GEF SGP Moldova
Operational Phase 6

Annex 2 to Country Programme Strategy
Donor Partnership Strategy

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ANNEX 2: OP6 DONOR PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

1. National Environmental Fund

The National Environmental Fund is a national fund administered by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova. Projects funding is done considering the submitted project proposals, and is approved by the Administration Council of the Fund.

The National Environmental Fund is the only fund in Moldova, which is financing solely environmental projects.

Fields of interest:
- Projects which foresee the implementation of national strategies, programs and plans in the field of environment, as well as standards and regulations, for shared participation in the construction of environmental infrastructure (including financing of project design development and implementation of projects in the field of water supply and sanitation, financing of waste collecting and sorting projects and supporting businesses which deal with waste recovery and disposal, financing of projects that improve air quality;
- Scientific investigations in the field of environment, carried out upon request of the Ministry of Environment; shared participation in research & development projects, developing project design for protected areas of the natural and built heritage of national and international importance;
- Organisation and management of environmental information system, promoting environmental knowledge;
- Organisation of international collaboration in the field of environment, including the involvement of foreign experts in consultancy, expertise; participation of national representatives in the implementation of international conventions signed and ratified by Moldova; paying membership fees for conventions, implementation of CITES Convention (development of CITES permits, procurement of special stamp CITES etc.);
- Elimination of natural calamities consequences, industrial disasters, other situations that harm the environment;
- Providing financial support to the environmental NGOs by organizing special environmental grants programs.

Budget limits of the call: are not specified

The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Intelligent innovative agroecology in terms of climate-smart approach
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

Co-financing procedure:
The co-financing of projects, approved for funding within the GEF SGP OP6, will be done under a signed collaboration agreement between the Ministry of Environment and UNDP Moldova.

The co-financing procedures foresee the following:
- The project’s approval is done by the NSC of the GEF SGP. Approval of financing is conditioned by the identification and approval of project’s cofinancing.

2. Notification of the applicant by the National Coordinator regarding the conditional approval of project’s funding and suggesting to follow the procedures to access co-financing for the project from NEF
3. Acceptance by the applicant to follow procedures to access the co-financing from NEF
4. Filling in the application form of NEF, according to NEF’s procedures and conditions
5. Approval of the application form by the National Coordinator of GEF SGP
6. Submitting the filled in application form according to NEF’s procedures, to the NEF Secretariat, under the Collaboration Agreement with GEF SGP for OP6.
7. Evaluation of application form by the Administration Council of NEF
8. Announcing the results of evaluation
9. If the project is approved for financing from NEF, the financial contract is signed between the applicant and UNDP Moldova (for the part of the project to be financed by GEF funds) and between the applicant and the Ministry of Environment (for the part to be financed by NEF)

The applicant should know that within this type of financing, during the project implementation, he/she should respect the implementation and reporting procedures of GEF SGP, for funds allocated by GEF SGP, as well as implementation and reporting procedures of NEF, for funds allocated by NEF.

2. Energy Efficiency Fund

The Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF) is supporting the projects from Republic of Moldova, that focus on promoting energy efficiency and on harnessing renewable energy sources (RES), having a positive impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The main objective of the Energy Efficiency Fund is to attract and manage financial resources toward the funding and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, in accordance with strategies and programs developed by the Government.

The Fund is achieving its objectives by promoting and financing economically, technically and environmentally feasible energy projects which will ensure sustainable energy consumption and will lead towards low energy intensity, as well as reducing the greenhouse gas emissions.

Financing of projects is achieved by launching the:
- Call for proposals no 1 - public sector [restricted procedure]²
- Call for proposals no 2 - private sector [restricted procedure]³
- Call for proposals no 3 - public sector 
- Call for proposals no 4 - private sector 
- Call for proposals no 5 - public lighting

Budget limits of the call: are not specified

The synergy between priorities of the financing agency and strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

Co-financing procedures:

The co-financing of projects, approved for funding within the GEF SGP OP6 will be done under a signed Collaboration Agreement between the Agency for Energy Efficiency of Moldova and UNDP Moldova.9

