

4.1.3 MOLDOVA Opening Press Conference

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No. Participants: 29 from MD, 1 from RO

In the opening speech, **prof. Ion Tighineanu**, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova noted the importance of the ESNET- project for Moldova's integration into the European Area. "It is a project with a regional impact. There are many projects for countries around the Black Sea. Many of Black Sea Basin countries today are joining forces to solve common problems. It is important to promote new knowledge and new technologies", said corresponding member Ion Tighineanu.

Dr. hab. Vasile Alcaz, director of the Institute of Geology and Seismology of the ASM, Moldova project coordinator informed that ESNET it is a collaborative project of four Black Sea countries (Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey), funded by European Community, aimed at preventing earthquake disasters. Each country participating in this project has certain achievements, seismic hazard assessment methodology, the prevention of the consequences of intervention in an earthquake. The project will be realized a complex border, the first project action is to identify destructive potential in each country. "Based on these estimates, the integrated concept, which will have a cross-border relevance will be elaborated. The monitoring and intervention in case of earthquakes will be coordinated among the participating countries based on this concept, thus a more effective and efficient approach being ensured" said dr. Alcaz. Director of the Institute also said that the country authorities can intervene more rapidly in case of earthquakes to reduce damage by the earthquake, because until 2014, emergency institutions, some ministries and departments, thus Academy of Sciences Moldova will be united in a single communication network.



Dr. Alcaz added that the project will provide continuous exchange of seismic data between Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova.



Director of Experimental Seismology Center of the IGS ASM *Mr. Ion Ilies* declared that seismic stations of Moldova republic have been upgraded with modern digital equipment, with a real-time recording, which is essential to develop a special seismic warning system, which will allow 35-40 seconds before the arrival of destructive wave in this region, to disconnect or stop some hazardous devices and processes, to connect certain facilities, which would maintain the activity of institutions as data centers, hospitals etc.

Dr. Stefan Florin Balan mentioned that The Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme (JOP) is one of the EU operational programs under the European Neighborhood & Partnership Instrument (ENPI). It is implemented during the programming period 2007 - 2013. There are 8 participating countries in the Black Sea JOP, i.e. Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine, Romania, and Greece. The Black Sea JOP aims at a stronger and more sustainable economic and social development of the Black Sea Basin regions. Through the Black Sea JOP, communities in the areas concerned will be encouraged to further develop their local economy, confront environmental challenges and promote greater interaction among people. According to dr. Balan, the main important estimated project outputs there are: One e-group of the network created and operational; A "Regional Capacity Building Start-up Curricula" elaborated; One meetings for discussing and approving the curricula (20 participants); ESNET BOOK; Educational films; 2 days training sessions in each country (20 professionals each);

After the listed presentations Dr. V. Alcaz, Dr. F.S. Balan and Mr. I. Ilies have responded to the questions of media representatives.