIONS APPLICABLE IN RURAL AREAS AND ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION SERVICES IN THE VILLAGES OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

National Environment Center in cooperation with the ApaSan Project, supported by the Swiss Development and Cooperation Department in Chisinau, organized 4 seminars on the topic: Technical sanitation solutions applicable in rural localities and organization of public water supply and sanitation services in the villages of RM.

The main beneficiaries of this activity are the members of the 16 Sub-basin Committees created with the support of NGOs and of the Water Agency of Moldova, which currently consist of over 300 people from the town halls and district councils, decentralized environmental and health structures, users of water and civil society.

Sub-basin committees are made up of 15 out of 39 sub-basins in the country. They operate on the Bâc, Răut, Ichel, Tigheci, Larga, Ciuhur, Ialpuș, Botna, Șovăț, Delia, Naslavcea-Vasilcău, Frumoasa-Crihana, Lăpușna, Camenca, Bălțata-Sereri and Ciuluc rivers (tributary of the Răutului).

All the Sub-basin Committees have prioritized in the action plans the problem of wastewater treatment and the need for the rehabilitation and construction of the municipal wastewater treatment structure.

Respectively, these seminars came to the support of the Sub-Basin Committees and other representatives of the LPAs interested in advancing in this area.

In the period 3-11 September 2019 4 seminars were held, where 100 participants participated, as follows:

- September 3 in Or. Balti, 38 participants, invited from the Sub-basin Committees of the Răut, Ciuhur, Naslavcea-Vasilcău rivers, Șovăț, Camenca and from the District Councils that are part of these committees;
- September 10 in the city. Chisinau, 29 participants from the Sub-Basin Committees of the Delia, Bîc, Ichel, Botna, Lăpușna rivers;
- September 11 in the city. Comrat, 13 participants, members of the Ichel Sub-Basin Committee;
- September 11 in the city. Cantemir, 20 participants from Tigheci, Larga, Frumoasa-Crihana Sub-Basin Committees.



Participants were interested in the proposed topics, being very aware of the problem, but during all the seminars the first questions that came from the public were related to the financing of these projects and if there are donors who would finance these projects.

From the discussions with the participants, we can list the following ideas:

- It would be necessary a modification of law that would impose the citizens to the connection of the sewage system;
- The mayors consider that they have too many responsibilities in the community and at the same time there is a lack of qualified personnel in the rural communities, which makes it difficult to solve all the problems present in the community;
- People in the community do not know what solutions are. Often they are reluctant to the new proposals made by the mayor, the information would also be welcome among the citizens;
- The operator who sells water must also provide the necessary information and solutions related to the sewerage;
- In the locality nobody bears the record of how the wells are built;
- Centralized water supply would be a solution;
- In most communities the water supply is, sewerage system is missing;
- In some localities there is a technical project since 2010, today it has to be re-evaluated, which means increased costs. Thus in Or. Cricova, the second stage of the project cannot be implemented.
- Economic agents do not have a wastewater pre-treatment station;
- Participants wonder what some state organizations / structures in the water field are dealing with, because they do not know where they might ask for information or help;
- Some of the participants are oriented to the water quality, the sewerage and sanitation being secondary.

Despite the fact that during the meetings of the sub-basin committees the problem was a prioritized one, the presence of the members at the seminar was quite weak. This is due to the fact that the majority of the committee members are mayors, their mayoral term has already expired, and the period of seminars coincided with the pre-election period, and on September 11 was the day on which the applications to run for office began. of mayor.

During the post-election period, part of the sub-basin committee members will change. Thus, with the first meeting, the National Environmental Center, together with the members of the committee, will hold information sessions for all committee members on the subject of Technical sanitation solutions applicable in rural localities and the organization of public water supply and sanitation services in the villages of RM. The information session will be based on presentations from previous seminars.

The purpose of the National Environmental Center will be in the future to find solutions for implementing these methods in the rural localities of the Republic of Moldova.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE REGARDING THE INITIATION OF THE DANUBE- BLACK SEA RIVER BASIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN ELABORATION (CYCLE II)



The management plan of the Danube-Prut and Black Sea river basin district for 2021-2027 is currently in the process of elaboration. The National Environmental Center, within its collaboration with the European Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+), was responsible on gathering the opinions and feedback of interested parties and organized a series of local consultations in this sense.

