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I. FIRST STEPS TOWARDS A BETTER INFRASTRUCTURES



Implementation of Romania-Republic of Moldova cross-border cooperation projects has continued throughout 2021.

While some of the projects have been launched recently, others are in an advanced stage of implementation, with tangible results.

In this edition we propose you to find out what actions are to be carried out within the recently launched infrastructure projects, as well as to discover what results have been successfully achieved within the projects under implementation.



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Improvement and development of road infrastructure from cross-border area (1HARD/3.1/47)



The Nisporeni District Council of the Republic of Moldova and the Tutora commune in Romania are implementing a project to improve the transport infrastructure in the border area. It aims at developing economic and institutional relations in the Iasi-Nisporeni region, facilitating the accessibility and transit of goods and people at the Sculeni and Albita border crossing points.

The project envisages the rehabilitation of 8 km of road. Thus, in the Republic of Moldova the road segments connecting the Varzaresti Monastery with the neighbouring localities will be improved in order to shorten the road distance between Nisporeni town and the international road M1, the border with Romania – Leuseni – Chisinau – Dubasari – the border with Ukraine, and also to create the best road solution for the traffic coming from Ungheni (Republic of Moldova) to Albita (Romania).

At the same time, in Romania, the road segments connecting the villages of Tutora, Opriseni and Chiperesti with DJ 249 will be improved to reduce the travel time, to increase the accessibility of the Sculeni and Albita customs points and to improve the safety of the traffic participants.



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Stefan cel Mare – common history, shared heritage, Soroca-Vaslui (1HARD/4.1/93)

The conservation and promotion of the cultural and historical heritage of Soroca district and Vaslui county is the objective of a project implemented by the Soroca District Council of the Republic of Moldova in partnership with Vaslui County and the 'Stephen the Great' County Museum in Vaslui, Romania. As part of the project, representative monuments from the two regions will be restored and cross-border events will be organized aimed at strengthening the specific local cultural identity and the cultural dialogue. Also, the restoration of the Soroca Fortress will be completed and the Monumental Complex 'Equestrian Statue of the Ruler Stephen the Great', located in Bacaoani village, Vaslui county, will be restored.

The project totals 1,664,118.40 Euros, of which about 1.067.000 Euros is the budget managed by the Soroca District Council.



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Development of infrastructure – engine of socio-economic cooperation in the Tulucesti commune, Galati county and Sireti commune, Straseni district (1HARD/3.1/86)



One of the largest localities in Straseni district – Sireti village – will be connected by a new access road to the national route M5, PTF Criva – Balti – Chisinau – Tiraspol – Cuciurgan BCP. According to the project, the new road will directly connect the locality with the national route and will offer an alternative to the two access roads to Chisinau and Straseni.

Health in good hands - bigger hospitals, better care, best doctors for people in the border area Romania-Republic of Moldova (1HARD/4.1/24)

The general objective of the project is the development of the cross-border medical sector by rehabilitating the Hincesti Health Centre in Hincesti district, Republic of Moldova, and the TarguBujor Town Hospital in Galati County, Romania. Health programs, good practices of collaboration for the reduction of epidemiological hazard risks will be jointly developed and implemented. Thus, the aim is to create and strengthen a sustainable cross-border partnership between health institutions in Hincesti district and those in Galati County.

The project is implemented by the Galati County Council, Romania, in partnership with the Hincesti District Council, Republic of Moldova. The funds managed by the Hincesti District Council make up 472,739.71 Euros, including a grant of 348,628.45 Euros, and co-financing of 124,111.26 Euros.



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Cross-border integrated network for advanced health services in obesity, diabetes and metabolic disorders (1HARD/4.1/93)



The project was launched in June 2021 by the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Nicolae Testemitanu' in the Republic of Moldova and the University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Grigore T. Popa' in Iasi, Romania. It aims to create and develop a transnational and multidisciplinary network (research/services/education) consisting of interconnected specific centres serving the regional population in the border area. Other project actions include provision of direct medical services for the population of the region and research services for the benefit of partner universities and medical units; modernization of the educational system and institutional development of the partners by purchasing facilities and establishing research and teaching laboratories in the two partner institutions.

The project is implemented in the period from 27 April 2021 to 26 April 2023.



