



European project successfully coming to an end

The project „*Promoting PPI as an efficient mechanism for community empowerment and sustainable local development*” is coming to an end, with fruitful results.

The project started in February 2013, with the financial support of the European Union. It aimed to strengthen the capacity of non-state actors and local authorities for cooperation and sustainable development. It promotes the concept of *participatory planning and implementation*, which is new in Moldova.

Orhei and Telenesti Towns are implementation partners of Business Consulting Institute. In June-August 2013, civil servants and civil society from both cities have participated to a cycle of trainings; the best of them made a study visit to Poland.

Project experts have prepared local development strategies for Telenesti and Orhei, for the period 2014-2020.

Local projects defined in a participatory manner

This initiative has supported financially the implementation of 4 infrastructure projects in Telenesti and Orhei. Priority projects were established by these towns’ residents.

There were organized public discussions about the towns’ current issues and appropriate solutions.

In the same period, two surveys were carried, with over 600 participants, to learn about the difficulties of these localities and projects deemed necessary.

Two new playgrounds in Telenesti Town

None of the kindergartens in Telenesti had proper playgrounds, nor funds, so they decided to create new, modern and safe ones. Parents and personnel have previously tried to renovate these areas, but it was superficial, as they kept the old parts, which were obsolete.

The project has created better conditions for children attending two kindergartens. About 341 preschool children are its direct beneficiaries.

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Extension of the sewerage network

In Telenesti Town, the sewage system will be extended and will also cover the sector of Izvoras. The project aims to build a new connective part and to ensure a smooth operation of the sewerage system. There will also be built a new pumping station.

The initiative will improve residents' living conditions and will reduce environmental pollution.

The length of the new pipeline will be 1 km. It will provide access to sewerage services for 600 citizens.

Street lighting extended in Orhei

This project will enhance the safety of the town residents. Currently, the town is partially illuminated and it hampers population, especially elderly people and children.

The system will be installed on 7 streets, with a total length of 5 km. There will be installed 25 transformation points, enabling the extension of public lighting in the entire city.

Project beneficiaries are a few sectors of Orhei Town: Lupoica, Bucuria, Slobozia Doamnei and Nistreana.

Video surveillance systems in public space

Within this project there will be installed video surveillance systems in Orhei, to ensure public safety and reduce delinquency and car accidents.

There will be installed 20 cameras on the streets. Monitoring centers will be created at the town hall, the Intelligence and Security Service and the Police Inspectorate.

To avoid delays and to ensure a correct implementation, works will be followed by the monitoring groups created in the two towns.

Participatory planning and implementation

The projects listed above were defined by city residents, which monitor their implementation. These illustrate the concept of *participatory planning and implementation*.

Citizen participation confers quality to governance and good governance can bring investments, profitable businesses, financial resources, contributing to local economic development.

This mechanism is used in many countries, including Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium etc.

Results of the project

Project results will be presented at its final conference, which will take place at the end of July.

Infrastructure projects realized in Orhei and Telenesti will solve stringent problems of these two towns and will contribute to their development.

Their experience of *participatory planning and implementation* could serve as model to other localities in Moldova. The concept will be presented to length in a Manual coming out.

This project had approximately 42 000 beneficiaries.