The purpose of the consultations was to have an aggregation of information from the interested stakeholders which could contribute to the development of the river basin management plans. In other words, taking into account that all the opinions matter and the real improvement of water resources could happen, only when all the opinions will be taken into account, people in Danube - Prut and the Black Sea River Basin District (DPBSR) the stakeholders were consulted on the priorities to be included in the next plan (what water bodies need more attention/investment? what is the damage magnitude? what are the causes for no results so far in this field ?).

The Danube-Prut and Black Sea river basin district management plan is developed with the aim of improving the quality of water resources, safe conditions for leisure activities, ensuring sufficient water for economic activities, conserving biodiversity and aquatic life in the river basin, and also developing priority projects, to be supported by the Government of RM and development partners.

Until the first week of August, the National Environmental Center organized 5 public consultations in 5 regions of Moldova: Edineț, Hâncești, Fălești, Comrat and Cahul with the participation of over 170 people, mayors, representatives from Rayon Councils, Environment Protection Inspection (EPI), Public Health Centre (PHC), water users, NGOs etc.

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| 1. | Hancesti district | 12 th July 2019 |
| 2. | Edinet district | 16 th July 2019 |
| 3. | Falesti district | 23 rd July 2019 |
| 4. | Cahul district | 30 th July 2019 |
| 5. | Comrat district | 30 th July 2019 |

The experts within the public dialogues that interacted with the audience answering to the questions were the following:

- Dr. Conf. Iurie Bejan, deputy director, Institute of Ecology and Geography
- Mrs. Mariana Codreanu, Specialist Principal, Department of Water Resources Management
- Mrs. Ina Coseru, Chair of the National Environmental Center
- Mrs. Iuliana Cantaragiu, Project Expert at the National Environmental Center



The content of each meeting was structured in the following order:

1. Introductory part about EUWI+ projects, explanation of potential impact, importance of conducting analysis and the expected results with deliverables in their order.
2. The scientific part was covered by Mr. Iurie Bejan based on reports crafted by Environment Agency in collaboration with Academy of Science, Statistics Bureau and Public Health Centre. The data for each district apart to increase relevance, spur engagement and offer comparison space for better reflection.
3. Afterwards, the meeting was accompanied by discussions. Participants expressed their views on the main identified water issues of the basin and filled out questionnaires.

Key concerns: water quality and the need for human and financial resources

Water quality emerged as the main concern from this second round of consultation. Therefore, participants agreed to develop drinking and wastewater treatment, and regulation for unauthorized waste dumps. Ecosystem protection was also one of participants' major preoccupations.

Stakeholders more directly involved in the field of water management highlighted the need for more human resources specialized in the environment and water management in municipalities, and the need for sufficient financial resources/ investments in the field.

All reactions were conveyed to the DPBSR Basin District Committee and the EUWI+ team for further analysis. They will be included in the second cycle of the RBMP.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN #EUBEACHCLEANUP IN MOLDOVA!

On September 21st, 2019, National Environmental Center has marked the International Day of Cleaning.

This year the Water Initiative of the European Union also organized the International Clean Beach Day. Every third weekend of September, active citizens from all over the world clean the banks of the rivers and beaches.

To celebrate these important days for humanity and the environment, National Environmental Center and the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment of Moldova, at the initiative of EUWI+, organized on September 21st a sanitation campaign with the slogan "Love your river!", with the intention of cleaning up the banks of the Bâc river.

This initiative was taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment, "Apele Moldovei" Agency, the Environment Agency, the Environmental Protection Inspectorate, the Caritas Moldova Charitable Foundation, the "Diaconia" Social Mission, the "Alexandru cel Bun" Military Academy of the Armed Forces, the State Agricultural University of Moldova, that had shown a RESPONSIBLE behavior to help the river breathe easier!



This year, we were able to mobilize about 200 representatives of state institutions in the field of environment, volunteers, pupils and students who separately collected waste from the banks of the Bâc river, in the perimeter of Calea Basarabiei, Varnița, Haltei and Tăbăcăria Veche streets.

The picture found on the spot was shocking: the banks of a river in the capital of a European country are so polluted with different waste: PETs, disposable dishes, used tires, organic waste, probably from the agricultural market located in the area, construction waste. But still the most terrible and scary thing that all those who came to sanitation observed, is that the river banks in the central part of the city of Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova, are transformed into a public toilet, which can be amended and removed only through the municipal institutions responsible for the environment protection sector.