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Let's discover Stefan cel Mare traces together (1HARD/2.1/107)

Two major tourist attractions, dedicated to the era of Stephen the Great, will be rehabilitated within a project that provides for the preservation of the cultural and historical heritage in the cross-border area Vaslui-Hincesti. This is the Ciuciuleni Museum of History and Ethnography in Hincesti district, Republic of Moldova, and the monumental complex in Podulnalt, Vasluicounty.

The Ciuciuleni Museum will be modernized by configuring a concept of arrangement, operation and revitalization of a room dedicated to the ruler Stephen the Great. In addition to investments in infrastructure, promotional activities will be organized for the two restored objectives, as well as for common traditions and customs in the cross-border area. The total value of the project is 1,651,344.65 Euros, of which 196,811.61 Euros are the funds managed by the Hincesti District Council.

ROBOts dedicated to neuromotric valuable efficiency (1HARD/4.1/18)

The project aims to increase the efficiency of health services in the field of neurology, physiotherapy and neurosurgery

The project ensures the establishment and endowment of a Robotics and Neurorehabilitation Centre within the Clinical Rehabilitation Hospital in Iasi. In Chisinau, the project finances the construction of a building within the Unit I of the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery.

Shared recovery robots

Robot-assisted neurological medical recovery means a much more effective therapy; the patient no longer supports his/her own weight, and recovery is faster. The recovery robot also enhances the patient's motivation, who is therefore encouraged by the progress of the recovery of the lower and upper limbs.

Doctors in Iasi and Chisinau will capitalize on their experience within special training on neuromotor recovery, so that participants from the Republic of Moldova and Romania can be recovered as efficiently as possible.

The implementation period of this project is 24 months, until December 2023. The project has a total value of 6.6 million MDL, and the partners are Iasi municipality, the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery in Chisinau, along with the Clinical Rehabilitation Hospital in Iasi.



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Traveller on cultural meridians (1HARD/2.1/1)



Within the project, which aims to promote local culture and preserve heritage, a unique road in the Republic of Moldova, made of granite pavement and which is almost 100 years old – the central street Stefan cel Mare in Falesti town, will be repaired. The District Museum of History and Ethnography ‘Lazar Dubinovschi’ will also be reconstructed.

On the other side of the Prut River, the ‘Ion Creanga’ Museum will be reconstructed (Bojdeuca House – a heritage building, inner courtyard and museum building). The project is implemented by the Falesti Town Mayor’s Office and the Falesti District Council in the Republic of Moldova in partnership with the Iasi County Council. The total value of the project makes up 1,721,162.59 Euros, of which 1,500,000 Euros are European funds.

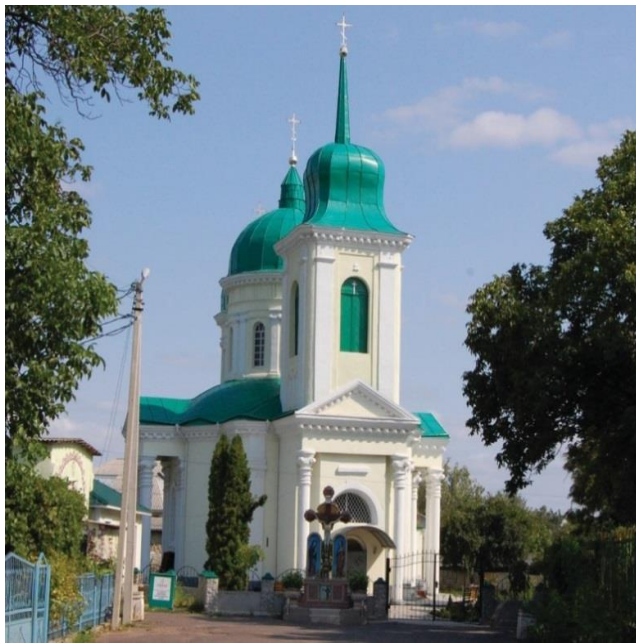


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Preservation and promotion of the cultural and historical heritage in the cross-border area of Iasi and Soroca(1HARD/2.1/88)

The Saint Dumitru Church from Soroca, Republic of Moldova, and the Saints Theodore Parish in Iasi, Romania will regain their former beauty following the restorations that will be carried out within the cross-border project. During two years, works will be carried out to rehabilitate and preserve the current state of the cultural heritage facilities, as they are threatened by degradation and possible natural disasters.

