

## EcoVisio in action: June - September 2023



**Hi Autumn! Hello hardworking and beautiful people!**

We are trying to realize that we have already entered the second month of autumn, which means that the event of the year - IarmarEco 2023 is already very close. But before we get to the fair, we want to tell you what we have achieved this summer, which has proved to be eventful. We rested, we celebrated, and we set our goals for the second half of the year so that now the EcoVisio office is buzzing with ideas, partnerships, and beneficiaries who cross our doorstep interested in sustainable development.

Enjoy your reading!

PS: Get your bag ready for the IarmarEco and Potato Autumn now.

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## Training for rural residents

Within the project "Sustainable and safe energy and transport in Moldova" 3 trainings of 2 days each took place, where we addressed the 4 key topics of the project: climate change and how we can cope, waste management, green gardening, and energy efficiency (thermal insulation and solar energy). How exactly the training went, see [here](#).



## SDG Advocacy School

The school took place between June 18th and 22nd at EcoVillage Moldova, in the Rîșcova village. It united participants from Moldova, Germany, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Ukraine. Through the program, participants gained insights into different advocacy approaches and identified those best suited to their political context and available resources. We explored innovative strategies and tools to encourage governments, administrations, and society to adopt and implement the SDGs. See more [here](#).



## SDG Media Camp

After launching the project in May in online format, journalists from Germany, Poland, Belarus, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova finally came to visit our country to meet in person. The media camp focuses on the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular those, which have a connection with the environment. You can read more about the participants' experience and their impressions [here](#).



## EcoVisio Birthday

EcoVisio looks like at its 10 birthday - a community of dedicated people full of love for all that is nature, social economy, and human interaction related. Beneficiaries, alumni, members, staff team, partners, collaborators, and generally all who support our work, were with us to celebrate together our 10 years of activity, rich in projects and results that we are proud of. We are charged with energy and inspiration to realize our plans and aspirations for the coming years. Many thanks to you and see the photo gallery [here](#).



### Study visit: Urban Gardens

Svetlana Burcă's model garden is a real case study, which we analysed during the EcoVisio study visit on 12 July. Participants had the opportunity to observe practices of starting such a garden, and the hosts' experience helped them to consider possible mistakes in setting it up. Find out more [here](#).



### EcoVisio Summer Retreat 2023

This summer, as usual, we went to the wooded sights of Vadul lui Voda with the aim to actively rest, but also reflect, discuss the alumni community, and synergize our vision for the future of EcoVisio. It is important to mention that this meeting became possible thanks to donations from our participants, as well as financial support from the Bosch Alumni Network. See [here](#) some nice moments from our meeting.□



### International Conference "Impact in the Neighbours"

The team of [HUBul Antreprenorilor Sociali](#) assigned a delegation from the Republic of Moldova to attend the international conference in Tbilisi "Impact in the Neighbours" organized by EVPA. Each representative was eager to accumulate good experiences to be followed. Returning home, they aim to support the social economy and large-scale impact investment in Moldova. You can find out about the members of the delegation and the scale of the conference [here](#).



### A new long-term EU4Youth project

The project, which will encourage entrepreneurial activity with social impact, right from the school benches. In partnership with organizations from Germany, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, we bring a new concept to our country #SocialStudentCompany, within the unique project "Fostering Youth Social Entrepreneurship and Practical Career Management Skills in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Armenia Through the Innovative Social Student Companies (SSC) Approach". More details about the project [here](#).



## #KeepCool Training

KeepCool trainings brought together over 30 people eager to learn a new and interactive non-formal education tool, including young men and women, teachers, psychologists, and youth workers. The participants in the trainings went through a complex process of getting to know the mechanics and dynamics of the game so that they were able to master it with confidence. As Keep Cool is a board game about climate change, the two full days of activities did not lack debates on these topics, so that each moderator could reflect with his participants on the processes in the game and how they can be related to those in real life. How the training went and what comes next, see [here](#).



## Youth Exchange in Poland "Local in Global"

A group of enthusiastic young people packed their suitcases and boarded Europe's trains so that after a long (and environmentally friendly) journey, they could enjoy a learning and intercultural exchange experience in Poland. Young people received knowledge and had discussions and debates on the topic of climate change and how they as individuals can adapt to the new changing times to have a positive impact and act towards a sustainable future. But the programme was designed so that they could connect with young people from different countries, and cultures, learn from each other, and broaden their perceptions by sharing experiences. See the photo gallery [here](#).



## Training "Dried or dehydrated fruit and vegetables. Enterprise Pistilul de Valea Răutului"

On August 16 we organized a workshop by Mrs. Ludmila Castraveț at the production facility in Criuleni. The specific requirements in the technological process on the whole flow, the necessary equipment, and what new and tasty products can be launched on the market by dehydration were presented. Find out more [here](#).



## Training "From Agriculture to Food: Bridge between Producer and Consumer"

This training was dedicated to the art of communication between producer and consumer. The seminar, held at Villa Radova, Căpriană, was attended by 22 small and very small artisan producers, including traders from the EcoLocal Farmers Market Moldova. See how the training went, [here](#).



## Study visit to Germany

As part of the "REDUCE ENERGY: Energy efficiency solutions for better communities" project, the beneficiaries had a study visit to Germany in August. This involved numerous meetings and exchanges of experience with local experts, who are leaders in the field of energy efficiency and use technology, innovation, and resource efficiency to create an efficient system with a positive environmental impact. Read about the study visit [here](#).



