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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. Later, 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.

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ACTIVITY REPORT 2014 PERMANENT PROJECTS

ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA IN THE SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION

Date: Starting with January a.c.; Permanent project

Objective: Identification of stake holders, needs list, ongoing and future projects.

Results: Drawing up descriptive files at the level of each rayon with the above mentioned elements. At a later stage, round tables on fields, with counterparts from the Romanian counties of the Euroregion in order to plan and budget the partnership's activities.



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

Date: 2-5 April 2014, Ploiesti-Bucharest, Romania

Organizers: Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru

Objective: The meeting of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion members.

THE TRANSFRONTAL ECONOMIC FORUM, II EDITION

Date: 25 - 26 iunie 2014, Bălți, Republica Moldova

Organizers:

Association "Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion"

City Hall of Balti Municipality



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More than 400 participants: representatives of the business environment and local and central public authorities in Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Germany, Poland, Italy and the CIS.



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Inaugural speeches were delivered by Mr. Cristian Adomnitei - President of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion and Mr. Vasili Panciuc - Mayor of Balti Municipality..

Representatives of the event's partners: S.C. ApaVital S.A. Iasi, Afaceri.ro, BCR Chisinau, S.C. Conest S.A. Iași and S.C. Cotnari S.A. Iasi gave short presentations of the areas of interest for the respective companies.



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The event was attended by representatives of the Romanian and Moldovan Governments, the diplomatic corps of Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, the Presidents of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion from the Republic of Moldova, the Presidents of the Romanian County Councils, the Governors and the Presidents of the Regions Ukrainian on the Common Border, Presidents of Romanian Chambers of Commerce, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, external partners of Balti City Hall and the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion, financiers, businessmen, rectors, representatives of civil society.



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

Date: December 17, 2014, Straseni, Republic of Moldova

Organizers: Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru

Objective: The meeting of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion members.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE THEMATICS DEDICATED TO EUROREGION "SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU"

Event profile:

The first edition took place in 2005.

The 2014 edition was dedicated to the role of Euroregions in sustainable development.

Date: June 27, 2014, Balti, Republic of Moldova

Organizers:

Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch

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

Association "Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion"

IAȘI County Council

Participants:

- Vice-Rector of Alecu RUSSO University of Balti, Ms. Valentina PRITCAN
- Director of the Institute of Economic and Social Research of the Romanian Academy - Prof. Dr. Teodor PĂDURARU;
- Vice-President of Iasi County Council - Alin AIVĂNOAIE
- Executive Director of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion, Ec. Dr. Tudor JIJIE
- About 40 professors and doctoral students from Romania and the Republic of Moldova



PUNCTUAL PROJECTS

MEETING OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA FROM THE "SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU" EUROREGION WITH INVESTORS FROM INDUSTRIAL PARKS OF PRAHOVA COUNTY

Date: April 3, 2014, Prahova, Romania

Objective: Discussions with the local business environment to identify opportunities for public-private partnerships.



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WORKING MEETING OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA FROM THE "SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU" EUROREGION WITH POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONERS OF THE PRAHOVA COUNTY

Date: April 3, 2014, Prahova, Romania

Objective: Identifying joint projects and opportunities for partnerships between local governments.



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WORKING MEETING AT VICTORIA PALACE DIRECTED BY VICTOR PONTA AND VICEPREMIER LIVIU DRAGNEA, MINISTER OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Date: April 4, 2014, Bucharest, Romania

Objective: Discussing the improvements that can be made to the legislative framework in order to allow a better absorption of the Romanian funds at the level of the Moldovan administrations.



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JOINT MEETING OF CROSS-BORDER CHAIRMANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA WITHIN THE SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION WITH THE NATIONAL UNION OF THE ROMANIAN COUNTY COUNSELORS (UNCJR)

Date: April 4, 2014, Bucharest, Romania

Objective: Harmonizing and deepening the cooperation relations between the County Councils in Romania and the District Councils of the Republic of Moldova in the context of the process of European integration and the establishment of new bilateral agreements between the districts of the Republic of Moldova and counties in Romania.



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THE OFFICIAL RECEIVING OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES IN COTROCENI BY THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA, TRAIAN BĂSESCU

Date: April 4, 2014, Bucharest, Romania



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PARTNERSHIPS WITH MEDIA INSTITUTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND ROMANIA

Objective:

- Promotion of Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion projects in the Moldovan media;
- Facilitating the creation of contacts with Romanian media institutions with the perspective of creating common media products.

Results:

- Interviews supported by representatives of the Euroregion on TV such as: TVM, TV7, JURNAL TV, TVR Iași (with visibility in the Republic of Moldova), TVR Cluj (with visibility in the Republic of Moldova);
- Participation of representatives of the Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion to events generated by Moldovan media (eg "Home in Europe" - Chisinau, 14.11.2014);
- Receiving the proposal on offering themes and supporters of a "pill" issue on European funds to TVM (under construction);
- Receiving the proposal for providing themes and supporters of a "pill" type broadcast Moldova to Radio Impact FM and Viva FM (under construction);
- Launching talks on granting a radio license to a Romanian operator in the northern area of the Republic of Moldova.



