

EcoVisio in action: September - December 2023



Hello, EcoVisio friends!

Yes yes, even though autumn has passed and the year 2023 is in the past, we still want to tell you how many wonderful things happened during that time. It's been such an eventful few months, we were glad to see you back at them all cheery and smiling.

This edition of the newsletter is a little late, and that's because we are involved in complex preparations for new projects and events that we will be announcing soon. You will receive the next edition by email very soon and that's because from January onwards there will be monthly newsletter editions. More frequent, shorter editions with more up-to-date information. What do you think about this new concept?

News: stay informed!

Find out more about the
Social Entrepreneurship
department



SDG Media Camp in Germany

The beginning of September (03.09 - 09.09) was marked by the visit of journalists from Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, Germany and Poland to the Eberswalde University of Sustainable Development, Germany. During the 7 days, journalists had discussions on several topics such as: climate topics on TikTok, circular economy, sustainability in urban landscape and everyday life, water management and fire early warning systems... See their experience [here](#).



The Erasmus + training course "Local in Global" in Poland

How do I plan educational activities in the field of socio-ecological transformation so that they are interesting and effective? This question led educators living in Armenia, Bulgaria, Germany, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine to Krzyżowa. Methods for socio-ecological transformation, knowledge, and skills for trainers – their toolboxes are now enriched in those things. Find out more [here](#).



IarmarEco 2023

The 12th edition of IarmarEco took place on October 8th, on a rainy day with many warm hearts gathered together. Thank you to all 150 local and social producers / local and social producers, including social initiatives, with impact who presented their products, activities, results in front of visitors in the Public Garden "Stefan cel Mare" in Chisinau. See photos from the event [here](#). It was a wonderful event. Thank you for being with us



Potato Autumn 2023

At Potato Autumn - 2023 we celebrated the hard work and dedication of local farmers who grow their produce with great love for the environment and their fellows. Thank you to all who participated in the organization of the 6th edition of the Potato Autumn and to the partner organizations. Until the next edition, as usual, we encourage you to eat locally and responsibly. You can see the photo gallery right [here](#).



Women of the EcoVisio team

The program "Female Entrepreneurship in Moldova - Emergency Economic Empowerment Initiative" (FEMEIE) was created to provide direct support for Moldovan and Ukrainian female entrepreneurs displaced to Moldova, with a special focus on supporting women to create a comprehensive, sustainable and empowering network. You can find out about the women entrepreneurs of our team who are beneficiaries of the project by clicking [here](#).



First Impact Forum in ATU Gaguzia

It took place on 9 November in Comrat. The participants of the forum met and discussed the concepts of social entrepreneurship, impact business, and business with corporate social responsibility through the invited speakers. See what the event looked like in photos [here](#).



SDG Media Camp in Poland

Journalists from Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, Germany and Poland gathered for a new learning experience as part of the SDG Media Camp project. This time, the third host city was Krakow, Poland, from 7-13 October. The young professionals reflected and discovered different topics related to social issues in the region, developing an exchange of experiences and views with local activists and specialists. Read more about their experience [here](#).



Keep Cool Moderators' Reflection Seminar

The [#KeepCool](#) climate change board game becomes an effective educational tool if it gets into the hands of an experienced moderator. This was one of the conclusions of the participants of the Keep Cool game moderation reflection seminar held on 18 November. Read about the participants' experience [here](#).



Volintiri village more climate resilient

On 30 October we completed the installation of the biomass boiler at the local kindergarten. At the same time, this month we also organised several trainings on such topics as "preparing the house for winter" and "energy efficiency practices". A total of 54 people attended all these trainings. The most active participants will have the opportunity to benefit from thermal home scanning in the near future! See the community experience [here](#).



Visit of the Director of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Swedish partners have always played a special role in EcoVisio's fate and development as a sustainable non-profit organisation. We are always happy to meet, especially in person with our colleagues from the Swedish Embassy in Moldova and IM Swedish Development Partner. Read more [here](#) about our cooperation with them.



Launch of the project "Strategic Communication for the implementation of the National

EcoVisio at Impact Week 2023 in Turin

Impact Week is an annual event organised by Impact Europe that brings together people from around the world representing the corporate sector, NGOs and donors interested in developing impact investment, fund managers and impact investors, representatives of various EU and US structures, representatives of government structures. See [here](#) what was discussed at the event and which companies we invited in the RM delegation.



Local in Global Alumni Meeting in Poland

At the end of September, a group of young Moldovans together with young people from Armenia, Bulgaria, Germany, Poland and Ukraine met in Krakow after participating in the Erasmus+ "Local in Global" youth exchange in May of the same year. Discover [here](#) what topics were discussed and the impressions of the participants.



