A new community inclusion and development project for vulnerable people launched in the Republic of Moldova

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The EcoLocal Association launches the EcoLocal SOCIAL charity fair, which will take place monthly, starting in June. The fair will be organized on the same days and next to the existing EcoLocal Farmers Market in Chisinau.

EcoLocal SOCIAL is a new project, launched with the support of <u>HIAS Moldova</u>, and offers opportunities for community inclusion and development for socially vulnerable groups in the Republic of Moldova, and includes refugees and victims of aggression, especially women, elderly people, single mothers and fathers with young children, unemployed, people with special needs.

The main objective of the project is the community inclusion as well as the identification of business opportunities, with thematic training sessions and the participation of the beneficiaries in a marketplace where they have the opportunity to sell and promote their own creations and services.

We invite non-governmental organizations and all citizens who know of potential beneficiaries to contact us by email ecolocalsocial@gmail.com.

We aim to offer up to 30 places at every EcoLocal SOCIAL fair, at no cost. To apply, please check the eligibility criteria, read the <u>regulations</u> and register <u>here</u>.

Participants will have the opportunity to sell and promote their own goods and/or services, learn new skills for professional development, discover opportunities to rebuild their own lives. For more details, see the **project page**.

The EcoLocal SOCIAL charity fair will take place monthly, starting from June, on Saturdays, in parallel with the EcoLocal Farmers Market, between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and will take place in the green area, in front of the KENTFORD business center, Ştefan cel Mare boulevard, 202, Chisinau.

This project is implemented in partnership with Chisinau City Hall, the KENTFORD business center.

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For interviews, images and details about the project please contact us by ecolocalsocial@gmail.com

About HIAS

<u>HIAS Moldova</u> offers support and assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged people. We aim to promote economic integration, community engagement and protection, address gender-based violence and improve mental health services. Our ultimate goal is to empower underprivileged to achieve self-reliant and stable lives.

About EcoLocal

The <u>EcoLocal Association</u> is an association of consumers and ecological producers, with the aim to develop the local market for ecological and craft products and ensure effective communication between producers and consumers.

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