

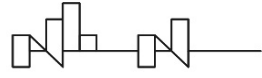


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Regarding the launch of the Project „*Closing the temporary waste storage facility in the City of Botoșani, Botoșani County*”

December 2022

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests is the Programme Operator for the “Environment, Climate Change Adaptation and Ecosystems” Programme (RO-Environment), “Measures to reduce contamination with hazardous substances in temporary municipal waste storage spaces” that is funded by the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021.

The Municipality of Botoșani, as project Leader, together with the Bucharest National Research and Development Institute for Environmental Protection, signed on November the 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 the financing contract no. 25247/24.11.2022 for the implementation of the project “*Closing the temporary waste storage facility in the City of Botoșani, Botoșani County*”.

The project’s total value is 12.369.750, 00 lei, of which 12.369.750, 00 represents non-refundable financial assistance (100%): 10.514.287, 50 lei from the Financial Mechanism (EEA) (85%) and 1.855.462,50 lei from the national budget (15%). The implementation period is November 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 and April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The project’s general objective is to increase the capacity of the Municipality of Botoșani on the management/ reducing/ removing of risks that are generated by hazardous substances and city waste, within the period of project implementation of 18 months.

The specific objectives are:

- Defining what is the impact on the environment when closing the 3 municipality temporary waste deposits within 18 months of project implementation;
- Planning and implementing the closing measures of the 5 municipality temporary waste deposits within 18 months of project implementation;
- Promoting the pilot project that is accomplish with the support of the Financial Mechanism (EEA) 2014-2021 within 18 months of project implementation.

The outcome of the project:

- ✓ project implementation strategy;
- ✓ 3 information events - 1 project’s kick-off conference, 1 workshop on presenting the results of 9 months of project implementation; 1 conference on project’s closing.
- ✓ 3 reports on the what is the impact on the environment when closing the 3 municipality temporary waste storage facilities;

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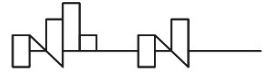


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- ✓ Monitoring plan for environmental factors during the completion of the closure of temporary municipal waste storage facilities;
- ✓ 2 awareness meetings on the impact of hazardous substances and municipal waste on the environment and public health;
- ✓ Plan of measures for closing temporary waste storage facility, which is elaborated and validated;
- ✓ 3 closed waste storage facilities according to legal provisions;
- ✓ 1 best practice guide on the closure of temporary municipal waste storage facilities. This guide can also be used by other public authorities for their own locations, thus contributing to increasing the risk management capacity determined by the hazardous substances in the body of the warehouses.

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