The procedures for co-financing foresee the following phases:
1. The project’s approval is done by the NSC of the GEF SGP. Approval of financing is conditioned by the identification and approval of project’s co-financing.
2. Notification of the applicant by the National Coordinator regarding the conditional approval of project’s funding, and suggesting to follow the procedures to access co-financing for the project from the Energy Efficiency Fund
3. Acceptance by the applicant to follow procedures to access the co-financing for the project from the Energy Efficiency Fund
4. Reviewing the project by the Agency for Energy Efficiency (procedure established by the law nr.142 from 02.07.201010
5. If the review is positive, it will be followed by signing the funding contracts between the applicant and UNDP Moldova (for the GEF SGP funds) and between the applicant and Agency for Energy Efficiency (for the funding received from the Energy Efficiency Fund)

The Applicant should consider that under this type of financing, during the project implementation the implementation and reporting procedures of GEF SGP should be fully respected for the part of the project financed by GEF SGP, and that the implementation and reporting procedures of Energy Efficiency Fund should be fully respected for the part of the project financed by the Energy Efficiency Fund.

Note: Projects submitted by NGOs, within this priority, could be reviewed by the Agency for Energy Efficiency prior to submitting the project to GEF SGP. This would accelerate the signing of financial contracts, in case the project is approved by the NSC.

a. Another modality of co-financing projects within GEF SGP OP6 could be the creation of partnerships with local public authorities which already accessed funds from the Energy Efficiency Fund, and their implementation period coincides with the implementation period of the project financed by GEF SGP.

The co-financing procedures foresee the following:
1. Identification of a partner representing the local public authority, which implements a project on renewable energy sources, and which is relevant to the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6 „Co-benefits of accessing energetic systems with low carbon emissions” and which is in line with the project idea, to be developed by the NGO applying to GEF SGP OE6. The list of projects under implementation may be requested from the National Coordinator of GEF SGP, as well as from the Agency for Energy Efficiency
2. A partnership agreement between NGO and LPA is signed for the jointly implementation of the project, with the identification of each respective contribution and funding sources
3. A project proposal is submitted to GEF SGP, attaching the partnership agreement, as a proof of co-financing.

The applicant should consider that when reporting following the GEF SGP’s instructions, there will be presented as well, the financial documents of the partner - as a co-financing part of the project.

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9 Urmează a fi realizat în trimestrul 1-2 a anului 2016
Note: In case of this type of financing, projects submitted by NGOs to GEF SGP don’t need to be reviewed by the Agency for Energy Efficiency, because they will not benefit directly from funds allocated by the Energy Efficiency Fund.

2. Social Investments Fund from Moldova

Moldova Social Investment Fund (MSIF) is a project created by the World Bank and donor countries in order to contribute to the implementation of national development strategies in Moldova by empowering poor communities and institutions in managing their priority development needs.

The objective of the Social Investment Fund of Moldova is to contribute to the implementation of Moldova's National Development Strategy by empowering poor communities and institutions in managing their priority development needs.

Along with technical and financial assistance, MSIF is a mechanism which promotes the learning of the new principles of local government by communities. The community actors (LPAs, NGOs, associations of beneficiaries etc.) acquire different methods of working with the community such as public involvement in the decision-making process, ways of identifying priority issues, strategic planning, monitoring the project implementation, maintenance and ensuring the sustainability of renovated objects/buildings, financial management, institutional development of local government and NGOs.

MSIF works with beneficiary communities on partnership principles. MSIF financial role is to support the 70% -85% of the subproject proposals’ costs, and to facilitate and monitor community groups wishing to implement subprojects. Community is responsible for preparing proposals for subproject, collecting investment of at least 15% of the proposed subproject, organizing competitions for the selection of the contractor and the local inspector, overseeing the implementation of subprojects in the community and signing of payment, ensuring the sustainability of renovated objects of social infrastructure.

Financing priorities: energy efficiency, renewable energy, water supply and sanitation, public lightning, etc.

The synergy between priorities of the financing agency and strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:

- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

Co-financing procedures:

Co-financing of projects funded within the GEF SGP OP6 could be realized through partnerships with LPAs, which benefit from MSIF’s assistance and their period implementation overlap with the implementation period of the project to be financed through GEF SGP.

The co-financing procedures foresee the following phases:

1. Identification of the partner (LPA or public institution), which implements a project which is in synergy with the project idea proposed by the NGO within GEF SGP OP6 and which is according to the strategic initiatives of the GEF SGP OP6. The list of projects under implementation may be requested form the National Coordinator of GEF SGP.

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2. A partnership agreement is signed between NGO and LPA/public institution to implement jointly the project, where contribution of each party and sources of financing will be stipulated.

3. A project proposal is submitted to the GEF SGP, attaching the partnership agreement, as a proof of co-financing.

The applicant should consider, when the reporting documents will be presented to GEF SGP, financial documents of the partner will need to be presented as well.