In total, about 1000 bags of waste were collected in 2 active hours. The collected waste was sorted in plastic of various types and other waste (paper, glass, aluminum containers, organic waste, etc.) in household bags of different colors: black-for different types of waste and colored (yellow, red, blue) - for plastic. The plastic bags were taken over





by the company ABS Recycling, which is a company specialized in the selective collection and sorting of waste. This type of waste has followed the long way of sorting by type of plastic, which had to be recycled, and then reused for various purposes such as: obtaining fibers for the production of clothing and footwear, obtaining consumer plastic products, but who do not come into contact with food, obtaining combustible materials, etc.

Bâc River, a right tributary of the Dniester River, is the only river that runs through the capital of Chisinau. It is the third largest inland river of the Republic of Moldova, but one of the most polluted, especially in the region of Chisinau. In the last decades the Bâc river is in a catastrophic state, a fact confirmed by the data of different ecological expeditions, the last one took place in July 2013, when 25 young people traveled, for a week, the distance from where the river springs and to the mouth of the river in order to assess the degree of pollution of the river. The expedition was organized by the National Environment Center, funded by the US Embassy in the Republic of Moldova.

PLANTING CAMPAIGN ON RAUT RIVER

There is nothing more beautiful and relaxing than a stroll in the bosom of nature, on a river bank! For this reason, the National Environmental Center has proposed that every year it will contribute to improving the quality of the environment by planting trees.

The National Environment Center has organized for the third consecutive year the planting of trees in Orhei district. CNM had planted a protective forest strip on the banks of the Răut river, a 286 km river that runs its smooth water through half of our country! The purpose of the planting is to maintain the strips of trees planted last year by other brave volunteers, but also to continue afforesting the banks of the Răut river. This time we planted 4000 seedlings over a 5 km sector, between Orhei and Mitoc village.

Volunteers from educational institutions, economic agents, local public administration, civil society, the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment joined the planting campaign. The planting action was an important experience that connected the volunteers with nature, made them more sensitive to environmental problems and develop the civic spirit.

On October 26, 2019, with the help of over 100 volunteers from different organizations, we planted over 3000 trees on the banks of the river Raut to create a protection strip.



OTHER ACTIVITIES & TEAM CAPACITY BUILDING

Team of the National Environmental Center is continuously active in building capacities of its members and searching for new partnerships in the field of environment.

TRAINING SESSIONS ON „THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE AND THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Members of CNM participated at the Training Sessions on „The Water Framework Directive and the River Basin Management Plan”, organized by Moldova Waters Agency in collaboration with Romania Waters Agency. Those were organized on the 27-28 May, session 1; and on 28-29 May, session 2.

The training session focused on detailed aspects regarding the river management plan. Among issues discussed related to water balance, water and economic aspects, climate change, monitoring of water quality etc.

SUMMER SCHOOL ON WATER ENGINEERING AND GLOBAL DIPLOMACY FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES, SLOVENIA

This Summer School provides a multi-layered program that aims to bridge theoretical knowledge, practical issues and link to policies in water recourse management. Jointly organized by Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWP CEE), University of Ljubljana (UL), Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) and COST Action Circular City, this year's focus is on the concepts for ecological water management in water-scarce areas. The topics include socio-economical, technical and environmental and health risk aspects of decentralized wastewater treatment systems, ecological sanitation methods, integrated water resources management, water governance processes, their conceptualization and the first steps towards their practical implementation. All these topics are explored in the context of international water governance and policies, which brings the global perspective to the region. The course provides the participants with an overview of the links between global, regional and national strategies and how planning at national and regional level is informed by the latest analyses and processes on global level. After the successful completion of the course, the CNM representative receives 4 ECTS that can transfer their ECTS credits from one university to another. One ECTS corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of total student work. The certificate for ECTS will be issued jointly by UL and ZHAW.

EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

CNM has attended the round table organized by IDIS Viitorul Organization, event held within the “Evaluating the implementation of Association Agreement” project on June, 12th, where a detailed report on several key domains was presented. The discussed topics included: „the little justice reform”, implementing the association agreement norms in the domain of fiscality, cooperation in the energetic sector and of natural gases, *water quality and resource management*, intellectual property law. The National Environmental Center was one of the main entities that

offered the key materials in a processible manner which would illustrate the legislative advancements as well as procedural issues on several narrow areas within water sector.

