

## PRESS-ANNOUNCEMENT

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### EU Advances Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation

On April 15, 2015 the EU officially launched the Call for Proposals to strengthen the territorial cooperation between Moldova and border regions of Ukraine. A series of Information Days under Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation Programme Call for Proposals will take on April 27 – May 8, 2015 to explain the procedure for potential applicants.

**Information Day in Vinnytsya will be held on May, 6** with participation of regional authorities and civil society organizations interested in seeking grants under this Call for Proposals and implementation common projects with partners from Moldova. They will be provided with information about application form, eligibility and selection criteria, specific requirements and other useful information for potential applicants.

The Info-Days will take place also in Chisinau, Balti and Cahul (Moldova) as well as in Chernivtsi and Odesa. The Info Days are organized by the Managing Authority North in cooperation with the EaPTC Support Programme.

**Journalists are invited to take part in the press conference that will be held in Vinnytsya on May, 6 at 12:30 in the hotel “Podillya” (4 Pushkina str.). The representatives of regional/local media will get a reimbursement of travel expenses related to the participation in the media event. The accreditation is required by May,5, 12 a.m. at: [anatoliy.martynovski@eaptc.eu](mailto:anatoliy.martynovski@eaptc.eu)**

**Background:** the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) was launched to create a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders of Moldova – Ukraine, Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia and Belarus – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area. It is as well aimed at strengthening the capacity of local and regional state and non-state actors to jointly develop and implement cross-border projects. The overall EU contribution to EaPTC is 12.5 million EUR.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a European Union initiative directed at six countries of Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The initiative aims at closer relations between the EU and the Eastern partners, deepening their political co-operation and economic integration.

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