## A new project in Volintiri village

The aim of the project "Increasing the resilience of the village of Volintiri to climate change" is to increase the resilience of the community of Volintiri village, Stefan Voda district to climate change, by piloting and popularizing green practices in energy and waste management. Find out [here](#) what we plan to implement in this project.

## Opportunities: get involved!

Find out first where you can get involved



### IarmarEco 2023

The long-awaited fair for local entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurs and the whole community is back with a new edition - [IarmarEco - 2023!](#)

When? 8 October; 11:00 - 18:00

Where? Public Garden "Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt"; Chișinău

How? With a large bag for all your shopping, curiosity and good mood.

Inform yourself [here](#) about the fair.



### Toamna Cartofului

[Toamna Cartofului](#) returns for its 6th edition! Come fill your larder for winter and have a tasty day. Produce will be priced appropriately.

When? 15 October; 12:00 - 19:00

Where? Park of Rîșcova village, rn. Criuleni  
How? With a free trunk for all your winter shopping, love for traditions, and a good mood.

Find out about the fair [here](#).

### The #KeepCool game in schools

Are you a teacher, student, parent, youth



worker? Are you concerned about the state of the environment and climate change? Would you like to see these issues taken more seriously in your community? We can help you with the #KeepCool simulation game, available in Romanian, Russian, and English! Find out more about this possibility [here](#).

## Useful resources

[Find out more](#)

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Кладбище кораблей, производство ковров и бесплатные ярмарки.  
Как всё это связано с циклической экономикой?

"Ещё теплее" ("Warmer") is the podcast of the "Ecoidea" school about life and ecology. It was created so that ecological issues can be discussed with different people. Ecological problems influence the lives of each of us, even if it seems that it is not so. The podcast in the Russian language is available on multiple platforms and currently consists of 9 episodes. Listen to the episodes [here](#).



Small country, big heart... or another option would be: small country, lots of garbage. Some photos in the sunflower fields, in the forest making some barbeque or bathing in the river are "obligatory" activities during the warm season, but what do these places that make us feel good look like after we go back to our homes?

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## **GUNOIȘTEA PE DOS**

Proiect informațional privind  
administrarea deșeurilor în Belarus,  
Ucraina, Moldova și Armenia



Primul longread „Tipuri specifice de deșeuri”  
[aboutwaste.info](http://aboutwaste.info)

Curious to learn more about the waste situation in different countries? Then it's time to discover the new "Garbage on the backside" long reads! We won't surprise you if we say that we are going through a crisis of proper waste management globally. Many, however, remain of the opinion that this phenomenon does not affect them directly and is generally "somewhere far away". But is this really the case? Read the long read [here](#).





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What are the effects of war on the environment? On 24 February 2022, with Russia's outbreak of war on the territory of Ukraine, the situation worsened and a new, more dangerous type of waste (plastic, glass, paper, organics) was added to the usual waste - war waste. War causes huge damage to the environment. Artillery attacks and missiles destroy soil and vegetation cover. Animals and plants are killed, landscapes are altered and surface and groundwater are poisoned. Mined areas pose a threat to both human and animal life. Read the long read [here](#).



In July we met for an evening of networking and celebrating our community - EcoVisio Birthday & Community Evening. Let's feel the atmosphere of that day full of impactful results, achievements, memories, and plans for the future! Thank you for joining us. ☐



Longread:

## Management of organic and medical waste in Moldova



What is the fate of organic and medical waste in our country? Moldova's landfills store different types of organic waste - from food waste to grass clippings, leaves, and branches. This is common for both rural and urban landfills, although some

municipalities are trying to compost bio-waste in an organized way. At the same time, of the 415,766.09 tonnes of waste accumulated in the country in 2021, 552.27 tonnes was medical waste - or about 0.1%. So why should so much attention be paid? Because hospitals do not know how to manage toxic and hazardous waste, especially those containing mercury (especially mercury thermometers). It is collected and stored in medical institutions, but no one knows what to do with it and it is refused everywhere. The same goes for masks, gloves, overalls or bathrobes. Read the long read [here](#).



If you are tired of garbage and want to better understand how to manage the waste in your life - then we have the solution: the ♻️ "On the Waste Limit" course ♻️ in Romanian and Russian. This is a new EcoVisio-branded educational product that is online, free, and available whenever and wherever you want. The 10 lessons in the course are made to be understood by everyone. We want you to have fun learning and to put the ideas in the course into practice. We know your time is precious, so each lesson will take no more than 15-25 minutes and can be completed at your own pace. Start the course right now [here](#).



[EcoVillage Moldova](#) is one of our proudest ongoing achievements and probably the place you've already met or at least heard about. In Rîșcova, this ecological training center is a regional hub for practical education. The fields are diverse - organic farming, responsible use of energy resources, green building, community development, civic activism, and social entrepreneurship. An important source of support for what is happening at EcoVillage has been and continues to be donations on the [GlobalGiving](#) platform. So far, we have raised over \$30,000, which has been invested in the training center to amplify its social and environmental impact. To view our project on the platform, see [this link](#). Our growth plans are ambitious but achievable! We want to expand our training spaces and participant accommodation, produce more renewable energy, and host many more events. With the more obvious effects of climate change and a growing interest in EcoVisio trainings, we will make an even bigger impact thanks to your support and that of the whole community!



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## People of EcoVisio

Vica Diavor is a project coordinator in the field of energy efficiency and waste management. She has been an environmental activist since childhood, but still manages to be a loving mother, running a business she is passionate about. She is motivated by a strong belief that the people of Moldova have the potential to live very well. Moreover, Vica studied Accounting, Management and Marketing in Cluj and Oxford.

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