Sustainability, mobility and accessibility of the cross-border region Cahul – Oancea – improved transport infrastructure (1HARD/3.1/12)

The project envisages the rehabilitation of the transport infrastructure in the cross-border region Cahul-Oancea. Thus, over 3 km of road from Cahul Bus Station to Cahul-Oancea customs will be repaired in the Republic of Moldova. This road, which passes through the centre of Cahul town, will be the second connection with the Oancea border crossing point. The project provides for the rehabilitation of the road, the installation of lighting fixtures, the creation of bike lanes, the repair of the storm sewer. The total cost of the project is 2 million Euros.



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II.PROJECTS IN ACTION

The CBC Romania-Moldova a safer area by improving the Mobile Emergency Service for Resuscitation and Extrication (SMURD) operating infrastructure, by increasing the level of training and maintaining the capacity of professional personnel to intervene in emergency situations (SMURD-2/4.2/1)



The SMURD-2 cross-border project envisages the reconstruction of two SMURD operational points in Ungheni and Cantemir, the construction of four landing-take-off platforms for SMURD helicopters near four hospitals in Chisinau, Balti and Cahul municipalities and three platforms in Romania (Iasi, Galati, Botosani or Vaslui). Two Emergency Reception Units will be opened in Chisinau and Balti.

As part of the project, special vehicles equipped with high-performance medical equipment have been purchased for the

provision of qualified first aid and the transport of patients to the hospital, as well as for the performance of unload and rescue works. Other activities include the construction of a training ground for emergency services personnel in both states, such as improving the legal framework for cross-border interventions.



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Intelligent valorisation of agro-food industrial wastes (2SOFT/1.2/83)



The Technical University of Moldova in partnership with the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine 'Ion Ionescu de la Brad' in Iasi, Romania, strengthen their research and innovation capabilities for the efficient use of industrial agri-food waste, obtained from processing of grapes, fruits and vegetables.

The cross-border impact of the project consists in establishing joint research and innovation teams for the industrial agri-food waste management. The existing laboratories will be provided with specific equipment to allow the systematization of information on the type and quantity of industrial agri-food waste, the manner of managing them, and the creation of a common database. At the same time, a guide of good practices for intelligent waste recovery is to be developed, for enterprises that process grapes, fruits and vegetables generated by agricultural companies in Romania and the Republic of Moldova. Thus, this waste can be recovered in an smart way, without affecting the environment and communities in the cross-border area. Bioactive components can be recovered and reused in the food industry, while biosolvents from agricultural waste are an effective solution for purification of contaminated waters. For more details click intelwastes.utm.md

Collaborative entrepreneurial education (2SOFT/1.1/1)

The project purpose is to strengthen cross-border cooperation between the academic and economic environments in order to provide students with education meeting the highest standards in the field of entrepreneurship.

The project, worth 381,877.60Euros, is implemented between September 2020 and March 2022 by the Organization for the Development of the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, as project leader, in partnership with the Technical University of Moldova, the Association of Small & Medium Enterprises from Iasi County and the 'Gheorghe Asachi' Technical University of Iasi.



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Pathogens know no borders: improving the prevention, control and surveillance of nosocomial infections on both sides of the Prut River(2SOFT/4.1/138)



The cross-border cooperation between Romania and the Republic of Moldova contributed to the implementation of a new method of disinfection of the space at the Republican Clinical Hospital 'Timofei Mosneaga'.

Last year, the medical institution has been provided with five nebulizers for antiseptic solution, used in the resuscitation and intensive care units, and also in other areas at risk of infection within the institution. At the same time, about two tons of disinfectant have been purchased for those devices. The project budget makes up about 200 thousand Euros, of which more than 100 thousand have been allocated for the purchase of 11 nebulizers for hospitals on both banks of the Prut. See more details about the project [here](#).



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Improving the quality and capability of joint emergency actions in the cross-border area (2SOFT/4.2/146)

The project actions are intended to help prevent natural and man-made disasters by investing in high-performance special equipment for emergency response. Other joint actions provided for in the project are aimed at flood prevention, protection and afforestation of rivers in the cross-border area, education and promotion of volunteering among the population to raise awareness of the importance of disaster prevention actions.

The project has a total value of 325.000 Euros, of which 90% are funded by the European Union, and 10% is co-financed by the project partners – the Ungheni District Council, the Euronest Intercommunity Development Association-Iasi, and the Iasi City Hall.



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The Branch Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat continues the support visits for the project beneficiaries in the pre-contracting and implementation phase within the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Republic of Moldova 2014-2020.

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