

Project "Strengthening actions between NGOs and local authorities to involve civil society in order to protect water resources and water quality in Bugeac steppe".

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The unit that is implementing the project: Association of Environment and Study of Quaternary Period in Moldova "INQUA-Moldova"

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Project objectives: NGO "Inqua-Moldova" has proposed through this project to conduct a State assessment of drinking water sources, i.e wells and springs in the area of Territorial Administrative Unit Gagauzia, where 'Gagauji'- one of the ethnic minorities of the country are living.

This reserach has been carried out because in this part of Moldova water resources are scarce. 70-80% of the population is using water from wells and springs for domestic needs, as drinking water, for technical purposes, irrigation, etc.

Therefore, to monitoring the water quality of wells and springs was one of the most important objectives. It helped to analyse the chemical and microbiological parameters in water of 60 selected wells, based on how they are used, the degree of impact on the users, by the number of users, and the potential influence of pollution sources, etc.

Another important objective of the project was placing plaques with information on the 60 analyzed wells and springs, to inform the population about the quality of the water water they drink, with what quality of water they prepare food and if it can be used as drinking water. The research also provided information about the well, based on the quality of the water, if the well needed to be decommissioned and or made inaccessible for further use. This to protect the health of the population.

An important activity at the start of the project was to establishment an opening of an ethnographic Eco-Centre at the premises of the Centre for Creative children in the village Avdarma, in Gagauzia. This center was very welcomed by the local administration as well by the citizens.

The project ends on 31 May 2016 and all results can be found on the website.