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Expected results of the 3rd call projects of the Danube Transnational Programme 2014–2020

Dear partners and colleagues,

We are very pleased to present this year second edition of the newsletter, elaborated by the P.I. „Office for External Assistance Programs Management” of the Republic of Moldova, as the National Contact Point for the Danube Transnational Programme 2014–2020.

In the current edition, you have the opportunity to become acquainted with 15 projects from the programme’s 3rd call, which are in the process of implementation.

Thanks to the European Union funding, they cover a wide range of areas, such as: innovation and social responsibility, environmental and cultural responsibility, better connections and energy responsibility, as well as the good governance in the Danube region.

Implemented between July 2020 and December 2022 by an extended transnational partnership, the projects correspond to the common Community provisions and the priorities of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region.

The representatives of the Republic of Moldova participate as partners in the 15 projects with a total value of 1 267 237, 68 Euro, the national co-financing rate being 15%.



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Creative industries for new urban economies in the Danube region

The revitalization of urban areas is a key challenge in the Danube region and the main objective of the project **CINEMA (DTP3-327/1.1)**. The urban regeneration will take place through creative industries and collaboration between these and sectors of the urban economy, such as retail and small business.

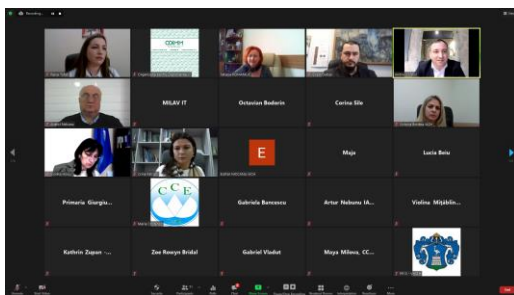
Municipalities, regional development agencies, business support organizations, SMEs, NGOs and universities from eight Danube countries are involved in the project. The North Regional Development Agency and the City Hall of Balti represent the Republic of Moldova.



The partners set out to draw up plans to support the creation of new centres and the restructuring of old urban economies that address environmental and social challenges, such as the revitalization of abandoned city buildings. At the same time, at the regional level it is foreseen to establish a network of key actors in urban development and to prepare a set of transnational policy recommendations, including eight local action plans in this regard. [Details here](#)



Regeneration of urban areas by promoting creative industries



In total 25 partners from 12 countries have joined forces in the project **RESTART_4DANUBE (DTP3-340/1.1)**, which aims to create a strategy and public policy framework for a new model of urban regeneration, involving cultural and creative industries.

The Republic of Moldova is represented in the project by the Organization for the Development of the Small and Medium Enterprises Sector and the Business Incubator from Cahul - associated partner and direct beneficiary of the good practices offered by the project. The main output of the project will boil down to the significant improvement of the cooperation and coordination of urban regeneration policies at the transnational level due to the elaboration of thematic local action plans in several cities. These provide for the new spaces for testing in the cultural and creative industries sector, sustainable regeneration of industrial buildings, renovation of heritage buildings, etc. [Details here](#)

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A new life for unused buildings and spaces in 10 Danube cities

More abandoned buildings and spaces will gain new life thanks to the project **AGORA (DTP3-353/4.1)**, which will support 10 cities in the Danube region to develop their capacity for innovative urban redevelopment. The representatives of ten cities presented during the summer of this year the pilot areas, chosen for research within the project, as well as the first ideas, proposals for urban regeneration.



The Chisinau City Hall, one of the 28 partners of the project, has submitted as a pilot area the National Creation Centre „Moldovan Village – Buciumul” in Chisinau. Currently, this centre is in disrepair and needs to be refurbished. The project will create a platform of policy instruments that will empower the 10 cities in the Danube region to become pillars, catalysts and mediators for the reintroduction of unused/underused land and buildings in the urban productive value chain. [Details here](#)



The use of urban archaeological parks



URBAN_LAB (MDA)

Bună ziua!

Greetings from Chisinau, Moldova. We are Urban Lab Chisinau, an association that actively promotes the role of cultural heritage for a sustainable and balanced development.



Within the ArcheoDanube project, Urban Lab has both the role of city partner, as well as knowledge provider in the field of urban development. The city of Chisinau has a high archaeological heritage, but its role in local development is not fully harnessed. Through this project, we wish to raise the profile of archaeological parks by demonstrating their potential for an increased attractiveness of our city and for development of local tourism. In particular, we will pay a special attention to the former bastion fortress on the Visternici Hill and we will explore ways in which its ruins can be integrated into the new urban dynamics of Chisinau.