POSITION VOICING AT FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION WORKSHOP

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) representative office in the Republic of Moldova conducted the Forest Requirements Assessment Workshop on June, 11th. The workshop was organized under the FAO TCP/MOL/3702/C1 Project "Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of the National Forestry Agency to Organize the National Forest Inventory".

The main objective of the Workshop is to assess the information needs as well as to identify the criteria and indicators necessary for the organization and development of the first National Forestry Inventory in the Republic of Moldova. Also, the main issues related to the responsibilities and the involvement of various institutions in inventory organization was discussed. Main contribution in this regard is expressing the position of CNM during survey completion, specifically: to offer to the Biodiversity Criteria (C4) within the National Forest Inventory, a higher importance and accuracy degree, with the aim to clearly emphasize the need for observation of ecosystem dynamic through future National Forestry Monitoring Activities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

- Liabilities
- Statement of Financial Position
- Ownership Equity

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profits and Losses)

- Income
- Expenses
- Profits

Statement of Changes in Equity

Well, it wouldn't be an annual report without a lot of numbers, right? This section is the place for all those financial tables.

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DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSES	EARNINGS

Statement of Cash Flows

- Operating
- Investing
- Financing

VISIBILITY IN THE MEDIA

Nr.	Subject	TV/Radio channel	Link
TV			
1.	EaP CSF Annual Assembly 05.12.2019	Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xakB8z5rtY0&fbclid=IwAR3WIBHZUf9JQexF0HeaJJ_dFDQmybWOiQBDVjOA9RerhD2Cd8hXPjSwLSk&ab_channel=EaPCSFCommunications https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scyHH_ngM5g&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0SP574guP_OIJ361LbyKuxKuaG8krkpEu2CBmX2cMmPOJJZc_ArRXZ3E8&ab_channel=EaPCSFCommunications
2.	Climate change 04.11.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/TVRMoldova/videos/932298760485057/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNzYxNTQ3NjAzODg0ODM3/
3.	Social Good Summit 26.09.2019	Privesc.eu	https://www.facebook.com/PNUDMoldova/videos/999743887034841/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNjc4NjI4MDg1NTEwMTIz/
4.	Bac river clean day 21.09.2019	Publika TV	https://www.publika.md/inarmati-cu-greble-manusi-si-saci-pentru-gunoi-zeci-de-oameni-au-facut-curat-pe-malurile-raului-bac_3053785.html?fbclid=IwAR2f4j38H3cfUutHQCJDAv-KC7iW4Rxap-v6g1lvk0ltqiBxP8U7COPaX2M
5.	Press conference – Air quality 06.08.2019	IPN.md	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=7-XYAulxElc&ab_channel=Agen%C5%A3iadepres%C4%83IPN&fbclid=IwAR3s7R908xpkGi6U4MKetiWI04TocuKzWJdgwWWcgMcQVtOAg86KsISRX9Y
6.	School garden project 12.07.2019	TRM	http://trm.md/ro/social/legume-proaspete-crescute-in-sere-chiar-pe-teritoriul-scolii-si-ingrijite-de-catre-elevi-unui-gimnaziu-din-dubasari?fbclid=IwAR1GZpc7nMTgMIZhSS4NxRdsBhkVphJGFhIzSEQtV4iu4Ij22myOSD5qbxY
7.	Detergents and the environment 10.06.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmatin_aliitvrmoldova%2Fvideos%2F373559133284741%2F&show_text=0&width=560
8.	Detergents and the environment 07.06.2019	TVR Moldova	http://tvrmdova.md/ro/social/un-targ-special-dedicat-zilei-mondiale-a-mediului-a-fost-organizat-de-centrul-national-pentru-medi?fbclid=IwAR3f3A9QvDngALMjR6tgRMj5xb9mA6ToMkdnW-qKKh_I2neSiWI0UwLvDks
9.	Environment pollution and the Dniester problem 26.05.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYDRjN_rPx0&feature=player_embedded&list=PLFFshvOjiVM_WgiQPPbWzvgTuqI25QDw9&ab_channel=TVRMOLDOVA&fbclid=IwAR3U_h9IdQ4m6fzKmvo25x_wgRehOykBSAj6e4blvUI7cojt7XsbWst8BS8
10.	Challenges in water law implementation 23.05.2019	Privesc eu	https://www.privesc.eu/Arhiva/86290/Masa-rotunda-organizata-de-Deputatii-Blocului--ACUM-Platforma-DA-si-PAS--cu-genericul--Provocari-in-implementarea-Legii-apelor-?fbclid=IwAR2fAwV_oEscCNCvZQMB9X7zquODxbLKeh5AhVK1DBkHvmRrhEwdk9OVHxk
11.	Press Conference after the Round Table	Parlamentul MD	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FParliamentRM%2Fvideos%2F2207133939377870%2F&sho