Impact Report 2023 publication event

On 15 December we gathered at the Digital Park with our community of partners, funders, grantees and supporters to celebrate the results of the year. We were

Solid Waste Program in Moldova, in the regions: 5,8,1"

This project will be a support mechanism for communication and capacity building of LPAs/NGOs/community to successfully implement the National Waste Management Program for 2023-2027, recently approved by the Government. Find out [here](#) which regions are included in the project and how the event went.

happy to see each other again and to outline new plans for the future, new collaborations, new aspirations. We had the pleasure to share the emotions we experienced and the efforts made by the team throughout this period. We enjoyed talking to each guest and captured these moments in a [virtual photo album](#). Click [here](#) for the Romanian version of the report.

Opportunities: get involved!

Find out first where you can get involved



Training of Trainers in Social Entrepreneurship & SSE

We are looking for participants who are passionate about impact entrepreneurship and sustainable development, who want to improve their knowledge and skills in this field and tend to implement this concept in vocational schools, centres of excellence and colleges in the Republic of Moldova. The course "Training of Trainers in Social Entrepreneurship and the Concept of Student Social Enterprises" consists of two modules, each lasting 3 days (the program will be in Romanian and Russian). See details about the opportunity [here](#).



"Art Against Waste!" competition

Voting is now open for the best drawings in the "Art against Waste" competition! The score will be calculated on the basis of the actual reactions accumulated by the picture on the [Moldova #FărăDeșeuri page](#). The voting period will be 8 days, 12.02.2024 - 20.02.2024, and the winning drawings will be painted on public spaces in the concerned localities. Go [here](#) on the Facebook page and choose your favourites!



Energy efficiency posters in your



The #KeepCool game in schools

Are you a teacher, student, parent, youth

community!

A series of posters have been developed as part of the "[REDUCE ENERGY: Energy Efficiency Solutions for Better Communities](#)" project. Here you can find the materials in three formats: A4/A3, A5 and for Social Media, including their original quality. Posters can also be delivered to you free of charge for distribution in the community. Fill in [this form](#).

worker? Are you concerned about the state of the environment and climate change? Would you like to see these issues taken more seriously in your community? We can help you with the #KeepCool simulation game, available in Romanian, Russian, and English! Find out more about this possibility [here](#).

Useful resources

Find out more



The Keep Cool Game - an educational tool, where participants not only have fun, but also better understand the effects of climate change, develop communication, collaboration, negotiation, strategic and systems thinking skills. More about the specifics of the game can be seen in the [TVR Moldova](#) report. Read more about the project [here](#).

Lasă frunzele în seama naturii!

Fără efort, obții un sol fertil, aerat și sănătos.



Leaves are not trash!

