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## REPAIR - Regional Cooperation for Black Sea River Basins Environment Protection from Agricultural Polluters



### HIGHLIGHTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> REPAIR workshop
- REPAIR Prut Expedition highlighted in Moldavian press
- Prut River
- REPAIR expedition in Republic of Moldova

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> REPAIR workshop

On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 in Chisinau, the NGO "ProRuralInvest" (PRI) Moldova hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop in the framework of REPAIR the project. This meeting aim was to summarize the results of the 1st year of activities of each partner country focused on the project's objectives: strengthening partnership and cooperation in the Black Sea region and, by working together, coming up with solutions for common area problems and promoting the environmental sustainability.



Participants of the third workshop in Chisinau

Moreover during the workshop, the activity plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of project implementation, organization and deployment of the expeditions on the Prut and Sakarya rivers, the Environmental Action Plan development for the river basins covered by the project etc. were agreed.

Activity Report for the 1st year of the REPAIR Project activity, presented by each partner, included the impediments encountered by the organization during the implementation and achievement of the project objectives. The project partners' representatives were from ABC Group - Georgia, AHDER - Turkey, BDCA - Bulgaria, PRI - Moldova, REC Moldova and ECCG - Romania.

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### REPAIR Prut Expedition highlighted in Moldavian press

The article was published in the August edition of "NATURA" magazine by REC Moldova (Regional Environmental Centre of Moldova). In article general information about the aim and the most important activities planned to be organized during the REPAIR project implementation, the route and the program of the expedition on the right border of the Prut River were provided.

The dissemination of the magazine coincided with the 1st day of the expedition.

### Prut River

Prut is located in the South-East part of Europe, springing in Ukraine from the Carpathian Mountains and flowing into the Danube River near Reni, a locality on Romanian-Moldova border, crossing landforms represented by mountains, plateaus, hills and plains.

The Prut River is the second largest tributary of Danube with a total length of 952,9 km. It is a typical border river defining the border between Romania and Ukraine on 31 km and between Romania and the Republic of Moldova on 711 km of its length.

The main characteristic which defines Prut is biodiversity. Despite the fact that the floodplain was reduced, due to the dikes for flood protection, the natural habitats and its species are still well preserved and their conservation status led to designate the Prut River as "Natura 2000 site" and a Natural Park and Reserve.



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From 31<sup>st</sup> of July to 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2014, in the Republic of Moldova the expedition on the River Prut, from the segment Costesti - Stinca dump until the Giurgiulesti southernmost point was organized, in the framework of the project REPAIR, EU, BS CBC, "Joint operational program" - "Black Sea Basin" 2007-20013.

The Prut River is a border river between the Republic of Moldova and Romania and this expedition on the River Prut was the second one (the first was organized by the Eco-Consulting Centre Galati, Romania - partner in this project). The aim of the expedition was to take water and sediment samplings from the Republic of Moldova border, to meet the local government and NGOs and to analyze the influence of agricultural practices on water pollution.

The expedition team was formed by the representatives of project implementer organizations - ABC - Georgia, AHDER - Turkey, ECCG - Romania, BDCA - Bulgaria and REC Moldova and ProRuralInvest from the Republic of Moldova. The experts of the expedition had meetings with representatives of environmental NGOs and local

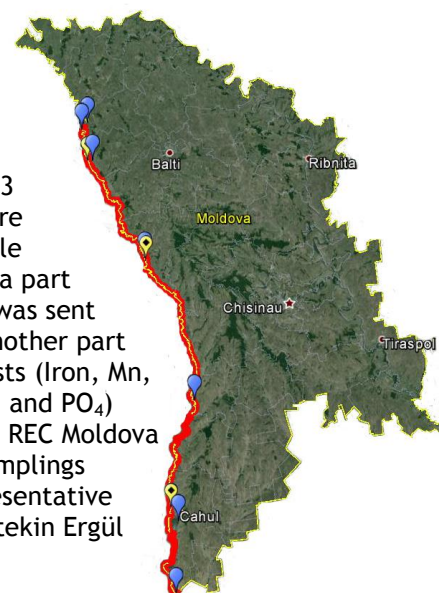
administrations of three districts (Falesti, Glodeni, Cahul). The experts were informed about the agricultural practices and the measures undertaken by local administrations and envi-



Meeting with environmental NGO in Cahul



ronmental NGOs in promoting organic farming and protection of water sources. During the expedition 10 water samplings and 3 sediments samplings were taken. Each water sample was taken in duplicate; a part of the water samplings was sent to the laboratory and another part was used for express-tests (Iron, Mn, Nitrate/Nitrite, Salt, pH and PO<sub>4</sub>) which were made in the REC Moldova office. The sediment samplings were taken by the representative of the AHDER, Halim Aytekin Ergül for detailed analysis.



During the expedition, the experts were accompanied by a representative of the State Hydrometeorological Service, Cazac Valeriu.



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