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HISTORIC EUROREGION SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU

The cross-border cooperation within the European Union and the candidate countries has gradually evolved from addressing common issues and socio-cultural cooperation to developing common strategies to exploit the common potential. Subsequently, the cooperation was developed at project level to include the preparation and implementation of EU programs supporting cross-border cooperation in the member states.

The regulations and guidelines of European Union have imposed the existence a necessary structure for the development of cross-border programs and for the management of the implementation of these programs.

The legislative framework for carrying out cross-border cooperation actions by the authorities and local communities from Romania is ensured by Government Emergency Ordinance (GEO) no. 120/1998 for the ratification by Romania of the *European Framework Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation of Communities or Authorities*, Adopted in Madrid on 21 May 1980. Romania is a party to the European Charter of Local Self-Government, adopted in Strasbourg on October 15, 1985, and ratified by the Law 199/1997.

According to the provisions of the Madrid Convention, cross-border cooperation aims to strengthen and develop neighborhood relations between communities or territorial authorities that are dependent on two or more Contracting Parties, as well as the conclusion of agreements and understandings that are useful for this purpose.

The **Euroregion Siret – Prut – Nistru** is a permanent structure with its own identity. It was established on **18 September 2002** to facilitate the cooperation between three counties in **ROMANIA (IASI, NEAMŢ AND VASLUI)** and initially three counties of **REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (UNGHENI, LAPUŞNA AND CHISINAU)**, on **4 December 2002** the same year other 3 counties joined: **ORHEI and SOROCA (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA)**. Thus, the signing of the Cross - border Cooperation Protocol of the Siret - Prut - Nistru Euroregion was held in Iasi on 18 September 2002, while the Statute of the **Siret - Prut - Nistru Euroregion** was adopted in the first Forum of Euroregion Presidents on 4 December 2002 in Ungheni, Republic of Moldova.

As a result of the administrative-territorial reorganization in 2003, the Republic of Moldova resulted in 18 member raions of the Euroregion: Anenii Noi, Basarabeasca, Calarasi, Cimislia, Criuleni, Dubasari, Floresti, Hancesti, Ialoveni, Leova, Nisporeni, Orhei, Straseni, Soldanesti, Telenesti and Ungheni.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

FORUM OF PRESIDENTS – "The Council of Legal Representatives of the administrative-territorial units - the Forum of Presidents - consists of the Presidents of the administrative-territorial units of the counties and districts of the Euroregion ..." (Article 2 of the Statute of the Euroregion)

"The Presidents' Forum adopts its resolutions and decisions by open vote. Resolutions and decisions are adopted by consensus of the participants with the right to vote "(Article 5 of the Statute of the Euroregion)

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Working methods of Siret – Prut – Nistru Euroregion:

- development and cooperation does not require measures based on individual cases ;
- it is constituted the solid base for initiating, maintaining and developing cross-border relations: citizens, institutions, politicians, social partners, etc.
- implementation of cross-border decisions at national level, in accordance with procedures applicable on both sides of the border (avoiding conflicts of competencies and structural capacities);
- cooperarea se face pe plan orizontal, în afara graniței și în plan vertical (european, guvernamental, regional și local).
- the cooperation is done horizontally, across borders and in vertical (European, governmental, regional and local).

Activities carried out within the euroregion :

- the annual organization of conferences, symposiums, international and scientific meetings on cross-border cooperation issues;
- exchange of experience in the administrative area, cultural, socio - economic, etc. ;
- identifying and preparing the steps for the joint projects of the euroregion;
- numerous actions in the cultural and scientific field;
- building partnerships in the metropolitan development.

The **Siret – Prut – Nistru Euroregion** enjoys the logistical support of the first Euroregion established in the European Union in 1952, EUREGIO.

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION EUROREGION SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU

By the Romania Government Ordinance no. 120/1998 for the ratification by Romania of the European Framework Convention on Cross-border Cooperation of Local Communities or Authorities, adopted in Madrid on May 21, 1980, with subsequent amendments and amendments, mentions the activities of the Euroregions without the legislator establishing their capacity to be a holder of rights and obligations with national or international character. In order to benefit from all these rights and obligations and to access various funds, the **Siret - Prut - Nistru Euroregion** found the way to acquire legal personality through the establishment of an association.