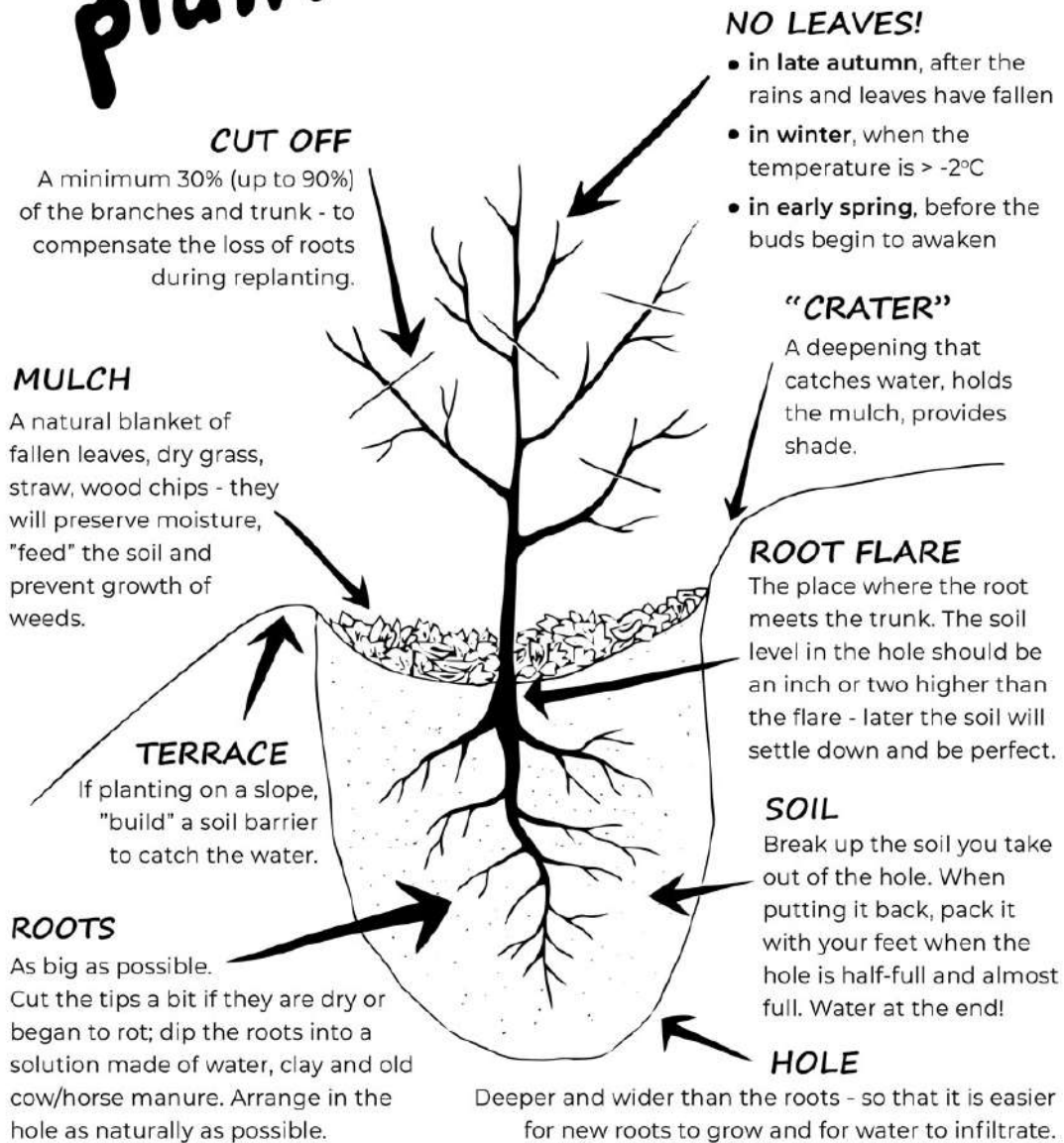
Nothing in nature is random - including fallen leaves, which have many functions:

- they provide winter shelter for insects and animals - ladybirds, hedgehogs;
- increase the soil's ability to retain water;
- feed and shelter microbial fauna;
- are a source of important nutrients.

Without leaves the natural circuit becomes unbalanced and problems arise - from declining wildlife populations to loss of soil fertility, erosion and drought.

Be a promoter of this message. Educate your community, including using information materials about what you can do with dry leaves and how they do us a lot of good. A collection of such materials in romanian and russian can be found [here](#).

How to plant a tree



How do we plant a tree properly?

To make sure that tree feels good the way we planted it requires attention to several aspects. This informative material is one of many that will help you and your loved ones better understand how your tree needs to be planted. Other material on this topic can be found [here](#).



The Fair of Ecological Opportunities and Social Initiatives [IarmarEco](#) brought together for the 12th edition beautiful people with values related to caring for nature and people around them. Visitors to the fair were impressed by the diversity of social and green businesses in the country and the quality of their products. We believe that this type of entrepreneurship deserves and should be promoted as much as possible! Get energised from the event by watching the video.



Legends say that the best potatoes can be found in the village of Rîșcova. We believe in them and were convinced by the efforts of local farmers to carefully cultivate fruits and vegetables at the 5th Potato Autumn Festival!

Locals, tourists, residents of the capital and surrounding villages enjoyed tasting and appreciating the delicacies of local producers and returned home with supplies for the coming winter. What "potato monument" Liya Taburchan was talking about, see in the video clip.



Longread:

Sorting in your own yard



Mr Mihai considers waste collection his job. He collects the waste, gives it to recycling companies and makes "a few pennies".

Mr Mihai has been collecting cardboard, polythene and, more recently, beer bottles for a year now, storing them at his home in an organised way "the polythene is in front of the house and the cardboard is in the back". Then, when a large amount is collected, he calls the waste collection companies and they come and buy it from the man, but "it takes a long time" to collect enough waste to interest the companies.

Read the hero's story in the article "Sorting in your own yard" [here](#).

Longread:

Fate Line



Alexander and Galina - waste sorting line workers in Belarus. They tell us about what's behind the job.

They are employees of the waste sorting line "Sanitary cleaning" of the Oktiabrskoe Community Housing Enterprise. The sorting line was installed in 2017. The number of employees is very small, 7 people, and the permanent staff is even smaller. The line consists of an entrance hopper, a container, where workers are accommodated, a conveyor belt and two presses that crush paper, plastic and film waste.

Read about the history of the heroes in the "Fate line" article [here](#).



People of EcoVisio

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