

PROJECT INFORMATION

Capacity building for the promotion of young professionals for the environment in the Republic of Moldova

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Young activists discuss the playful method at a network meeting.

Source: Julian Gröger (EcoVisio)

Background

The Environmental Strategy 2014-2023 describes how the Republic of Moldova intends to harmonise its environmental standards with those of the European Union. Many of the requirements of European law have already been transposed into Moldovan national law. However, its implementation has so far been deficient. One reason for this is that there is a lack of suitable new talents: already in 2014, 25% of Moldovans aged 15-29 left the country, and almost half of them had a higher level of education. This loss of capacity is also clearly evident in the environmental sector.

Project details

The project aimed to strengthen the capacities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Republic of Moldova that are active in the environmental sector. This requires a strategic recruitment and encouragement of young people, which is why the project directly addressed young people. The project offered them a comprehensive insight into the fields of activity and processes of NGOs. In training sessions and handouts, experienced German and local trainers passed on their knowledge to the young people tailored to their needs. In addition to a basic workshop and an online course on organisational development, the trainers offered in-depth information on fundraising and volunteer management and organised a study trip to innovative projects in Germany. The project team developed a comprehensive information portal on active environmental NGOs in the Republic of Moldova. Tandems and traineeships for junior staff were established, and young activists gained experience in pilot projects. Workshops and camps offered opportunities for the exchange of experiences and the creation of networks for a new, young generation of activists.

Beneficiary country: Republic of Moldova

Duration: 06/2020 – 02/2023

Beneficiaries: Young professionals in the environmental sector of the Republic of Moldova, employees of Moldovan environmental NGOs and authorities

Implementing organisations: Independent Institute for environmental Issues (UFI); Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers; EcoVisio

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