3. **East European Foundation**

The East Europe Foundation is a non-profit, non-political, public interest organization, established as a foundation, in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, the Law on Foundations and other laws.

The mission of the East Europe Foundation is to empower Moldovan citizens and foster sustainable development through education and technical assistance programs that promote democracy, foster good governance and build economic prosperity.

**Foundation's programmes:**
- Civil Society Oversight
- Community Mobilization for Local Development
- Free and Fair Elections
- Promote Independence and Quality of Media Reporting
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Youth Banks
- Support to vulnerable groups

**Budget limits:** up to 15,000 EUR

The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

The projects which are implemented according to the GEF SGP priorities could be found in such Programs as Civil Society Oversight, Community Mobilization for Local Development and Youth Banks of the East European Foundation programmes.

**The co-financing procedures:**

NGOs will apply for projects to GEF SGP and EEF according to procedures and application forms of both donors.

The National Coordinator of the GEF SGP will coordinate with the Executive Director of EEF calendar of calls for proposals to identify opportunities of co-financing projects by EEF. This opportunity will be available starting with quarter II-III of 2017.

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4. The Embassy of Slovak Republic in Moldova

Cooperation of Moldova with Slovak Republic is based on a Strategy of the Slovak Republic for Development Cooperation with the Republic of Moldova for 2014-2018.

The main goal of the Strategy is to support Moldova in building a stable, functioning, democratic state and improve the living conditions of its inhabitants.

The Strategy will be implemented within two sectoral priorities with the following specific objectives:

1. Good Governance:
   1.1 Improve the performance of local self-governments and strengthen their significance in local and regional development
   1.2 Strengthen the effective functioning of state administration and civil society

2. Water and sanitation
   2.1 Improve the efficiency of the drinking water supply system, sanitation and waste management
   2.2 Improve the environment and quality of life of inhabitants via interventions in the area of water and sanitation
   2.3 Increase environmental awareness and information in the area of protecting water resources

The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:

- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology

Co-financing procedures:

a. Small Grants Programme of the Embassy of Slovak Republic in Moldova

This Programme is realized under the SlovakAid, at a smaller scale, in a flexible, operative and efficient manner for developing countries. Project should refer to water supply and sanitation sector and solid waste management sector. The priority will be given to project which concentrate on small investments, such as: reconstruction of waste supply and sanitation pipes, revitalization of water sources, drinking water treatment systems at the local level, support in collecting municipal waste, building waste sites to collect and recycle waste, etc.

The total budget for one project is up to 15,000 EUR. Project duration should be no longer than 6 months.

Relevant projects, submitted within GEF SGP, that build synergies with the priorities of SlovakAid, after being conditionally approved by the NSC, will be presented further to the representative of the Embassy, by the National Coordinator. After the projects evaluation, the Embassy will inform the National Coordinator of GEF SGP about the interest to co-finance one project or another.

b. Grants programme of Slovak Agency for International cooperation and development (SlovakAid)

Financial priorities:

13 https://www.mzv.sk/web/kisjnov-en/home
Effective self-government
State administration and civil society
Water and sanitation
Support the development of civil society with an emphasis on the new citizens’ initiatives (the so-called, “Grassroots“) and community development in the regions
Activities involving young people - increasing interest in public affairs, support civic initiatives and activism of young people
Increasing public environmental awareness (especially in the field of drinking water and prevention of illegal dumps)

_Budget limits:_ up to 100.000 EUR

_Calendar of calls for proposals:_ announcement of calls for proposal is done annually in April - May. Project evaluation lasts over 6 months.

_Note:_ the applicant should be an NGO from Slovak Republic and the partner - from Moldova.

5. **The Embassy of Poland in Moldova**

The Small Grants Fund was established with the purpose of providing assistance on all the continents through the network of Polish diplomatic missions. The Small Grants include for example well drilling, minor infrastructure repairs, purchase of medical or educational equipment and various training projects.

Development projects are carried out by Polish diplomatic missions, or by their local partners, such as local NGOs, public institutions, local authorities or Catholic missions, which, apart from their religious activity, implement projects improving the living standards of the local people. Diplomatic missions are responsible for the organizational, financial and reporting sides of the project. Nevertheless, the project initiative always comes from local partners and beneficiaries who take charge of the proper distribution of resources and the maintenance of project’s results after the Polish aid financing is finished. Project initiators present their ideas to the relevant diplomatic mission which chooses the most valuable initiatives. Then, under the form of a project application, it is presented to the MFA headquarters in Warsaw for final approval.