In May 2005, the **Siret - Prut - Nistru Euroregion** with the support of the Iasi County Council established the "**Siret - Prut - Nistru Euroregion**" Association, through which it has the possibility to manage its own funds. An important objective of the association is the absorption of funds for the implementation of cross-border projects.

The association reunited in May 2005 as founding members, the 20 members of the Euroregion: Iași County, Vaslui County, Romania, Anenii Noi District, Basarabasca District, Călărași District, Cimișlia District, Criuleni District, Dubăsari District, Florești District, Hancesti District, Ialoveni District, Leova District, Nisporeni District, Orhei District, Rezina District, Soroca District, Strasenii District, Șoldănești District, Telenesti District, Ungheni District, Republic of Moldova.

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At 1 september 2015, the Euroregion „Siret-Prut-Nistru” and Association „Euroregion Siret – Prut – Nistru” brings together **25 districts** of 32 from the **Republic of Moldova, Balti Municipality, Gagauzia Autonomous Territorial Unit** and **3 counties from Romania (IASI, PRAHOVA AND VASLUI)**.

MAJOR LANDMARKS

The Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru brings together **25 districts** of 32 from the **Republic of Moldova, Balti Municipality, Gagauzia Autonomous Territorial Unit** and 3 counties from **Romania (IASI, PRAHOVA AND VASLUI)**. It was established in 2005, as a Romanian legal person, based in Iași. Pe baza relațiilor bune stabilite în Ucraina în noiembrie 2012, Euroregiunea Siret-Prut-Nistru a semnat un acord de cooperare cu Euroregiunea Nistru, care include regiunea Vinitsa (Ucraina) și 7 raioane de pe granița nordică și nord-estă a Republicii Moldova.

The mission of the association is part of the European Union's Convergence Objective, stating that it is aimed at a cross-border level (with three local governments in the European Union and 26 local administrations outside the European Union).

Mission of the association	<p>Extend and improve the relations between local communities and authorities in the economic, cultural, scientific and civic sphere, in order to ensure the sustainable and balanced territorial development of the Euroregion.</p> <p>Respecting, protecting and guaranteeing the rights and interests of the administrative-territorial units belonging to the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion.</p>
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The activities and projects of the association cover various areas of interest, from economy, infrastructure, environmental protection, tourism, agriculture and rural development, human resources development and social services to education, information society and culture, in line with the development strategies of the local administrations.

ACTIVITY REPORT 2013 PERMANENT PROJECTS

FORUM OF THE PRESIDENTS OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ASSOCIATION OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION

Date: 13 martie 2013, Ialoveni, Republic of Moldova
Organizers: Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru
Objective: Meeting of the Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru members.

CROSS-BORDER ECONOMIC FORUM

Date: The first edition ran from 17 to 18 June 2013, Iași, Romania
Organizers: Association „Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru”

The Transfrontier Economic Forum represents the manifestation of the mission undertaken by the Iași County Council and the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion to support the development of cross-border economic relations at the eastern border of the European Union



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Over 200 companies from 23 administrative areas belonging to the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion,



representing the districts of the Republic of Moldova, Vinnytsia, Odessa, Chernivtsy, Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine) and 6 counties in the North- East (Romania), who had the opportunity to exhibit their products, to present their activity and to interact directly.

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The official opening of the Economic Forum took place on June 17, 2013 and was marked by the presence of a large number of official representatives from the three countries. Honorary invitations have been counted:

- Mr. Ivan MOVCEAN - President of the State Administration Vinnytsia;
- Mr. Serhii TATUSIAK - President of Vinnytsia Regional Council;
- Mr. Mihai GAINICERU - President of Chernivtsi Regional Council;
- Mr. Petru ROTARI - Deputy Mayor of Chernivtsi;
- Mr. Razvan RUSU - General Director - Directorate for Regional Affairs within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Mr. Cornel IONESCU - Ambassador of Romania in Ukraine;
- Mr. Marius LAZURCA - Ambassador of Romania in Republic of Moldova;
- Mr. Gabriel-Calin ONACA - Secretary of State for European Funds;
- Mr. Mircea COSMA - President of the Prahova County Council;
- Mr. Ioan NANI - Antibiotice Manager, Iasi;
- Mr. Neculai APOSTOL - Administrator of Kosarom;
- Mr. Vasile ISAN - Rector of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iasi;
- Mr. Alexey POROSHENKO - Administrator of UKR PRO INVEST;
- Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce from the counties: Bacau, Botosani, Iasi, Vaslui and Cernauti, Ivano-Frankivsk and Vinnitsa.
- Presidents of District Councils from Republic of Moldova.
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The second day of the event was dedicated to the large companies and large-scale projects of local governments. There were presented the most important projects supported by the Iasi County Council, the Administrations of Vinnytsia and Chernivtsi and by the Bacau Chamber of Commerce. Large companies like Valrom Industries, MPP Ruslana and UKR PRO INVEST (Ukraine) and EximBank, Antibiotice Iasi, Fortus, Hydramold, Brikstone (Romania) have expressed interest in developing cross-border collaborations.