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SUPPORT OF CONSULAR MISSION ACTIVITIES

Example: Consulate of the Republic of Moldova in Iasi

- identification of potential Romanian investors in the Republic of Moldova;
- transfer of good practices in the field of Romanian energy legislation.

Example: Consulate of Romania in Cernăuți

- participation in the events organized by the consulate where the Euroregion was invited.



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SUPPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROMANIAN COUNTY COUNCILS, MEMBERS OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRUE EUROREGION

Example: IAȘI County Council

- Identifying potential partners for:
 - Town halls in the county. 8 partners from the Ialoveni district and one from the Ungheni district were identified;
 - Hospitals administered by CJ Iasi
 - Infectious Diseases Hospital Iași - Bălți Municipal Hospital, partnership with the Balti Municipality Sitalia in the project "Transfrontier Management of Infectious Diseases";
 - Iasi Hospital for Infectious Diseases and Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital Iasi participated in a meeting with counterparts from ATU Gagauzia on October 30 as a precursor to the identification of the subsequent partnering framework;
 - Cultural institutions administered by CJ Iasi
 - CJCPCT Iași - Balti Municipality Culture Directorate, partnership with soldiers with common conferences, exchange of good practices, common cultural events;
 - The Moldavian Philharmonic IAȘI - Balti Municipality Cultural Directorate, a partnership with three concerts held in Balti by the Moldavian Philharmonic in Iasi: 17 January, 25 June, 27 August;
 - Economic operators in IJC administration:
 - Ex. APAVITAL Iasi in its approach to extending the activity in the Republic of Moldova;
- Logistic and human support for actions carried out by the institutions and / or directorates of the Iasi County Council:
 - Roundtable of Secretaries of the Territorial Administrative Units of Romania, Republic of Moldova and Vinitsa Region (Ukraine) - held in Iasi 3-5 July 2014;
 - Inauguration of the new runway of International Airport Iasi - Iasi, August 20;
 - Working visit of representatives of the IAȘI Social Welfare Directorate in Vinitsa (Ukraine) - November 9-12, 2014;
 - The COTER Seminar of the COR was held in Iasi on September 18th;
 - Seminar "Invest in IAȘI" held in Vienna on 23 September;
 - Seminar "Think smart locally, grow regionally", held in Brussels on 6-9 October on the occasion of "Open Days";
 - "Highway for Moldova" Conference, held on 4 December, in Piatra Neamt.

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SUPPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, MEMBERS OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION

- participation in the "Rezina International Economic Forum" event on May 21st;
- participation in the event "The Day of Balti Municipality" on May 22nd;
- participation in the "Ungheni Regional Economic Forum" event on 3 July;
- participation in the events dedicated to "Independence Day" on 27 August held in Balti, Soroca, Soldanesti and Ungheni;
- participation in the "Iosif Naniescu People's University" event in the period 5-7 September, held at Sîngerei;
- identification of investment partners for the development projects of Balti municipality (travel to Milan, Lombardy Regional Council in the period 24-26 September with a delegation from Balti Municipality, preparation of the agenda, preparation of the presentation materials, assurance of continuity);
- participation in the "Marriage Festival" event on September 28th
Held in Soroca;
- participation at the "Wine Route" event on 29 September
Held in Ialoveni;
- participation in the "Autumn of Gold" event on October 12th
Held in Calarasi;
- participation in the "Inauguration of the Municipal Stadiums of Ungheni" on November 25;
 - developed in Călărași;
 - participation in the event "The role of Urban Territorial Strategic Agenda in the Process of Accession of the European Funds 2014-2020" - Balti, November 26th.



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EVENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROMOTION OF SIRET-PRUT-NISTRU EUROREGION IN ELIGIBLE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES

- participation in the Public Debate "The Benefits of the Association Agreement of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union", Vulcănești, July 27;
- participation in the public debate "The Benefits of Europeanization - the Experience of Romania", Comrat, September 15;
- participation in the Economic Forum of ATU Gagauzia and the Wine Festival from 31 October to 2 November..



OTHER EVENTS

- providing logistic and human support for documenting a volume dedicated to the Republic of Moldova with international publication, in English - 19-25 May;
- Starting the collaboration with the Helsinki-Talinn Euroregion - June 4th;
- Participation in the International Conference of the International Chamber of Commerce of Estonia - Narva, 5-6 June;
- Promotion and participation in the "Opening of the Romanian-Republic of Moldova Bilateral Chamber of Commerce" - Chisinau, July 18;
- Working visit jointly with the delegation of the Prahova Renewable Energy Agency in the Cimislia, Dubasari and Glodeni districts in order to identify potential investment projects in the field - 29-30 July;
- Participation in debates managed by the Black Sea University Foundation in Moldova - in Chişinău (October 1st) and Iaşi (November 26th).