_The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:_

- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology

_Budget limits:_ up to 30.000 EUR

_Calendar of call for proposals:_ The projects are collected by the Embassy each year in January-February.

Projects should be finalized by the end of the calendar year, when co-financing was granted

_Co-financing procedures:_

NGOs will submit application forms to both GEF SGP and the Embassy of Poland in Moldova, according to procedures and application forms of each donor organisations.

6. **The Embassy of Romania in Moldova**

Romanian Government carries out more technical assistance programs in Moldova, as follows:

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a. Mobility Fund for experts from civil society Romania-Moldova

Mobility Fund is implemented with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs of Romania through the Romanian program of cooperation for development (RoAid), in partnership with UNDP – Regional Center for Europe and Central Asia.

The Principal Objective consists in bilateral transfer of experience, knowledge, good practices between Romania and Moldova, improving the dialogue between these two countries, facilitating the involvement of NGOs in developing public policies, developing joint projects and actions which would correspond to the objectives of Moldova’s integration into EU, as well as Romania’a objectives in the context of cooperation policy for development.

**Beneficiaries of Mobility Fund are:**
- For individual mobility:
  - experts from civil society and academic sector from Moldova and Romania. Grant is offered to natural persons, one expert could benefit from one financing.
- For grants:
  - Organisations of civil society from Romania and Moldova registered according to legislation.

**Eligible activities:**
- For individual mobility - participation in conferences and seminars, working meetings and coordination meetings, mentoring activities, consultancy and capacity building - beneficiaries are NGOs or community.
- For grants: activities which foresee building organization capacities, improving the role of civil society in those two countries, increasing the visibility of civil society in Romania and Moldova, capacity building such as workshops, training, seminars, study visits, internship based on priorities mentioned above.

Individual mobility will be processed on a rolling basis, there is no deadline for sending applications.

For grants, calls for proposals are announced during the year.
Applications are received at office@fondromania.org.
Detailed information on procedures, application forms and the calendar can be found at - www.fondromania.org.

b. Department Policies for relations with Romanians from Worldwide

This department develops and applies policy of the Romanian state on relations with Romanian communities that live outside Romania, and acts to strengthen relations with these communities and to preserve, develop and express their ethnic, cultural, language and religious identity, respecting the legislation of the state they live in.

**Financing priorities**
- Culture - „Constantin Brâncuşi”
- Mass-media - „Mihai Eminescu”
- Education - „Nicolae Iorga”
- Tradition and spirituality - „Andrei Şaguna”
- Civil society - „Dimitrie Gusti”

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Calendar of call for proposals: twice a year, usually February-March and October-November

Budget limits: are not specified

The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

Co-financing procedures:
NGOs will submit application forms to GEF SGP as well as to the Financial institutions of the Romanian Government, according to the procedures of each donor organization.

7. Austrian Development Agency

The partnership between the Ministry of Environment of Moldova and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) is based on the Agreement between the Government of Austria and the Government of Moldova on Cooperation and Development, signed on 21/10/2008, in Vienna, and the Objectives relate to reduce poverty, assure peace and human security and protection of environment.

Assistance offered to Moldova is implemented according to the Cooperation Strategy of Austria with Moldova for 2015-2020.

Priority fields:
- Water supply and sanitation
- Vocational education for market demands

According to the new Strategy of cooperation, ADA will extend its areas of intervention to assure the implementation of chapter 16 “Environment” and 17 “Climate actions” of the Association Agreement between EU and Moldova.

The synergy between priorities of the financing agency and priority initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology

Co-financing procedures:
The project implementation unit which relates to environment, water management, with regranting component will be POPs Office of the Ministry of Environment which will assure programme management and will announce call for proposals.
NGOs will submit application forms to GEF SGP and also to POPs Office, according to procedures of each donor organisations.

8. Swiss Development and Cooperation Office in Moldova

Switzerland has been supporting the Republic of Moldova since 2000 as an expression of solidarity, but also with a view to enhancing security and stability in Europe. In recent years, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has concentrated on the domains of Health, and Water and Sanitation with a clear objective of developing these two sectors in line with European standards.

https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/moldova/en/home/international-cooperation/strategy.html
Assistance offered to Moldova is presented in the Cooperation Strategy of Switzerland in Moldova for 2014-2017

**Priority themes:**
- Water supply and sanitation
- Migration & Development
- Culture

*The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:*
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology

**Budget limits:** up to 30,000 CHF

*Calendar of call for proposals:* Grants programs are announced by the Office of Cooperation of Switzerland in Chisinau. For small grants program 2015-2017 allocated resources have been disbursed already. The next call for proposals will be announced during the quarter III of 2017.

