



### **EcoVisio in Action - December 2020**



# Happy New Year! Take care of yourself and the environment!

We're saying goodbye to a year that shook all our plans and optimism, a year that taught us how to adapt as we go, change our daily routine and never let go of the "everything will be fine" mantra.

As 2020 comes to an end, we are more thankful to you than ever for staying by our side - most often online, but also offline - for offering us valuable feedback when we needed it, and for supporting us in all our activities, whether they had to do with COVID-19 or were completely unrelated.

We hope that in 2021 we will be able to interact more with you in real life, that we will manage to change perceptions and attitudes harmful to the environment, to slow down climate change even just a little bit, and last but not least, to live in less fear and uncertainty. The EcoVisio team wishes you a very happy new year with lots of health!

### What We've Been Up To

Read more on our website



#### Support for our local producers

Fill Santa's gift bag and your table with local products, grown and made with deep care for the environment and people. This holiday season, our IarmarEco page is the place to find wonderful gift ideas from local producers. Discover them <u>here</u>



#### **Choose a potted Christmas tree!**

It takes a fir tree about 10 years to grow up tall and majestic, only to be cut down, enjoyed for a few days, then thrown out at the dumpster. Meanwhile, a living potted Christmas tree is just as fun to decorate! See how to choose one and care for it <u>here</u>



#### Four villages, soon #WasteFree

Four villages in the Criuleni and Orhei districts will get rid of their mountains of trash. Our #FărăDeșeuri department has started an ambitious project aiming to remove five unauthorized landfills from the villages of Miclești, Peresecina, Stețcani and Rîșcova. More information <u>here</u>



#### Awards for the most eco-friendly Christmas trees!

For the third year in a row, we kept the tradition of crowning the most eco-friendly Christmas trees in Moldova! This year's best creations are featured in an album, so they can serve as inspiration for others. You can admire the most creative eco-trees <u>here</u>



#### News from the Horse Sanctuary

Recently, Horse Sanctuary Rîșcova adopted a new resident with blue eyes named Noana. The "father" of these horses, Valeriu Istrati, plans a series of trainings on non-violent education for horses in Moldovan villages.



#### Moldova's waste on the news

How can we get rid of landfills, the sad business cards of most villages in Moldova? Natalia and Evgheni, experts in our #FărăDeșeuri department, are firmly convinced that informing people is the first Read the Sanctuary story, with its 5 horses saved from the slaughterhouse, as well as some plans for the future <u>here</u> necessary step towards finding a solution. See the news story prepared by CTC <u>here</u>



#### How fashion is killing our seas

About 2,700 liters of water are used to produce one single T-shirt. Why is fashion considered one of the most polluting industries in the world, responsible for drying up rivers, lakes and even seas? Find out from our FărăDeșeuri Department <u>here</u>



#### Menstrual cups, without shame

30 young women, freshmen at the Police Academy "Stefan cel Mare", attended an EcoVisio training on the benefits of the menstrual cup – an ecological, economical and healthy alternative to single use pads and tampons. Details and photos <u>here</u>



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#### Forum on (non)formal education

Online education can and should be participatory - this is the motto of the EcoVisio facilitators who voluntarily organized several online editions of the EDU+ Forum this year. At the last edition, the 50+ participants discovered the educational videos made by activEco 2020 alumni, a useful tool for participatory work with students. Details <u>here</u>

### **Coming Up Next**

Read more on our website



#### Holidays at the EcoVillage

The EcoVillage Moldova in Rîșcova is now a winter wonderland, where you and your loved ones can spend the holidays in a truly special way. Forest walks, creative workshops, tree plantings are just a few of



#### Let's "Save the Planet Together"

Children from a kindergarten in Chișinău collected over 1000 plastic bottle caps for "Let's Save the Planet Together", a campaign supported by EcoVisio. Such a campaign can

also be organized in other kindergartens, schools and institutions. Find out more <u>here</u>

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#### Work in progress on a new activEco video

Following the video-stories about plastic bags, sharing economy and green transportation, our activEco 2020 alumni are working hard on the last video of the series. Want to guess which topic will it address? Clues <u>here</u>

### **Our Friends' Initiatives**



#### Fill the Community Fridge!

Share your holiday feast with those less fortunate! The "Community Fridge" project invites you to donate food products, which will be turned into hot meals for the needy. More info <u>here</u>



#### Let's not forget about birds during winter

Sedentary birds who stay here over winter need our help to survive. However, sometimes the food we give them can do more harm than good. Check out some recommended bird feed during winter <u>here</u>



## Donate clothes and precious warmth!

Do you have blankets or sheets that you no longer need? DOBRO Boutique is collecting them for their doggie shelter! They also take clothing donations, as long as they are in good condition. All details <u>here</u>



### **Humans of EcoVisio**

Clara Abdullah was the team member featured in this section of the first "EcoVisio in action", our newsletter which Clara herself started last year. 19 editions later, we dedicate this section to her once again, as she is about to take off to new and exciting adventures. Thank you, Clara, for these 33 months of being our Communications & PR Coordinator, our reliable colleague and a true human of EcoVisio!

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