The event captured the media interest in Romania and Ukraine, being related by 32 partners from the local and national media and 40 Ukrainian radio and television journalists.

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Organizatori:



FORUM ECONOMIC TRANSFRONTALIER

EUROREGIUNEA
Siret - Prut - Nistru

17 - 18 iunie 2013

17.06.2013
Deschiderea Forumului Economic
Sălile de conferință Palas

18.06.2013
Lucrările forumului economic
Centrul Expozițional Moldova - Iași



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Parteneri:



Parteneri media:



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The Cross-Border Business Forum is a permanent project of the Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion and aims to expand its scope in the future to Central Europe and all regions of Ukraine.

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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE WITH TEMATICS DEDICATED TO "SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU" EUROREGION

Event profile:

The first edition took place in 2005.

The 2013 edition was dedicated to the role of Euroregions in sustainable development.

Date: June 21, 2013, Iași, Romania

Organizers:

Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch

Institute of Economic and Social Research "Gh.Zane" of the Romanian Academy

Association "Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru"

Objectives:

- Assessing the current state of economic and social development of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion.
- Identifying research areas and new opportunities for collaboration and cooperation in the most important fields of life and activity within the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion.



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- New collaborative projects between researchers and teachers on both sides of the Prut, between administrative and territorial units within the Euroregion and between businessmen.
- Encourage university teachers, researchers, masters and PhD students to help identify short, medium and long-term solutions.
- Presentation of the realities and achievements of other Euroregions, acknowledged for the experience and success of the implemented programs. The approach focuses on the following areas of knowledge: economics, sociology, agriculture, environment, health, education, culture, tourism, etc..
- Structuring, substantiating, testing and applying new mathematical models and strategies for the development of Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion under conditions of risk and uncertainty.

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WORKING MEETINGS WITH THE FIRST RANGE INSTITUTIONS FROM ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

FORUM FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Date: The first edition took place on August 27, 2013, Ungheni, Republic of Moldova

Organizers:

Association “Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru”

Objective: Identifying cross-border funding priorities in line with the vision of local government in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.



With the participation of His Excellencies Mr. Victor PONTA, Prime Minister of the Romanian Government, Mr. Iurie LEANCĂ, Prime Minister of the Government of Moldova and Mr. Günther OETTINGER, European Commissioner for Energy.

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THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM "COMPETITIVENESS BY PARTNERSHIP"

Date: November 29, 2013, Ungheni, Republic of Moldova

Organizers:

Ungheni District Council

Association "Euroregion Siret - Prut - Nistru"

Agency of Center Development

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ungheni Branch

Objective:

Promote and support economic competitiveness by boosting the development of strong regional partnerships, presenting successful practices and facilitating dialogue between all actors involved in creating a competitive and attractive economic environment.



The Forum was attended by representatives of central, regional and local public administration, embassies, the private associative sector, business environment in Romania and Ukraine.

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Forum agenda included:

- Presentations and discussions on enhancing regional dialogue for enhancing competitiveness, effective partnership and cooperation instruments, opportunities and success stories for investing in the region, signing the cooperation Agreement with the Vinnytsia Region, Ukraine.
- Three workshops on: "Association in agriculture - a prerequisite for sustainable rural development" CCI, Ungheni Branch; "New Opportunities for Business Development in the Region" ZEL "Ungheni-Business" and "Community Development through Sustainable Partnerships" Sculeni City Hall.



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THE FORUM OF THE PRESIDENTS OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ASSOCIATION EUROREGION SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU

Date: December 13, 2013, Balți, Republic of Moldova

Organizers: Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru

Objective: Meeting of the Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru members.

FUNDAMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FROM ROMANIA, THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

Establishing partnership agreements between:

- The National Agricultural University of Vinnytsia and University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Iasi;
- The Pedagogical University "M. Kotiubinskiy" from Vinnitsa and "Al. I. Cuza" University from Iasi;
- The National University of Medicine "N.I. Pirogov" University of Vinnitsa and University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iasi;
- The Socio-Economic Institute of "Ukraine" University of Vinnitsa and "Al. I. Cuza" University of Iasi.

Renewal of the collaboration relations between the National Technical University of Vinnytsia and the Technical University of Iasi, under the signed cooperation agreement.

Implementation of the Economic Forum in Vinnitsa, with the participation of representatives from Iasi County and the districts of the Republic of Moldova.

Participation in the celebration of **1000 years since the founding of the Liadovo Monastery** and participation in the celebrations of **1025 years since the adoption of Christianity in Kiev Kiev**.

Establishing partnership agreements between:

- The commissions of Vinnytsia Regional Council and the commissions of the Iasi County Council.
- The Association for Protection and Assistance of People with Disabilities "Open Heart" and the Social-Educational Center "Galata".
- "Vinnitiaoblvodokanal" communal society and "Apa Vital" company.

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Strengthening cooperation between the territorial communities from Iasi County and the Vinnytsia region, within the framework of signed cooperation agreements.

Signing of new cooperation agreements between the territorial units from Iasi County and the Vinnytsia region territorial units.



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PUNCTUAL PROJECTS

INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION REGIONAL FORUM "COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT"

Date: May 23 - 24, 2013 , Costesti, Republic of Moldova

Organizers:

Ministry of Regional Development and Construction
Center for Regional Development

Co-Organizers:

The Ministry of Economy

The Organization for Attraction of Investments and Export Promotion from Moldova (MIEPO)

Association "Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru"

Ialoveni District Council, Republic of Moldova

The Project of Modernization of Local Public Services (German International Cooperation Agency)

The project Technical Assistance of EU Sectoral Budget Support "Economic Stimulation in Rural Areas"

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Objective:

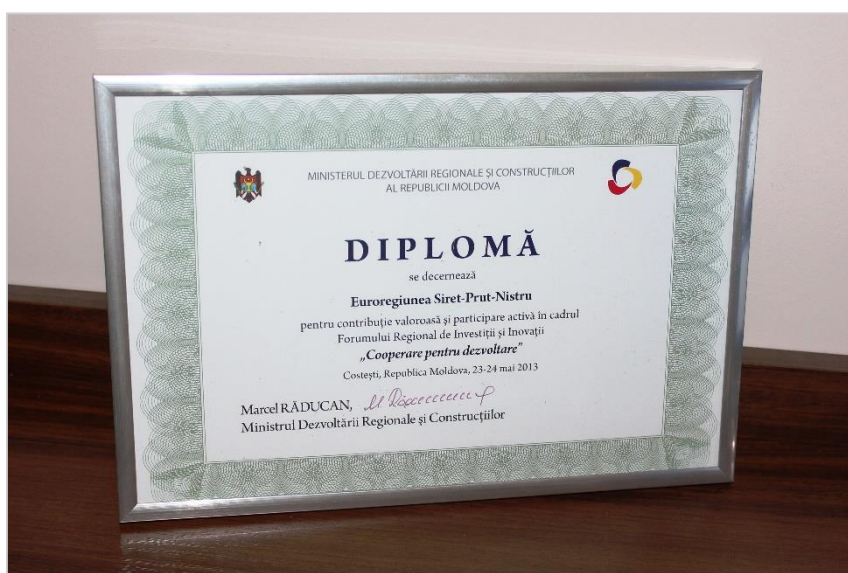
- Promovarea programelor și proiectelor investiționale și inovaționale din sectorul public orientate spre dezvoltarea echilibrată și durabilă a Regiunii de Dezvoltare Centru;
- Ensure a formal and informal communication environment for setting intermunicipal, regional and cross-border partnerships;
- Creating a platform for the exchange of best practices on polycentric urban development, inter-municipal cooperation and diversification of the rural economy.

The Forum is an open and interactive platform for exchange of knowledge and practice in the field of regional development in order to strengthen the capacities of regional actors in attracting investments and promoting innovation in the Center Development Region. The Forum is also an excellent opportunity to establish partnerships for inter-municipal, regional and cross-border cooperation.