**Co-financing procedures:**
NGOs will submit application forms to GEF SGP and Cooperation Office of Switzerland according to the procedures set up by these donor organisations.

9. **The Embassy of USA in Chisinau**

The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program was initiated in 1994 as a flexible mechanism to enable American embassies to support initiatives that contribute to more open and competitive political and economic systems and the protection of human rights.

The Democracy Commission Grants Program has been implemented in Moldova since 1996, providing support to Moldovan NGOs and mass media to carry out projects throughout Moldova. The existence of a strong and vibrant civil society is critical to political, social and economic progress of Moldova. With the help of civil society organizations communities can solve many of their problems, NGOs can hold the authorities accountable in front of their citizens and advocate for the rights of disadvantaged groups to ensure equal treatment and equal opportunities for every member or the society. The nonprofit sector can educate a new generation of active, skilled and informed citizens who value democratic norms.

*Priority themes:* promotion of civil society; free flow of information; supporting independent media, transparency in government; public education and advocacy; association building; rule of law and legal reform; conflict resolution; human rights; civic education; environment; market economy; “watchdog” activities, anti-corruption awareness campaigns and training; and ethnic, minority and women’s equality.

**Budget limits:** 5,000 $ - 24,000 $

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- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

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Co-financing procedures:
NGOs will submit application forms to GEF SGP and Embassy of US in Chisinau according to the procedures set up by these donor organisations.

10. The Embassy of Sweden in Moldova

Embassy of Sweden in Moldova extends its fields of cooperation with Moldova by including environment as one of the fields of interests of bilateral cooperation.

In 2016 a number of NGOs will be selected to pass through the audit procedure in order to assess their financial aspects and the overall management of the NGO, according to the procedures and requirements of the Cooperation Agency of Sweden (SIDA), further on, only a limited number of NGOs will be selected through which environmental projects with the participation of larger number of NGOs will be implemented in Moldova, including grants programs for NGOs for environmental projects.

11. The EU Delegation in Moldova

EU Commission will have a number of programs during 2016-2018 for NGOs from Moldova in various fields, which will be announced on the official web site of the EU Commission.20

12. Climate change forum for Eastern Partnership countries (CFE II)

Climate Forum East II is a project funded by the European Union, Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Austrian Red Cross implemented in Eastern Neighbourhood Region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) to help civil society, policy-makers and the broader public make informed decisions about how best to adapt to the risks of climate change.

CFE II primary goal is to build, strengthen the capacities and ensure support for a National Network of Civil Society Organisations to become a key actor in advocating environmental good governance, to influence effectively national and local policy making processes and raise public awareness on Climate Change through the following main activities:

- Tailored capacity development programs (training packages, mentoring, consultancies and peer exchange with more experienced CSOs) in the areas of leadership, resource mobilization and communication for national network members in the field of adaptation to Climate Change.
- Funding opportunities for development and implementation of community based projects in the field of climate change adaptation;
- Exchange of practical knowledge and experience at regional level on climate change and environmental governance.

Areas of funding:

- Development of local policy documents in climate change adaptation for the most vulnerable communities;
- Community based projects in the area of adaptation to climate change
- Activities with the aim of educating and raising awareness of the population toward climate change
- Advocacy actions in order to influence existing policies in the field of climate change adaptation

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Activities to strengthen organizational members of the national network of CSOs in climate change adaptation.

The way of financing:
Providing financial support will be based on the CFE II agreement signed between AO EcoContact and Austrian Red Cross.

The procedure for financing has the following steps:
- Launch of the call
- Submission of application forms according to the specified instructions
- Administrative and technical evaluation of the application forms by the National Coordinator
- Selection and final approval of the application forms by CFE II Evaluation Committee
- Notification of selected applicant for financial support and contracts signing between the applicant and PA EcoContact.

The synergy between the priorities of the financing agency and the strategic initiatives of GEF SGP OP6:
- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits

Co-financing procedures:
NGOs will submit application forms to GEF SGP and EcoContact according to the procedures set up by these organisations.

Note: It is recommended that during the project development, NGOs should get informed about the rules of financing, implementation and reporting of potential co-financing organisations for projects submitted within GEF SGP OP6.