



THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: TOGETHER FOR ENVIRONMENT



Protecting, preserving and improving the environment is essential for present and future generations. The Republic of Moldova, like other countries in the region, faces difficult challenges in air pollution, ensuring a clean and safe water supply and sustainable waste management. The European Union is working together with the Republic of Moldova to tackle climate change and to ensure a better quality of life for Moldovan citizens through the development of better environmental policies and greener investments in the modernisation of the social and technical infrastructure in cities.

HOW ARE THE EU AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA WORKING TOGETHER?

- **Promoting decisions which respect both people and the environment:**

Developing and implementing policies which ensure a high level of environmental protection and improve the quality of life of Moldovan citizens.

- **Protecting nature:**

Building a joint network of protected areas across the Eastern Partnership region, the **Emerald Network**, and supporting the sustainable management of forests, crucial for better livelihoods in forestry-dependent communities.

- **Investing in an environmentally friendly future:**

Unlocking cheaper and more sustainable finance for local companies, municipalities and households willing to invest in environmentally friendly technologies.

- **Managing vital resources better:**

Improving the water management systems.

- **Delivering on climate policy goals:**

Supporting the delivery of the goals set by the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Protecting biodiversity

The EU through its **Clima East** project has worked with local communities to rehabilitate forests and pastures in the Orhei national park, improving forage yields and livestock production, reducing pressure on degraded areas, and improving wildlife habitat.

In addition, initiatives which contribute to the local economy, including developing eco-tourism trails and attracting folk festivals and cultural activities to the region have been developed.

Find out more:

www.climaeast.eu

and www.pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/emerald-network

“As an entrepreneur who collects milk from the nearby villages I feel the increase of milk quantity and quality, mostly thanks to the intervention of the pasture restoration project.”

Petru Dogocher,
Local entrepreneur,
Vatici village



Forest communities

Valeriu Caisin is a researcher who has developed a software application to help combat illegal logging. Building on Valeriu's efforts, the EU funded the development of a wood traceability system, providing real-time, verifiable information on harvested timber by tracking it through the entire production process. The system was successfully tested in a pilot area with Valeriu's help, and will now be rolled out at national level.

The EU provided support to Moldsilva, the agency responsible for forestry and hunting in Moldova, in launching a National Forestry Consultancy Office to provide expertise and assistance for improved forest management and sustainable development of natural resources. It also contributes to the implementation of the national forest plan by creating around 13,000 hectares of forest plantations on degraded lands by 2018 and rehabilitating thousands of forest shelterbelts.

Find out more:

www.enpi-fleg.org



"If you stop tending to a garden, it will vanish. But if you leave the forest in peace, it will benefit our lives."

Valeriu Caisin

Clean water

Thanks to EU support, the 7,000 residents of **Chirsova village** in Gagauzia now have permanent access to drinking water supplied from two water sources and a water tower. The programme has also helped to design a sanitation system for the village.

Clean water supply is a key element of EU support to the Republic of Moldova: between 2010 and 2016, a major programme delivered clean drinking water and sanitation services to the municipalities of Nisporeni, Varzaresti and Grozesti, with a positive impact on health and quality of life, as well as the environment.



"The implementation of this project will ensure constant supply of good water for all villagers, meaning that their health and living standards will improve."

Serghei Sapunji,
Mayor of Chirsova

LOOKING FORWARD

To help deliver on its commitments the EU is launching two major initiatives:

- **EU4Environment** integrates in a single strategic framework initiatives to achieve: **greener decision making – sustainable economy and green growth – 'smart' environmental regulation – ecosystem protection – knowledge sharing**
- **EU4Climate** will support the Eastern partner countries to implement their climate policies by contributing to **low emission and climate resilient development**, and helping them to meet their commitments under the 2016 Paris Agreement on Climate Change

KEY STATISTICS

To find **key environmental statistics for Republic of Moldova** on air pollution, biodiversity, waste, etc. visit the portal of the EU-funded project for shared environmental information systems – ENI SEIS II East.

www.eni-seis.eionet.europa.eu/east