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About **150 participants** were invited to the Forum: representatives of the Central Public Administration, Local Public Administration, development partners, regional development institutions, NGOs, local and national media, etc.



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THE TRADITIONAL FAIR WITH THE OCCASION OF THE SAINT PETER AND PAVEL

Date: July 13 - 14, 2013, Chernivtsi, Ucraina

Organizers:

Chernivtsi Regional Council

City Hall of Chernivtsi

The annual traditional fair with the participation of craftsmen, folk artists, producers and guests coming from all neighboring countries (Russia, Poland, Lithuania or Romania).



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THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP "SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION" - "NISTRU EUROREGION"

Objectives:

- Extending and improving the relationships between local communities and authorities
- Signing cooperation agreements and partnerships
- The foundation of the strategy of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion



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CULTURAL MANAGEMENT - FRAMEWORK FOR THE STORAGE OF TRADITIONAL VALUES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA "- MAE - DPRPP

Date: July - September 2013, Iasi, România

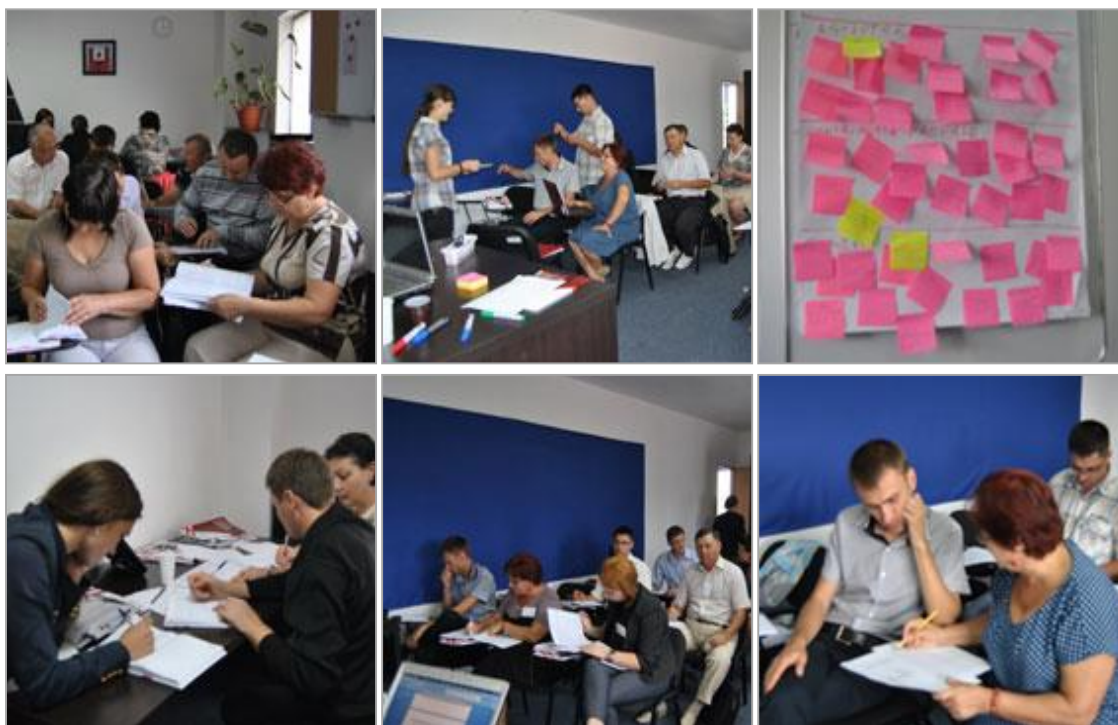
Organizers:

Association „Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru”

Fianciers:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Department of Policies for Relations with Romanians Abroad



