

### Sister Cities Agreement

Sister Cities agreement between Tskaltubo Municipality (Georgia) and Ungheni City Hall (Moldova) was signed by Grigol Ioseliani, Mayor of Tskaltubo and Alexandru Ambros, Mayor of Ungheni, in Tskaltubo on May 25, 2021 within the project BSB1138 "Anti-Littering Partnership for Green Rural Areas".

The Agreement supports cooperation between Tskaltubo and Ungheni in the environmental, cultural and economic fields for many future



### Plastic and Paper Separation in DILIJAN

Dilijan community in Armenia is gradually moving to the introduction and implementation of plastic and paper sorting which has been facilitated by the information campaigns, by the special containers for plastic and paper and as well the baling press machines acquired under the project.



Dilijan municipality actively has started collecting, pressing, storing plastic, paper and cardboard, whenever possible for further processing or use for other purposes. Some of the collected materials were handed over to the NGO "Youth Ideas" for use in the project "Clean Dilijan" in accordance with the agreement signed between the project and the organization. The most important achievement is the new jobs created for efficient processing. At the moment, about 2 tons of paper and cardboard have been collected.

One more effective step of the project is the paper containers placed in educational institutions and other structures to help them for recycling, even in small quantities, in order to use the collected waste paper for their own needs.

A striking example is the NGO "Dilijan Community Center", where the placed paper container provides technical help for the organization staff in the recycling process. They receive postcards, etc. from recycled paper.

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Along with this, the community already needs more plastic and paper containers, as the population is already developing a culture of waste sorting.



## Workshop on Plastic Recycling

On June 11, 2021, in the Training Centre of the Project Partner "Spectri" was held a workshop on plastic recycling for the teachers and students of Tskaltubo public school #1 (Georgia).

Ecologist of "Spectri" Elene Gamkrelidze introduced the meeting participants to the methods of plastic sorting, recycling process and their importance. The stages of plastic recycling were demonstrated by using special equipment as the shredder, extruder, thermopress. It is noted that this equipment was provided by the EMBLAS PLUS program in 2020 and "Spectri" uses it for the popularization of plastic collection and recycling.



### TRAININGS

#### Moldova:

- Training for NGOs was carried out in Ungheni. 50 representatives of NGOs were trained on modern waste management.
- Training on rivers environmental issues / Black Sea and modern waste management was carried out for mass media and 30 representatives of media were trained.
- Training on modern waste management for women was carried out and 50 women were trained.



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### Armenia:

- Trainings for the representatives of NGOs and mass media were held in Dilijan and Vanadzor municipalities with the 58 participants.



### Georgia:

- Second training on waste management and separation for representatives of the tourism and business field was held in Tskaltubo municipality. The number of participants - 31.
- Training on recycling for women was held for the representatives of Tskaltubo municipality. The training was conducted online due the COVID19 restrictions. The number of participants- 32.



## Meetings at schools

### Georgia

The educational meetings aimed at raising students' awareness of environmental protection issues were conducted in pilot schools of rural communities of Tskaltubo Municipality. During the meeting the students were acquainted with a wide range of information related to water pollution, the causes and dangers of pollution and the protection of water resources, also 3R waste principle of waste management, composting process and the arrangement of the composting space. The total number of participants is 294 school students and teachers.



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Within the project BSB 1138 “Anti-Littering Partnership for Green Rural Areas” the educational meetings were implemented in schools of Lori and Tavush marzes by the project team of PP REC Caucasus Armenia. The meetings were dedicated to the issues of waste separation, re-use and recycling, as well as to introduction of European best practices. The meetings totally were attended about 660 school students and teachers from the pilot schools of Dilijan and Vanadzor.



### Romania

Galati Tehnopol Association carried out Anti-litter educational program for pilot schools regarding river and marine litter problems and modern waste management. Meetings with students took place in 8 schools. 666 students and teachers participated in the meetings at schools.



## Summer Green Camp in Moldova

On 06-10 July, 2021 the Green Summer Camp "Protecting the environment, we are healthy!" was organized in Ungheni (Moldova) within the project BSB1138 „Anti-littering partnership for green rural areas”/APRA. The camp participants were 50 children and young people aged between 14 and 18 from Ungheni and neighbouring beneficiary localities.

5 workshops were carried out on the environmental issues and measures to improve them in Ungheni district, identified solutions to ecological problems in rural areas and recommendations to reduce pollution of the Prut River. Participants also got acquainted 3R principle of waste management, the importance of Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling to combat environmental pollution.

The Camp participants performed a series of reusable waste works led by trainers and volunteer mentors. The works were demonstrated at the exhibition entitled "The Art of Waste" organized at the end of the summer camp.



### World Environment Day celebration

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, a drawing event on "My Green City" was organized in Tskaltubo (Georgia), which brought together students of Tskaltubo Art School. Young people created interesting drawings on environmental issues. Many thanks go to the teachers and students of Tskaltubo Art School for celebrating World Environment Day and the contributions they made in this regard.





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The events regarding the celebration of International Environment Day were organized in pilot schools by the PP Galati Tehnopol Association, Romania. At these events participated 315 students and teachers.



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