

## 1. Environmental education and ESD: harmonised approach

### Background

The project is aimed at providing support for the implementation of the UNECE Education for Sustainable Development Strategy and to reach the sub-objective 6.3. of the EECCA Strategy on environmental education. It envisages implementation of national assessments to prioritise educational needs and technical assistance, including development of a relevant network, directories, trainings, guidelines and strategy. It will also support the development of teaching materials ('green packs').

### Goals and objectives

- 1) To introduce Environmental/Sustainable Development issues into education systems and curricula, and
- 2) Build the capacity of those organisations responsible for Environmental Education (thereby raising environmental awareness of all stakeholders).

## 2. Legal Advocacy of Environmental Rights Through ICT Application

The *overall project objective* is to develop the legal advocacy of environmental rights through the application of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the Republic of Moldova by 2007.

The *specific project objectives* are to:

- Enable the citizens to defend their environmental rights.

This will be achieved through the development and application of an ICT "Legal Advocacy Toolkit" that will support the collaboration within the environmental sector and assist the development of the legal profession.

## 3. Save Our Streams

**The goal of the project** is to raise public awareness on the importance of the small streams protection and conservation and minimize the impact of pollution on water quality and to integrate the SOS methodology into the school programme.

The proposed methodology for monitoring of the water quality in the streams is based on the biological monitoring (identification of the macro invertebrates in the streams). The methodology proved to be simple, inexpensive and proper even for schoolchildren.

## 4. Information Campaign Towards Integrated Water Management In The Republic Of Moldova

**Objective:** Enabling the improved water governance at local level in the Republic of Moldova by promoting the implementation of integrated water resources management and by establishing partnerships among the environmental stakeholders within the Moldovan parts of the Dniester and Prut rivers

**Project background:**

- Concept of National Policy on Water Resources Management, adopted by the Decision No. 325-XV from 18 July 2003 of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- EU/Moldova Action Plan
- EU Water Initiative and Water Framework Directive
- Inefficient water management
- Lack of knowledge on integrated water resources management at district and local levels etc.

**Target groups:**

- District authorities (i.e. district councils, water and sanitation services, centres of preventive medicine, sections of ecological control, cadastral services etc.)
- Mayoralties
- Environmental NGOs, including from Transdnistria.

**Activities:**

- Organizing workshops on integrated water management within the Danube and Dniester territorial and basin regions of the Republic of Moldova
- Elaboration of a manual on integrate water resources management for the public
- Evaluation of the current state of water bodies and main pollution sources (according to the EU Water Framework Directive) in the basin of a pilot stream from the Moldovan Part of the Dniester River
- Promotion of public participation in water resources management etc.

**Project results:**

- Training materials
- Manual on integrated water resources management
- Leaflets on integrated water resources management
- Dniester and Prut Basin Networks of NGOs and local authorities trained in integrated water resources management etc.
- Report on the state of water bodies within the basin of a pilot stream (tributary of the Dniester River)
- Management Plan of a pilot stream (tributary of the Dniester River).

**5. Strengthening The Local Environmental Capacity In The Republic Of Moldova**

**Objective:** Strengthening the local capacity towards environmental protection and sustainable development by building municipal and community capacity as well as enabling environmental partnerships at local level

**Project background:**

The Moldovan local authorities were given broad, new responsibilities for addressing the multitude of severe environmental problems.

In the same time, the local authorities have been provided with very little guidance on how to fulfill these obligations

The project objective is also linked with the provisions of national policy documents, in particular:

- National Concept of Environmental Policy
- National Strategy of economic Growth and Poverty Elevation
- National Programme “Moldovan Village” etc.

Looking within the European context, the project is fully in line with the *European Neighbourhood Policy* of the European Union. The recently approved *EU - Moldova Action Plan* is a political document laying out the strategic objectives of the cooperation between Moldova and EU. It covers a timeframe of three years. Its implementation will help fulfil the provisions in the *Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)* and will encourage and support Moldova’s objective of further integration into EU economic, ecological and social structures.

**Target groups:**

- District authorities (i.e. district councils, water and sanitation services, centres of preventive medicine, sections of ecological control, cadastral services etc.)
- Mayoralties
- Environmental NGOs

**Activities:**

- Organizing a series of workshops on local environmental management
- Elaboration of guidelines on local environmental management
- Development of a manual on waste management at local level
- Promotion of public participation in environmental decision-making and setting environmental partnerships
- Study tour to local authorities from the United Kingdom.

**Project results:**

- Training materials
- Trained local environmental stakeholders
- Environmental know-how
- Collaboration relationships between local authorities from the Republic of Moldova and United Kingdom.
- Guidelines on local environmental management
- Manual on waste management at local level.