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Press Release

Basket Fund for Moldova programme announces project selection

Five projects were selected within the Call for Proposals of the Basket Fund initiative for the period 2013-2014, launched in December 2013 by the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) along with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Moldova.

The main aim of the Basket Fund is to support projects that would correspond to the idea of EU-Moldova Partnership: share valuable experience from European transitions to democracy; develop new partnerships; strengthen the country's fledgling democracy and show support for the country's pro-European agenda. The Basket Fund consists of financial contribution from National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Moldova.

A total of 52 projects proposals were received in response to the Basket Fund Call for Proposals. All the projects were reviewed and evaluated by an independent Panel of Experts. As a result of the review process, 7 projects were short-listed and 5 were selected for funding. The size of each project budget is between 12.000 and 15.000 USD.

The main criteria taken into consideration during the assessment were that projects should be based on the idea of EU-Moldova sustainable Partnership; on sharing knowledge and experience between the partner organizations and that projects should present original and innovative ideas.

Below is the List of Selected Projects:

1. NGO Implică-te in partnership with Center for Culture, History and Education from Romania and NGO People and Planet, Denmark, project - *Portavocea Europei*;
2. European Center Pro-Europe, Comrat in partnership with NGO Social Action, Lithuania, project - *Creating positive perceptions of the Gagauzian citizens regarding the process of European integration*;
3. Pro-Community Center in partnership with Center for Social Education, Croatia, project - *Active Youth Clubs*;
4. NGO Urma-ta in partnership with Association Euro<26, Romania, project *Youth involvement in promoting community journalism in Moldova*;
5. NGO Sud - Est Junior in partnership with Centrul Romanian Center for Investigative Journalism, Romania, project - *Strengthening independent on-line mass-media through know-how from Europe*;

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Sincerely,



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