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**Application form from Moldovan municipalities
Round table expert meeting (between June-September 2018)**

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This application form has been filled out by 6 Moldovan municipalities. They are requesting your assistance in the field of waste management, through joining a round table expert meeting in Moldova, somewhere between June and September 2018. This application has been selected by the CONNECT selection committee – the applicants are highly motivated to join CONNECT and the challenge fits within the scope of CONNECT, a short-term, demand-driven mechanism.

What is a round table expert meeting?

A round table expert meeting takes place when the challenges addressed are very complex and concern a number of local or regional governments in an EU partner country, Moldova in this case. The round table brings together expertise from diverse backgrounds, coming from European and EU partner countries. Round table expert meetings are a mixture of workshops and field visits. Depending on the request, expertise can come from local or regional governments, local government associations, training institutions, knowledge institutions such as a university or higher education institute, and the like.

The goals and expected results of the round table meeting will be captured in a jointly elaborated programme, after a match has been made between the Moldovan municipalities and a European municipality.

Moldovan municipalities have sent in joint applications for such a round table expert meeting. One of the applicants acts as the lead applicant. This municipality is also the main contact point for the CONNECT team and possible European participants.

Application form

A. Contact information

Details of lead applicant (on behalf of the 5 municipalities):

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Position of applicant	mayor
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Details of focal point in each municipality:

A focal point is important to prepare the exchange and needs to ensure efficient contact. Please take into consideration that the focal point needs to answer to a number of criteria:

1. He or she needs to be on the pay-roll of the municipality
2. He or she needs to be able to communicate in English
3. He or she needs to have sufficient authority in order to prepare and organise the exchange on behalf of their municipality
4. He or she needs some days for preparation/reporting and for attending to (if applicable) the exchange. Please note: there is no reimbursement or fee for any of the participants in the exchange.

Municipality 1

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Municipality 2

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Municipality 3

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Municipality 4

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Municipality 5

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B. Some factual details about local governments in Moldova

<p>Basic information on the Local Governments in Moldova</p>	<p><i>The six applicant municipalities represent a population of about 18,000 citizens. We are six localities, from the Anrenii Noi district, Republic of Moldova, 5-7 km away from each other, linked to the regional route R59 and the Nistru river. In the mayoral offices, 12-16 specialists are active in: local public administration, economy and finance, accounting, cadastre, culture, social protection, waste management, youth policies, etc. There are 1-2 kindergartens, schools of general culture, art school, sports school, public libraries and cultural and youth centers. In our localities we have a post office, and the center of family doctors. The infrastructure of the trade services is developing. The economy of the region is represented especially by the small business, but there are also medium-sized enterprises specialized in agriculture and post harvesting.</i></p>
<p>Vision of the applying municipalities on international collaboration</p>	<p><i>International collaboration is a valuable and cost-effective tool for taking good practice and the experience of advanced countries is the most effective way to avoid tactical mistakes and to successfully implement modern public administration policies and services public. Our municipalities have signed cooperation agreements with some localities in Romania, Estonia and Lithuania. We want to extend the cooperation relations in order to take over the expectation with Germany and France.</i></p>
<p>Basic information on the policy field chosen</p>	<p><i>The most acute problem of our municipalities is waste management.</i></p> <p><i>Sector Issues:</i></p> <p><i>Low access to services</i></p> <p><i>Insufficient technical basis of public services;</i></p> <p><i>Unsatisfactory ecological status of existing waste dumps;</i></p> <p><i>Low level of public information</i></p> <p><i>Existing stones:</i></p> <p><i>In the rayon there are 22 landfills registered in the LPA. The total landfill area is about 20.4 ha.</i></p> <p><i>In 2016 there were 59 S-2,7ha waste dumps.</i></p> <p><i>Taking into account the problems identified in the waste sector, the support needs would be:</i></p> <p><i>To implement modern waste management policies;</i></p> <p><i>to create sustainable and cost-effective sanitation;</i></p> <p><i>To improve inter-municipal cooperation;</i></p> <p><i>Informing the public about the impact of non-collected waste on population health / the impact of non-payment of tariffs / taxes</i></p> <p><i>Support for the application of the tariff setting methodology.</i></p> <p><i>Providing support in the process of inter-municipal cooperation and in informing them about these processes.</i></p>

<p>Reason for requesting the exchange</p>	<p><i>The Association Agreement with the EU establishes clear tasks on Solid Waste Management. For our communities, these tasks are real challenges, as the country does not have an integrated waste management system. We do not have the skills and abilities to publicize the importance of the environmental sector and the impact of the new provisions on the private sector in the context of harmonizing national legislation with the EU's solid waste management rigidities. European experts will be able to illustrate our practices on incentives existing in EU countries to empower people, consumers, manufacturers and local public authorities to implement the legislation in practical terms. We need to understand how to implement secondary legislation on different types of waste, the payment system that supports and ensures the viability of this process, and the way in which LPAs are involved. An increased interest is given to the systems regarding the extended liability of producers in the context of solid waste management, planned to be implemented in the Republic of Moldova, as well as to the international practice in this regard.</i></p>
<p>Additional documents added: Such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Presentation on the problem of waste management in our region and needs identified by experts - - The official certificate of registration of Telita City Hall, I of the State Registration Chamber - -Extras, data, about the Telita City Hall 	

Details of current contacts with European local or regional governments (if applicable):

Please note: the local or regional government with whom your municipality is working, can apply to assist you in this specific challenge, if they want to. However, CONNECT will always invite other local and regional governments to propose an offer and the selection will be done by CONNECT based on the best offer.

