

Implementation of the EU W I
through promotion of
Integrated Water
Resources Management

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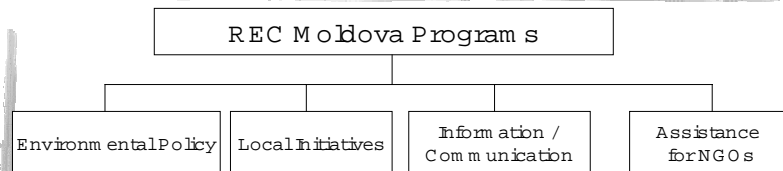
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REC Moldova Mission:

- Provide assistance for environment protection in Moldova and region
- Implementation of the sustainable development principles and environmental pollution prevention by developing cross-sectoral partnerships at all levels
- Capacity building for NGOs, local authorities and other entities involved in environmental protection
- Information and facilitation of public participation in the decision making process.

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Objectives:

- Aarhus Convention implementation
- Promotion of the implementation of the environmental policy of the Republic of Moldova
- Consolidation of the civil society and involvement of the central and local public authorities in environmental actions

Local Initiatives Program

- Local Environmental Action Plans
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Water supply and sanitation
- Environment and Health
- Waste management

Oriented to local public authorities and environmental stakeholders

National/regional workshops on IWRM

Goals:

- Promote IWRM Principles
- Identify the national policy towards IWRM
- Present the National Strategy for Water Resources Management
- Present the EU Water Framework Directive
- Introduce the Danube Convention

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Integrated Water Resources Management target groups

- **Local public authorities**
 - District councils
 - Sections of ecological control
 - Centers of preventive medicine
 - “Moldovan Waters” Concern’s subdivisions
 - “Water-Sewer” utilities
- **Environmental NGOs**

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Achieved results:

- **Partnership established between environmental, health and water institutions**
- **Recommendations on:**
 - Institutional aspects of IWRM and WFD at local level
 - Identified the necessary scientific support
 - Public participation

Wastewater treatment problems and perspectives:

- Evaluate the state of wastewater treatment stations: technological, environmental and health aspects
- Operation efficiency
- Legal and normative base
- Pollution prevention and control

Conclusions:

- Revision of normative base needed
- Improvement of collaboration between water, environment and health authorities
- Increase the efficiency of water utilities operation
- Innovative solutions for pollution prevention
- Identification of possible financial solutions and sources

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"Save our streams" project

The goal of the project is raising public awareness on the importance of protecting the streams of M oltova

Project beneficiaries:

- Teachers and school children
- Civil society

Project results:

- Two train-the-trainers courses on biological monitoring organized and 70 people trained
- Up to 40 monitoring groups organized
- More than 50 biological monitoring carried out on 25 streams in M oltova with the involvement of up to 700 people
- Guide on the water quality monitoring issued

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Danube Regional Project

Objective: to support NGO initiatives to reduce pollution

Results: 8 projects, 80 000 USD

- Reconstruction of the first cleaning stage of the waste water treatment plant
- Restoration of the complex of biological lakes
- Creation of a demonstration nitrogen reduction installation

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Water Governance regional project

- Preparatory work for harmonization of legislation (WFD, EU Directives)
- Promotion of WRM
- Support for partnerships and networks
- Revision of the water quality standards
- Assist capacity building and institutional changes in water supply and sanitation sector
- Public participation and information

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Perspectives for the promotion of the water sector reforms:

- Capacity building programs
- Awareness campaigns
- Facilitate the access to information and decision-making
- Promotion of legislation and standards approximation
- Fundraising/finance schemes