

Project Update: May 2007

The project goes well and we are glad that there is much progress, particularly in ties with local, republican and regional authorities. We see the transboundary conservation and regional ecotourism activity as a chance for environment in the middle Nistru river basin (Moldova-Ukraine). And the present project is just the beginning.

Here is a photo update on the spring phase of the project:

TV round table, organised at the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of the Moldavian State University, led by Andrei Dumbraveanu, our cameraman, a journalist, an ecoactivist, NGO, and environmental journalism teaching staff of the said institution. Other participants are Aurel Lozan and Alexei Palancean (Dr. of biology, ecologist, and forest management).

The protected area index in Moldova is one of the lowest in Europe, with no national parks. We would like, once again, to say that in a populated area like Moldova-Ukraine it is the same as the whole of Europe; human intervention into natural heritage is inevitable. The only solution is to protect the environment by taking also into account the needs of local people, therefore, their help would be crucial for successful conservation and development. We will pledge for a rational coexistence. The environmental tourism could be a chance for valuable landscapes, for habitats as indispensable homes to biodiversity, ultimately for living side by side.

This is the class of computing and information of the secondary school "Cosauti", a local school in the Soroca district (Moldova) with its own problems and, sometimes, lack of information, teaching staff etc. The connection for internet access is via cable modem, but at slow speed and is the only one way to access the Internet at the school and in the village at all. There are pupils interested in ecology and nature conservation, so we try to help and get them involved in our activities. Every book they take in the school library will be now accompanied by our booklet. Tomorrow, some of pupils will be in line with our way of thinking.

