

Aarhus Centres in Moldova: a potential for confidence building



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Background

- July 2011. Ministry of Environment requested OSCE support in setting up Aarhus Centres in Moldova.
- September 2012. Env. NGOs requested TD de facto authorities to set up an environmental Centre in Bender.
- October 2012. IPA on Chisinau Aarhus Centre
- December 2012. Official approval on Bender Centre obtained.

Background

- January 2013. IPA on Bender Environmental Centre.
- April 2013. Official Opening of Chisinau Centre.

Official opening ceremony of Chisinau Aarhus Centre



Amb. Jennifer Brush, head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova and Ms Rodica Iordanov, the director of Chisinau Aarhus Centre, unveil the plaque



Chisinau Aarhus Centre

- ***Supporting the Aarhus Convention National Focal Point and State Institutions in the Promotion/Implementation of Aarhus Convention principles***
- ***Strengthening Capacities***
- ***Supporting the ratification and implementation of the PRTR protocol***
- ***Networking***

Chisinau Aarhus Centre

- ***Lobbing***
- ***Ensuring the access to justice***
- ***Ensuring transparency in decision making process***
- ***Representation in International Forums***

Chishinau Aarhus Centre

Activities:

1. National Consultancy Seminar on setting up the National Register on Pollutant Release and Transfer (PRTR).
2. Workshop on Public Consultation regarding the draft Law on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.
3. Round Table «The role of Aarhus Centres in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention»
4. Feasibility study for setting up National PRTR System (in progress).

Bender Environmental Centre

- *Ensuring accessibility and transparency of environmental information.*
- *Ensuring citizens participation in environmental activities.*
- *Supporting environmentally significant community initiatives and activities of Transdnistriean environmental NGOs.*
- *Developing social partnership mechanisms in the environmental field.*

Bender Environmental Centre

Activities:

1. Round table «The role of Aarhus Centres in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention»
2. Round Table on open public discussion of the local bill "On introducing amendments and addenda to the Law" On Environmental Protection”
3. Workshop on environmental journalism



Bender Environmental Centre

Web site:

<http://unioneco.org/ecocenter/>

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Цель создания центра:
продвижение принципов Орхусской Конвенции в Приднестровье

Направления деятельности центра:

- Доступ к экологической информации**
Содействие в обеспечении доступа общественности к экологической информации
- Участие в принятии решений**
Вовлечение общественности в процесс принятия решений в природоохранной сфере
- Поддержка инициатив**
Поддержка экологически значимых общественных инициатив

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Environment-a platform for Confidence Building

- To help engage Tiraspol to the possible degree in ‘normal’ cooperation with Chisinau over not very politically loaded issues like the environment
- To facilitate the dialogue through the working group on environmental and agricultural cooperation
- To foster interaction between environmental NGOs and authorities