

PRESS-RELEASE

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EU allocates over 3 million Euro for the development of cross-border cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Odesa, May 8, 2015 – Information Day under the Call for Proposals in the framework of Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation Programme, which is one of the four EaPTC Programmes financed by the European Union in the Eastern Partnership region, is being held in Odesa on May 8, 2015.

The total budget of Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation Programme amounts to 3.3 mil. Euro. The Programme covers the area of Vinnytsia, Odesa and Chernivtsi regions (oblasts) and the whole territory of the Republic of Moldova.

The overall objective is to implement joint cross-border projects aimed at promoting closer business links, solving environmental problems, creating alternative employment opportunities, promoting multi-cultural diversity, facilitating people-to-people contacts etc. Project can be implemented by communities, state institutions and civil society organisations.

“Odesa region has always been actively supporting the development of cooperation with neighbouring countries, including the Republic of Moldova. In the framework of different cooperation instruments in recent years a significant experience of the implementation of joint projects by organizations and institutions from Odesa and Moldova has been accumulated, - Ms. Anastasiia Andronova, Deputy Director of Foreign Economic Activity and European Integration Department of Odessa Regional State Administration, highlighted - Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation Programme is strategically important for our cooperation and meeting common challenges on the both sides of the border, including boosting regional development, improving interpersonal relations, establishment of close contacts in all the cooperation sectors. Participation of our region in the international technical assistance programmes like this is a priority for the regional authorities, therefore we will ensure maximum support to all those wishing to be engaged in the process.”

“This is the first EU-funded cross-border cooperation programme for the Eastern Partnership countries, where they can cooperate amongst themselves, without the involvement of any EU partners. The partners, who are neighbouring countries, are able to independently determine their priorities and jointly solve the problems of bordering regions, thus contributing to sustainable economic and social development at the local level. - Mr. Alexei Sekarev, Team Leader of the EaPTC Support Programme, underlined. - Participation in the Programme will bring invaluable experience to all the potential applicants that will be useful for their further attraction of international funding to address their regional needs.”

Deadline for submission of project proposals under Moldova – Ukraine Territorial Cooperation Programme is July 14, 2015.

Background: Press-conference is organized in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) aimed at creating a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia, Belarus – Ukraine and Moldova – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area, as well as 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 the EaPTC amounts to 12.5 million EUR.

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