	regarding Water Law implementation 23.05.2019		w_text=0&width=560
12.	Dniester issue 14.05.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FTVRMoldova%2Fvideos%2F529750357429072%2F&show_text=0&width=560
13.	Press Conference with the results of the second meeting of the MD-Ukrainian Commission on Protection and Sustainable Usage of Dniester River 10.04.2019	Realitatea live	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FCentruNationaldeMediu%2Fposts%2F2378886608817607&width=500
14.	Plantation campaign from Orhei city 01.04.2019	Orhei TV	https://orheiv.md/au-sadit-fapte-bune-la-orheivoluntarii-si-membrii-centrului-national-de-mediu-au-plantat-o-mie-de-puieti-video?fbclid=IwAR0I8f041v61hY451MWPmj4hj9zc9A8CF8Ja7_zxOukIkKf-8ili99KZCEw
15.	Green spaces and water pollution with waste 17.03.2019	TRM	https://trm.md/ro/miezul-zilei/miezul-zilei-emisiune-din-17-martie-2019?fbclid=IwAR1bPh4TCFbK4a8rgBEJTqtxEu9kg49LoG9DYjROpzBPiEd9aIeDpph1D_4
16.	Rehabilitation of Bic river 04.03.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FTVRMoldova%2Fvideos%2F579294902545858%2F&show_text=0&width=560
17.	Civic initiatives for waste sorting 26.02.2019	TVR Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FTVRMoldova%2Fvideos%2F2179144709012928%2F&show_text=0&width=560
18.	Message regarding Dniester river 19.12.2018	TVR Moldova	http://tvrmoldova.md/social/apel-catre-guvernul-romoldova-pentru-salvarea-raului-nistru/?fbclid=IwAR2KB4SUM5J3wD98wwdBnpccCwBruvXgaK-wBJNUEQwvS6-YupP5GoebSyY
19.	Press conference organized by the National Council of Environmental NGOs on the topic "Danger of the expansion of the Dniester Hydropower Complex for the Dniester River" 19.12.2018	Privesc.eu	https://www.privesc.eu/Arhiva/84824/Conferinta-de-presa-organizata-de-Consiliul-National-al-ONG-urilor-de-Mediu-cu-tema--Pericolul-extinderii-Complexului-Hidroenergetic-Nistrean-pentru-f?fbclid=IwAR2ZVjvPM-oSb8_dECJc9kSCKVtiml_eDdkGGCc3pF32J25W25TQ5UMFTaI
Radio			
1.	Environmental quality and pollution in Moldova 27.12.2019	Radio Europa Libera Moldova	https://moldova.europalibera.org/a/interviul-matinal-cu-iuliana-cantaragiu-diana-ralieanu-radio-europa-libera/30347197.html?fbclid=IwAR25HIIdy23EScmY401IgipydIrPPr48B65DKbuiZ5hHXHZnGBVzptPVkE
2.	Climate Box 01.11.2019	EcoFM	https://www.facebook.com/ecofmmd/videos/951008711928599/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNzUzOTU3Mjc3OTc3MjAz/

