



Public Environmental Association "INQUA-Moldova"

Press release

At the end of October 2017, "Apele Moldovei" Agency announced the launch of the Small Projects Support Program (grants) for NGOs working in the field of integrated water resource management within the project "Strengthening the institutional framework in the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in Republic of Moldova" funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Austrian Agency for Development (ADA).

The objectives of the Support Program (grants) are as follows: supporting Moldavian NGOs in solving problems related to river basin management, developing / increasing the capacities in the field of water management, developing innovative solutions for solving ecological problems related to water and fostering good collaboration between NGOs and other stakeholders.

Following the selection made by the Evaluation Committee, the winners of the competition were nominated and, respectively, at the end of January 2018 "INQUA-Moldova" Association was formally notified that the project **"Revitalizing the sub-basin ecosystems of the Larga River by applying integrated water resource management to improve water and the socio-ecological situation across the river"** (nr. IFSP/GRT-11/T-C2 of 14.05.2018), presented by PA "INQUA-Moldova", was selected for funding under the Small Grants Support Program (Grants) for NGOs in the field of integrated water resource management.

The total amount of the project:	897156.00 lei MD
The requested amount:	819356.00 lei MD
Contribution of the applicant INQUA Moldova:	77800.00 lei MD
Duration of the project:	15/05/2018-15/05/2019

Activities planned within the project:

Activity 1: Elaboration of the Management Plan for the hydrographic sub-basin of Larga River, based on the Danube, Prut and Black Sea hydrographical district management plan, including elaboration jointly with SHS of an integrated monitoring program for Larga River in accordance with DCA and Water Law no.272 of 22.12.2011.

Activity 2: Elaboration and development of a Program of Measures (PoM) for the hydrographic sub-basin of Larga River, in order to diminish the impact on the sub-basin, using as methodologies and testing the following guides for the first time in the sub-basin: "Classification of ecological status for water bodies according to Water Framework Directive" and "Classification Schemes for Lowland Prut in Moldova and small tributaries), developed within the EPIRB project.

Activity 3: Assessment (based on existing monitoring data) of the ecological status of the Larga River according to hydromorphology, biology and physico-chemistry in order to assess the pressure and impact.

Activity 4: Assessment (based on existing monitoring data) of the chemical status of the river for the previously delineated water body within the EPIRB project, analysis of pressures, impact and assessing the risk of water quality worsening according to EU WFD.

Activity 5: Reanimation and advisory support to the Larga sub-basin committee and organization of joint meetings with "Apele Moldovei" Agency, civil society, etc., with the purpose of presenting the results, identifying gaps, examining solutions and identifying financial sources for their implementation.

Activity 6: Developing a good agricultural practice guide as a measure to prevent diffuse pollution, improving the socio-ecological situation and water quality status across basin.

Activity 7: Revitalization of two wetlands (natural ponds) near the localities of Flocoasa and Constantinești (Cantemir district) by planting hydrophilic species (willow and poplar) in order to ecologically isolate them, expanding and creating such wet micro-habitats where water can stand or to remain in the warm season of the year.

Activity 8: Prevention of erosion and clogging through tree and shrubs planting of 2 ravines of the 7 existing on the territory of Gotesti which intersect with Larga River.

Project partners:

The partner of the project is Cahul Ecological Consultancy Center "CCE-Cahul", which participates in the consortium of the project and represents an association with tangency to solving the environmental problems, especially for the southern region of the country, ie the geographic area of the proposed project.

Another partner of the project is the Larga Sub-Basin Committee, formed on April 28, 2015, at the initiative of Cirpesti City Hall, which includes all the mayors or representatives of the Mayoralties of the localities located in the Larga sub-basin, as well as representatives of the economic agents and civil society.

The third partner, who is the beneficiary of the results of the project activities, remains the "Apele Moldovei" Agency, which will use the Management Plan and the Program of Measures (PoM) for Larga River hydrographic sub-basin with the purpose to extend and implement it for other rivers and small sub-basins in the country.