

**Increased Opportunities and Better Living Conditions
across the Nistru/Dniestr River****Duration:** 15.03.2015 - 31.12.2018**Countries:**
Moldova**EU contribution:** € 10 000 000**Implementer:**
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
(UNDP)**Project description:**

The “frozen conflict” situation in Transnistria, a region that accounts for one third of the Republic of Moldova’s total industrial production and almost the entire energy production, has led to a decrease in living standard and its economy has not been able to fully benefit from the opportunities provided by the assistance offered to Moldova. However, some progress has occurred as cooperation between Chisinau and Tiraspol has improved.

With European Union support, the project aims to contribute to an environment of trust and cooperation across the Nistru/Dniestr River generating new perspectives on shared interests and a shared future by people from both banks of the river while responding to their pressing development needs.

Expected results:

- At least 50 cross-river business exchanges and partnerships promoted between businesses and business associations leading to common understanding of opportunities, barriers and technical standards in the field of business development.
- At least 200 Small and Medium Enterprises (including women led SMEs) involved in joint activities and received business support services contributing to increased professionalization and higher business standards on the left bank.
- New opportunities for business cooperation across the river and at least 150 new jobs and 5 000 new livelihoods for women and men.
- Consolidated local consultancy market providing improved services fostering local capacities to use the benefits provided by the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTA) in terms of access to the EU market with at least 20 business consultants trained and/or certified.
- At least 30 social infrastructure projects supported in the security zone (on both banks of the river).
- An improved culture of entrepreneurship and greater access to information and funding leads to the creation of 30 new businesses, integrated into existing cross-river platforms.
- At least 60 local actors have increased capacities for sustainable development and ensuring access of most vulnerable to public