3.	Bac river 31.10.2019	Radio Europa Libera Moldova	https://www.facebook.com/europalibera.org/videos/708109733033538/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNzUyODM1ODY4MDg5MzQ0/
4.	Environmental policies in Moldova 05.08.2019	EcoFM	https://www.facebook.com/ecofmmmd/videos/1131447793731526/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNTgxOTM4OTkxODQ1NzAw/
5.	Sovat Sub-basin Cmmitee Meeting 24.07.2019	Radio Falesti	http://www.cr-falesti.md/index.php/falesti-radio/3066-rf-24-07-2019?fbclid=IwAR36eW-60h_dZYFBWlhR1IApr4Bxw73t-Y-02TKDMebpL-NlmYOK5tboBIY
6.	Environmental issues in Moldova 14.06.2019	EcoFM	https://www.facebook.com/ecofmmmd/videos/2306723516081122/UzpfSTIwMjk3ODU0NjQwODQzNToyNDg3MzMzNTg0NjM5NTc1/
7.	Environment Day 05.06.2019	Noroc FM	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fradio-noroc%2Fvideos%2F494115384747350%2F&show_text=0&width=560
8.	Protection of water resources 17.05.2019	Radio Falesti	http://cr-falesti.md/index.php/falesti-radio/2910-rf-17-05-2019?fbclid=IwAR3HQc8fYtzORyKxlqnGFZRg64dkgmWXxu6pPI2L44nh2f2F9 ICTXSmOrM
9.	The pollution of small rivers 14.03.2019	Radio Europa Libera Moldova	https://moldova.europalibera.org/a/r%2C%3A%2Furi-de-nep%2C%3A%2F83sare-poluarea-apelor-pur-si-simplu/29820544.html?fbclid=IwAR3QqFfmrq4BGx7BIRII D STud38BXCQ7WkAu95Celgt0DsaECpQwU9Mw
10.	Moldova Rivers 13.03.2019	EcoFM	https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fecofmmmd%2Fvideos%2F2156360221343468%2F&show_text=0&width=560

Nr.	Subject	Article title	Newspaper/journal	Link
1.	Hunting season in Moldova	What do environmentalists think about hunting in state-protected areas and changes to the hunting season decision? 20.12.2019	Ecopresa.md	http://ecopresa.md/ce-cred-ecologistii-despre-vanatoarea-ariile-protejate-de-stat-si-modificarile-la-hotararea-privind-sezonul-de-vanatoare/?fbclid=IwAR2-ezavb5sD_hYA5AMvRwNHnt5M-KyI3Gp-8uBd4eHfDncFx8Tuk3BclFA
2.	Taxes increase for hybrid cars	Reactions and discontent: How the Government arguments the decision to cancel the 50% reduction on the import of hybrid cars 10.12.2019	Ziarul de Garda Zdg.md	https://www.zdg.md/stiri/stiri-sociale/reactii-si-nemultumiri-cum-argumenteaza-guvernul-decizia-de-a-anula-reducerea-de-50-la-importul-masinilor-hybrid?fbclid=IwAR03NOIFAw37jXTpwbmnrzeOuFDrH-lpCdQ6BFPjaiAkQGjMVIrW49BA65M
3.	Moldova Government Plan of Actions	DECLARATION of the National Platform of the Republic of	Eap-csf.md	https://www.eap-csf.md/declaratia-platfomei-nationale-a-republicii-moldova-a-forumului-societatii-civile-din-parteneriatul-estic-cu-privire-la-programul-de-activitate-a-guvernului-republicii-