<p>Name of local or regional government (Moldova)</p>	<p>Telita City Hall, Calfa City Hall, Speia Sity Hall</p>
<p>Name of local or regional government (European Union)</p>	<p>Region Kassel,</p>
<p>Country</p>	<p>Germany</p>

Name of local or regional government (Moldova)	Telita City Hall, Calfa City Hall, Speia City Hall
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Name of local or regional government (Moldova)	Telita City Hall, Speia City Hall
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C. Description of the content of the knowledge exchange (max 2 pages; total of 40 points))

1. Describe the problem or issue you would like to address during the exchange (5 points)

In the Republic of Moldova the waste management services develop chaotically and inconsistently. Sanitation services apply the method of disposal of landfill or existing landfills, which in most cases are not authorized and are a major source of soil and groundwater pollution. These landfill sites do not meet modern environmental standards in their location, design, construction and operation. Waste deposited are not compacted or covered with inert materials to prevent fires and spread unpleasant odors. There is no control of the quality and quantity of waste in storage sites, there is no national gas storage or collection, recovery / treatment of leachate program, access to waste disposal sites not maintained, vehicles and other equipment is not cleaned, the waste disposal sites are not fenced, guarded and marked. Almost every community has its own landfill, which spreads the communities in the DRC with waste and light wind fractions.

2. Why is it important for the applying municipalities to address this issue now? (5 points)

The experience of recent years shows that the investments in the field are not properly coordinated and have not allowed to achieve the expected results in the field of waste management in the Republic of Moldova. Sources of operational revenue for the waste management system are a combination of budget allocations and revenue collections, but they cannot cover the costs of the entire sector management. Local authorities have neither the opportunity nor the framework documents to help them promote cost-effective waste management. With the signing of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, local authorities are obliged by precise directives to establish modern waste collection and management services, but here we have to admit that we do not have the skills necessary for prominent and measurable results.

**3. What has been done already by the municipalities to deal with the issue or the problem ?
(specify for every applying municipality) (7 points)**

Waste management is a very serious problem in the Republic of Moldova. The Government is in the process of finalizing legal acts, but the basic regulatory framework is already elaborated and approved by the Parliament. So municipalities can already solve this problem step by step.

Our municipalities have decided to address the issue of service consolidation by setting up an intercommunity enterprise and setting up a temporary waste disposal polygons. Also, we are looking for new practices, and new ideas for waste management. To begin with, in solving this problem, we want to take only the most advanced and cost effective experiences, we want to learn the mistakes of others, and solve this problem right from the start.

To this end, our municipalities have registered the first inter-municipal municipal enterprise in the region, which will collect waste in 6 municipalities. In 2016 we started a vast campaign of informing and educating the population, how to collect waste separately. The first platforms for separate waste collection were built and arranged in 4 villages. The pupils and students from the schools were trained. Information leaflets have been edited and distributed. In the localities, contracts for waste management were signed with 60% of the population.

A team of 2 mayors, and 3 representatives of environmental services, went to Germany in the Kasel region for an exchange of experience. In November 2017, Rodica Russu, went to Germany in Hamburg where we presented our little experience at the Conect City forum. At the moment our municipalities are in the process of elaborating the regulations of activity of the waste management service, at the stage of setting and calculating the prices for this service, at the stage of organizing the proprietary service. That is why we have a great need, to be consulted and on a good way to organize and establish a viable, cost effective service.

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4. Is there currently any initiative at the national level or in a donor programme that addresses the same issue ? Please contact your national association of local/regional governments for more information on this. (3 points)

At present, the communes constituted an intercommunity waste collection company based in Speia, Anenii Noi. Together with ADR and ecology services, the temporary storage and separation platform was set up at the site of an ineligible landfill in Telita.

- Town halls and local councils have set a priority for solving the problem of household waste and have set up a public land in Telita, which will be set up as a temporary storage and waste management platform. The land is outside the village outside, it is located 500 meters from the raion road. At the moment this is used as an illegal garbage storage platform, according to the Moldovan Government's environmental strategies, that the platform is to be authorized and the waste to be properly managed in order to avoid the spread of the garbage area and to avoid environmental pollution.

- distance to which waste will be transported 1.5km Telita, 4 km Speia, 12 km Serpeni, 16 km Delacheu 20 km Puhaceni

- the legal status of garbage - public garbage;

- the contribution of the population to the project implementation (the share of each household) will be set by the sanitation tax approved by the Local Councils.

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5. What is the change to which the exchange should contribute? (5 points)

Exchanging experience and taking on good practice will allow us to improve the situation of waste management and to provide citizens with quality public services. In this context, the exchange of experience and good practices, especially with the European countries, favors and proposes more opportunities for effective implementation of the projects initiated. The possibility of implementing European technologies in the implementation of projects related to the solid waste management in our country, as well as the use of technological solutions for the security of the waste management system.

6. Describe what you would expect and like to see different as a result of the knowledge exchange? (5 points)

increasing the recovery and recycling of waste and reducing their degree of danger to the environment and population health, modern technologies in the construction of landfills.

7. What kind of assistance do you expect from the European municipality? (5 points)

Consultancy in the elaboration of cost-effective waste management policies, replication of the European experience from the waste package, reached with the European Parliament on 18 December 2017. Pre-consultation on the implementation of the Waste Package for a higher level of waste recycling and creating a circular economy. Support and consultation to improve the way waste is managed in our municipalities.

8. Which department(s) within your local or regional governments will be involved in the exchange? (specify per applying municipality) (5 points)

In the exchange of experience will be involved: Mayors from the municipalities - Telita, Speia, Varnita, Gura Bacului, Serpeni and Roscani, and the Director of the Intercommunity Enterprise for Public Utilities