A number of cities in the Danube region are supported within the project **ARCHEODANUBE (DTP3-413/2.2)** in improving the management of heritage sites, with an emphasis on urban archaeological parks. The project is carried out in partnership with research institutions, museums, cultural associations and town halls from 11 European countries. The Republic of Moldova is represented by the Public Association „Urban Lab Chisinau” and the Chisinau City Hall.

The implementation of this project will contribute to the recognition of the archaeological parks in Chisinau as a mediating element between the archaeological patrimony, the urban development and the cultural tourism. The project includes a study on the state of the archaeological heritage in Chisinau, as well as its position in local development policies and plans. The project also aims to study the initiatives so far, at the national and regional level, on the protection and enhancement of urban archaeological parks and to develop a code of good practice at the European level. [Details here](#)

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A common European cultural route for the Danube region

In total 46 partners from 10 Danube countries set up to apply measures to protect the historical infrastructure and to develop the tourist potential of the 2000-year-old Roman heritage along the Danube within the project **LIVING DANUBE LIMES (DTP3-359/2.2)**.

The project area runs from Germany to the Black Sea. A special component of the project is the reconstruction by historical techniques of a Roman ship from the 4th century AD.



In the Republic of Moldova, the project is implemented by the City Hall of Ungheni, since the Ungheni district is included in the Danube transnational cultural route. LIVING DANUBE LIMES project provides for the identification, consolidation and connection of museum networks in the Danube coast region to the transnational museum network. [Details here](#)



Safer cycling routes along the Danube river



The Automobile Club from Moldova, together with partners from eight other Danube states, is committed to promoting cycling in the Danube area. The project **SABRINA (DTP3-711/3.1)** focuses on the safety of the road infrastructure for cyclists, who are among the most vulnerable road users.

SABRINA addresses infrastructure safety issues on existing, planned and missing cycling corridors that cross nine countries in the Danube region. Qualified engineers will inspect approximately 5.000 km of bike paths.

The main expected result is to improve the conditions for the safety of cycling infrastructure in the region by increasing the capacity of all relevant stakeholders at local, national and regional level. [Details here](#)

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Cross-border multimodal travel information network

Due to the implementation of the project **OJP4Danube (DTP3-447/3.1)** eight states in the Danube region will have a cross-border digital information network regarding multimodal transport (road, rail, naval). In the Republic of Moldova, the project is implemented by the Public Association „Knowledge Hub Moldova”.

The project will create the necessary digital infrastructure, as well as apply new methods, such as Open Journey Planning (OJP), innovative tools to facilitate the establishment of an operational network of services.



Thus, it will be possible to access in real time the data on travel and traffic of different types of transport. Particular attention will be given to ecological transport, especially cycling, as a sustainable, intermodal means of transport. [Details here](#)



Innovative transport services for the blind and visually impaired



Adequate infrastructure for the blind and visually impaired, with facilities common to all European countries, will be created under the project **DANOVA (DTP3-543/1.2)**. Its aim is to improve accessibility in airports, ports, train and bus stations for the mentioned people, by developing a set of new services and skills, which will give them full access to all information and transport services.

The project is implemented in the Danube area by 18 partners, including the Technical University of Moldova (TUM). Initially, an assessment will be made of the infrastructure of Chisinau International Airport.

Subsequently, the team TUM will present the results of the respective evaluation, as well as organize trainings for the airport staff, in order to develop their adequate assistance and communication skills with the visually impaired passengers. [Details here](#)

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Better management of celiac disease

Within the project **CD SKILLS (DTP3-571/1.2)**, several hospitals, universities, patient associations, local communities and food producers from 11 countries in the Danube region contribute, through the exchange of experience, knowledge and good practices to the efficiency of the process, diagnosis of celiac disease and to improve the lives of patients with this disease.

At the regional level, an online platform for the schooling of people diagnosed with celiac disease is to be launched. This platform will provide the opportunity to train physicians on contemporary updated methods of diagnosing the disease. The project also envisages the development of effective disease detection strategies, as well as the launch of innovative pilot services in this regard. It is about rapid tests screening of risk group patients from four medical institutions in the Republic of Moldova, creating the unique register of patients diagnosed with celiac disease. The Republic of Moldova is represented in the project by the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy „Nicolae Testemitanu”.

The project partners aim to assess the difficulties in the regional management of celiac disease in children, as well as to carry out a knowledge exchange at the transnational level. [Details here](#)



Innovative solutions in the field of home care



The **D-CARE LABS (DTP3-306/1.2)** project aims to set up social innovation laboratories in nine countries in the Danube region to improve home care services.

