



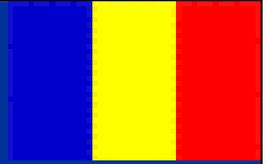
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Local Agenda 21 a reality for Romania Cities and County

Local Agenda 21(LA21) has been successfully implemented in twenty-five Romanian cities and a county since 2000. The government and the President himself value the project immensely. Implemented in close partnership with the local authorities, the project promotes greater local participation and consultation in planning development and Local Agenda 21 processes developed at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, 1992. Members of the local and county councils recognize the benefits of this joint endeavor.

The next phase of the project targets four new locations: Constanta, Medgidia, Gura Humorului cities and Brasov County. Successful cooperation of UNDP with the local authorities from Constanta (Radu Stefan Mazare, Mayor), Medgidia (Dumitru Moinescu, Mayor) and Brasov County (Aristotel Cancescu, President of the County Council of Brasov) led to the expansion of this project.



Press Conference in Medgidia in the presence of high-level officials and media

Consequently, 3 new Cost-Sharing Agreements were signed with local authorities: Constanta and Medgidia cities, and Brasov County Council on 21 February and 15 March respectively. Members of local and county council, and the media, who realize the importance of this programmes, attended press conference.

At the opening ceremonies in Constanta, Medgidia and Brasov Ms. Soknan Han Jung, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative, gave an overview of the Agenda 21 process adapted to municipal/county level. She appreciated the strong commitment of the local authorities to

implement LA21 in their local regions and emphasized the importance of their financial contributions to the project development. Mayor of the local and county council acknowledged the need for such programmes. He emphasized that this would assist in both strengthening the capacity of the public servants and the public to adopt principles of sustainable development in their local development strategies, as well as to promote broad participatory planning as per LA 21 concept.

“Local Agenda 21” is coordinated by UNDP Romania and the National Center for Sustainable Development in Bucharest, which is responsible for the organization, monitoring and consulting activity of this project across the country. For more information please contact UNDP Romania at socio@undp.ro



Brasov



Constanta and



Medgidia