		Moldova of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership on the program of activity of the Government of the Republic of Moldova 06.12.2019		moldova/?fbclid=IwAR2CHdKVQNaIjxV_80miKVF8UjvRMMzalhSHFp_Zy5qJcVMrg0wuNPEQwnOs
4.	Climate Box	"Climate Box" presented to the public 24.10.2019	UNDP Moldova	https://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2019/a-fost-prezentat-cutia-climatic--un-curs-opional-interactiv-pent.html?fbclid=IwAR05n310_up-b4mQkKZIUqyXwydUt_0LE7eFwiIYvOEeYZVq0tXtCNizYzY
5.	Law on Waste	DECLARATION of the civil society of the Republic of Moldova with reference to the Waste Law 20.08.2019	API.md	http://www.api.md/news/view/ro-declaratia-societatii-civile-din-republica-moldova-cu-referire-la-legea-deseurilor-2058?fbclid=IwAR0LNRZHYQoZhq8WeWPdqe3b2LZvVuP98MEztc2UmlRCSOgLxx5eGvlCNFIY
6.	Natural soaps	Experiment. The secret of soaps "100% produced in Moldova" 25.07.2019	Ecopresa.md	http://ecopresa.md/experiment-secretul-sapunurilor-100-produs-in-moldova/?fbclid=IwAR1H6X1RWQPkWFIL6zHsfVA6EDacK92h1Xy-XcuACphEAhecml6cN3TLsA
7.	Wastewater problem	Inna Kosheru: We are building a sewerage network, but it is not used, there is no water in the pipes, donors are in shock 31.05.2019	Vedomosti.md	http://www.vedomosti.md/news/inna-kosheru-my-stroim-kanalizacionnuyu-set-no-eyu-ne-polzuy?fbclid=IwAR3KiFuWuI5gZLdcAjrkeYXMSI_TUjHlc4IOY9tHmsvIphb95g2miVB5yB8
8.	Dniester vs Prut rivers	Why can't we count Prut as we count Dniester? 30.05.2019	Moldova.org	https://www.moldova.org/de-ce-nu-putem-contape-prut-asa-cum-contam-pe-nistru/?fbclid=IwAR0NxebkoY57qF3cfVGM2IKY79iBEeJpLmlI04pXC7Kwo9I2HPL-wOPI314
9.	The environmental issues in Soroca	Traditional discharges into the Dniester, the views of environmentalists 08.04.2019	Observatorul de Nord Observatorul.md	https://observatorul.md/social/ecologie/2019/04/08/57629_deversari-traditionale-in-nistru-opiniile-ecologistilor?fbclid=IwAR0sB_iCx-hFieiBbNZxFpqRPe033cPIQL9ATd4fAdRRFurpght-FyqQUic
10.	Water quality	Iuliana Cantaragiu: The situation in the field of water quality and quantity in Moldova is quite "sad" 22.03.2019	IPN.md	http://ipn.md/ro/societate/97218?fbclid=IwAR2XA_NimXwYHjzT-bvk8LaOp7Oo_HRSx-7BPAAc6oq5mRU7CXosuaUjtGk
11.	Novodnestr ovsk Hydropower plant	DANGER on the Dniester 19.12.2018	Ziarul National Ziarulnational.md	https://www.ziarulnational.md/pericolul-de-pe-nistru-zeci-de-ong-uri-din-r-moldova-cheama-guvernul-de-la-chisinau-sa-nu-semneze-acordul-cu-ucraina-cu-privire-la-extinderea-hidrocentralei-novodnetrovsk-nistrul-se-va-transforma-intr-o-

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12.	Dniester river	APPEAL on Ukraine's intention to expand the Dniester Hydropower Complex 18.12.2018	Platzforma.md	http://www.platzforma.md/arhive/386459?fbclid=IwAR2ilzaSbO4DYjwr9bW2-EZA2SzE6KotjZoWG9LDDr5bmanCp3w1V2NCP24
13.	Dniester river	Call on the Government to save the Dniester River 19.12.2018	Adevarul.md	https://adevarul.ro/moldova/actualitate/apel-guvern-salvarea-raului-nistru-1_5c1a4d25df52022f75a8a2a8/index.html?fbclid=IwAR1KY3_tVeif7oTtalU8k0xre-6ZdZMtSjh6eJsdjALw4QaGcsHf3o1RONc
14.	Dniester river	Call on the Government to save the Dniester River 19.12.2018	Stiri.md	https://stiri.md/article/social/apel-catre-guvernul-de-la-chisinau-pentru-salvarea-raului-nistru?fbclid=IwAR0lojVVWF_5DQWcFFFBMTtwYUw7cpTJsnZjttcb6t_Dr26NjV9FUEsLtM
15.	Dniester river	APPEAL to the Moldovan Government NOT to sign the Dniester Hydro Energy Complex Agreement: "It will have a devastating impact" 19.12.2018	Jurnal.md	http://www.jurnal.md/ro/news/2c070ec468ac98ed/apel-catre-guvernul-rm-ca-nu-semneze-acordul-complexului-hidroenergetic-pe-nistru-va-avea-un-impact-devastator.html?fbclid=IwAR29yxOZU5jIBcVpQep-teXSvBRj9SxDpVbGEwaHFb5tUs1r-THUAXhH1ss
16.	Message regarding Dniester river	Moldovan civil society organizations appeal to the Government of Ukraine not to sign the Agreement on ensuring the functioning of the Dniester Hydropower Complex 19.12.2018	Unimedia.md	https://unimedia.info/ro/news/ec32a16b917ca842/organizatiile-societatii-civile-din-rm-fac-apel-catre-guvernul-ucrainei-sa-nu-semneze-acordul-privind-asigurarea-functionarii-complexului-hidroenergetic-nistrean.html?utm_source=Site+Widgets&utm_medium=Last+News+Widget&utm_campaign=Last+News+Widget&fbclid=IwAR0gSmvC1-lWpJ6nr0v9mfOYx8EKq4rAbIIF0OXQvADqh0iZUH G2XP6REU