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Practical Guide on Civic Energy

With the support of the German Federal Environment Foundation (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt - DBU), innova supports the energy transition in Moldova. In this southeastern European country, located between Romania and Ukraine, there is a forgotten cooperative organization essence and a current spirit of optimism for democracy and Europe.

Socio-economic approaches currently result from the need to help Ukraine (self-help) but have also developed over many years as a modern form of solidarity within associations and civil society. Energy projects are designed in the context of the market economy and often lack strong incentives and legal requirements yet. At the same time, entrepreneurial potential and daily concerns are significantly lower in Moldova than in Western Europe.

In practical terms, the project in Moldova consists of the following measures:

- Focusing on three districts of Moldova (Șoldănești, Ștefan Vodă and Anenii Noi), the most important opportunities and technologies regarding civic energy are brought to the attention of activists, associations and other forms of ecological movement and civil society. This is primarily done within working groups with the concept of regional energy transition. The focus is on the study visit of a **delegation** to Germany, targeting cooperatives, to take the experiences there and use them to strengthen Moldovan organizations.
- After carrying out an analysis of the situation, the legal and technical conditions for civic energy and related projects are reviewed and presented to the administration and the political class in Moldova as proposals to optimize the **framework conditions**.
- Interested citizens from the three districts mentioned above and other people from Moldova are trained as project developers in several days of training courses. Several events on civic energy and energy transition in the wind, photovoltaic and biogas sectors will stimulate discussions between experts and encourage the mutual transfer of know-how. The offers will be embedded in the **service organisation** of the civic energy partners mentioned above, and the network with neighbouring countries and the EU will be anchored in the long term.



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