Such a laboratory will be hosted by the AGAPEDIA Foundation of Moldova. The laboratory will develop several innovative solutions for home care services for the elderly.

The project partners are currently working on the development and implementation of new ideas (products, services and models) to meet social needs and create new social relationships or collaborations. [Details here](#)



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A new model of care services for the elderly

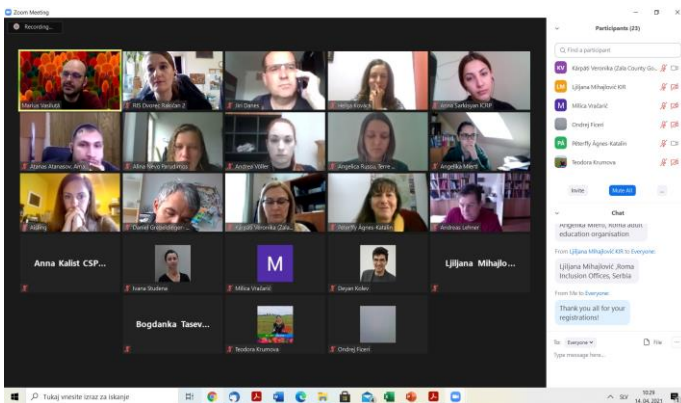
The elderly with chronic diseases and cognitive impairments in eight regions of the Danube will benefit from intelligent care services due to the implementation of the **D-CARE (DTP3-656/1.2)** project.

It provides for the creation of an innovative learning environment and the identification of solutions for the provision of intelligent health services.

The project partners, including the Oncological Institute of the Republic of Moldova, will create, validate and implement intelligent care services through a network of transnational cooperation. A transnational centre for learning policies on the design of smart care policies is also to be set up. [Details here](#)



Development of Roma digital skills



Roma digital literacy laboratories will be created within the project **DREAM ROAD (DTP-383/4.1)**. It aims to empower members of Roma communities to become agents of change and is in full swing in 10 states in the Danube area.

Within the project, the capacities of public organizations to better deal with Roma issues through innovation and dialogue will be strengthened. The transnational framework will allow the implementation of transferable solutions, tested locally.

The Terre des hommes Moldova, one of the partner organizations in the project, conducted a national analysis of best practices on social inclusion of Roma in the Republic of Moldova, assessed the needs and described the current situation of these communities. Subsequently, this analysis will contribute to the elaboration of a transnational electronic manual of good Roma empowerment practices by implementing innovative and participatory approaches. [Details here](#)

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Seaports - engine for the economic development of the Danube region



Ports in the Danube region will be transformed into high-performance multimodal hubs and priority centres for industrial investment. This transformation will be carried out within the project **DIONYSUS (DTP3-576/3.1)**, whose objective is to face the basic regional challenges through the planning and management of port infrastructure, to facilitate the integration of multimodal transport networks in the Danube region in a smart and durable way. The Republic of Moldova is represented in the project by the Technical University of Moldova.

DIONYSUS will help develop policies for the development of transport corridors, analyse existing obstacles and make recommendations for improving transport corridors and for better connectivity of the Danube with other European waterway networks. Plans will be elaborated for the development of Danube ports, the operation of business models for the sustainable development of the region, as well as setting up mechanisms for attracting investments. [Details here](#)



Laboratory for sustainable energy storage in cities

Energy coupling and storage solutions in medium and small cities in the Danube region will be identified and implemented within the project **CSSC LAB (DTP3-538/3.2)**, whose partner in the Republic of Moldova is the Agency for Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration. The feasibility and performance of different solutions in this regard will be demonstrated in four centres, to be set up in different partner countries.



The project provides for the development and implementation of strategies to improve energy security and efficiency, documents that will be adapted for each country participating in the project. An online learning platform will also be created for the sustainable transfer of knowledge in the field. [Details here](#)

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Transnational control to prevent pollution of the Danube river with dangerous substances

More than 20 partners from 14 Danube countries aim to achieve through the project **DANUBE HAZARD m³c (DTP3-299/2.1)** a sustainable and efficient transnational control in terms of reducing the pollution of the Danube river waters with dangerous substances. The Institute of Chemistry represents the Republic of Moldova in this project.

The project aims to increase the capacities for measuring, modelling and managing pollution sources. Recommendations for cross-border management of hazardous substances will also be provided according to the specific needs of each country. The results of the project will contribute to the implementation of the management plans of the Danube river basin. [Details here](#)



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