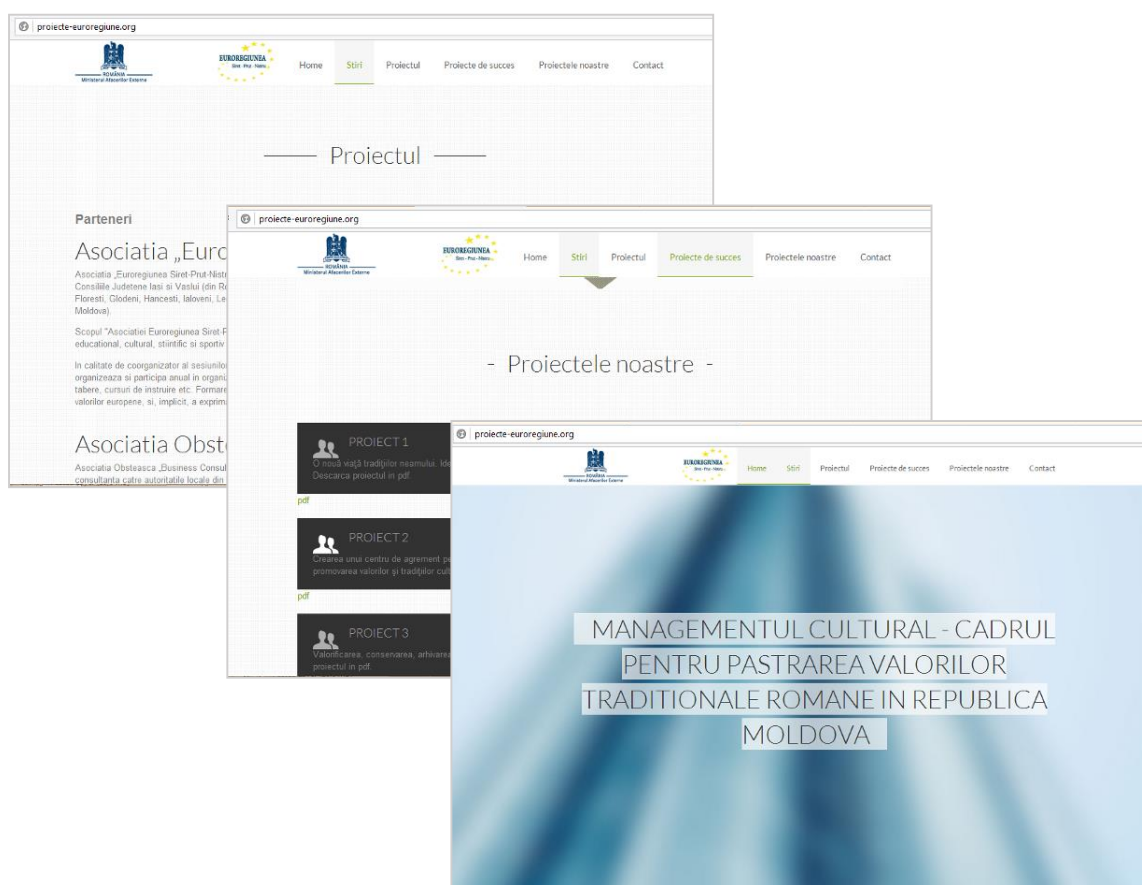
General objective

Formation of local pillars in project management in the Republic of Moldova. For this purpose, within the project, a training course is organized for the training of cultural experts as project managers, delegated by each Council member of the "Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion" Association. At the same time, the participants are informed about the common elements of tradition, between Romania and the Republic of Moldova, based on the cultural objectives of the city of Iasi.

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The course included ways of identifying sources of funding, how to prepare a grant application, the basics of a project, and the process of project implementation / management. The training was completed with the student evaluation stage and handing over the CNFPA accredited diplomas for the project manager. The training sessions took place in Iasi, between 26.08.2013 - 30.08.2013.

The end of the project "Cultural Management - Framework for Preserving the Traditional Values in the Republic of Moldova" was created by the joint elaboration by the trained persons of 5 projects for promoting the values and traditional elements of the Republic of Moldova.



Each of the five projects developed and presented during the training sessions will be monitored by the AESPN after the completion of the internship to provide logistical support to applicants in raising funds. Also, the 5 projects are published on the website created within the project funded by the MAE - DPRRP.

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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM "DANUBE SINERGY"

Date: 31 October - 1 November 2013, Odessa, Ukraine

Organizers:

Odessa Regional State Administration

Objectives:

Enhance cooperation between business, government, and public sector countries in the Danube region and other countries to achieve economic potential, improve environmental protection and better living conditions in the Danube region.



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Among the priorities of the forum's agenda were:

- Transition from the point of view of international economic relations, from trade and marketing to production and investments through the development and implementation of joint investment projects.
- Supplying resources to develop transport and infrastructure as a key factor in revitalizing the Lower Danube economy.
- Using the mechanism of creating the Priority Development Territories to improve economic activities in the field.
- Economic cooperation with border and interregional organizations and associations.

