





# Joint Operational Programme "Black Sea Basin 2007-2013" - Our Projects -



# Citizen engagement in the prioritization, design and implementation of local development policies

Priority 1 - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies



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# About the project:

Duration: 18 months

Total Project Budget: 484,861.50 Euro Total Grant ENPI: 436,370.47 Euro

Start / End Dates: 11.06.2013 - 10.12.2014

# Overall Objective:

The project is aiming to improve the capacity for organizations of civil society, in order to strengthen their role in the prioritization, design and implementation of local and regional development public policies.

# Specific Objectives:

- 1. Building a network of organizations of civil society from Romania, Ukraine, Armenia and the Republic of Moldova that will support and facilitate citizen engagement.
- 2. Creating and activating new tools of citizen engagement.
- 3. Increasing cooperation between civil society and public administration in the decision making process.
- 4. Stimulating the participation of the entrepreneurial environment in local and regional development policies and the creation a Public-Private Partnerships.

### Main Activities:

- O Increasing awareness about the importance of citizen engagement in social dialogue through 4 promotion campaigns, one in each country, and the online citizen engagement platforms.
- O Creating a network of organizations of civil society from Romania, Ukraine, Armenia and the Republic of Moldova that will support citizen engagement in local and regional development public policies.
- O Stimulating entrepreneurs' participation in the formulation of local and regional development policies and in public-private partnerships by establishing a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Centre in Romania that will act as a link between partners of the network on the topic of entrepreneurship: theory, practice and best practice.

## Expected results:

- O Increased awareness of representatives of public institutions and of organizations of civil society, of entrepreneurs and of every-day citizens about the importance, the necessity and the advantages of citizen engagement in the process of formulation and implementation of local and regional public policies, as well as the understanding of the new tools that facilitate citizens to participate in social dialogue with the decision-making factors.
- A strong cross-border network of organizations from Romania, Ukraine, Armenia and Republic of Moldova supporting citizen engagement in recommending valuable, sustainable and feasible solutions to local and regional development policies created.
- O Stronger expertise in the area of public policies formulation, citizen participation and public-private partnerships of the members of the network increased.
- O Engagement of entrepreneurs in the process of formulation of public policies concerning the business environment enhanced.

# Partnership:

# **Beneficiary:**

SMART Development Center Association, Romania

# Partners:

Association for Cross Border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion", Romania

 Agency of Sustainable Development and European Integration "Lower Danube" Euroregion, Ukraine

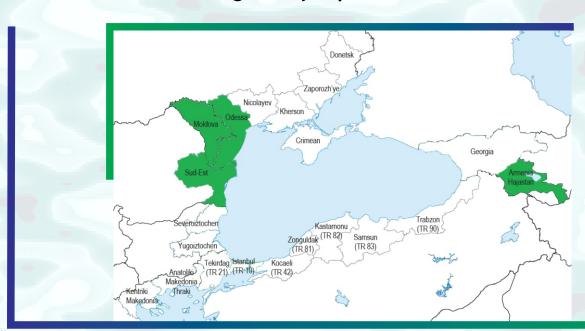
The Institute of Public Policy, Republic of Moldova European Integration, Armenia

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General Department of Foreign Economic Activity and European Integration of Odessa Regional State Administration, Ukraine

Regional Fund for Support of Entrepreneurship in Odessa region, Ukraine Young Entrepreneurs Association from Romania

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