

Causeni Agri-Hub: Community Cooling and Processing Fruits and Veggies Infrastructure**Duration:** 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2025**Countries:**
Moldova**EU contribution:** € 660 000**Total budget:** € 660 000**Project description:**

"Causeni Agri-Hub: community cooling and processing fruits and veggies infrastructure" project is a strategic investment supported by the European Union, with a total budget of EUR 660,000. The project focuses on establishing a modern community facility for the cooling and processing of fruits and vegetables in Caușeni district. This initiative addresses the critical need for local producers to access improved infrastructure for post-harvest handling, thus enhancing the competitiveness of agricultural products from the region. The project is implemented under the "Mayors for Economic Growth" Facility (2021-2024) – Phase II, which supports municipalities and towns in the Eastern Partnership countries, including the Republic of Moldova, to foster local economic development.

Expected results:

1. Installation of modern equipment for washing, cleaning, and preparing fruits and vegetables;
2. Creation of a rapid cooling and freezing system for fruit blanching and preservation;
3. Establishment of a processing and packaging line to add value to locally produced fruits and vegetables;
4. Implementation of a traceability and stock management system, improving inventory control and product quality monitoring;
5. Deployment of a renewable energy source to partially power the facility, reducing operational costs and the carbon footprint;
6. Direct benefits for the local producers who will have access to the hub's services;
6. Contribution to the creation of new jobs in the region, both directly at the hub and indirectly in the agricultural supply chain;
7. Enhanced attractiveness of Causeni as a regional centre for agri-food processing, encouraging further investments and collaborations.