





# KEY HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2023 - MAY 2024 MOLDOVA









"The assistance from M4EG has been invaluable in bolstering our community's resilience and capacity to integrate Ukrainian refugees. With the grants and support received, we have significantly improved access to transportation, while also ensuring social integration. This initiative has truly strengthened our ability to support and develop our municipality in these challenging times."

### Sergiu Andronachi, Mayor of Cimișlia City

"The M4EG initiative has been a transformative experience for our community. The training and support provided have empowered us to launch successful crowdfunding campaigns, enabling us to enhance local infrastructure and create inclusive spaces for our residents. The impact is visible in our sports field project, which is set to become a vibrant hub for both children and adults."

Ina Olearciuc, Investment Attraction Specialist, Anenii Noi City

### **Abreviations**

CO Country Office

EaP Eastern Partnership countries

EU European Union

EUD European Union Delegation

LA Local Authorities

LEDP Local Economic Development Plans

LoA Letter of Agreement

M4EG Mayors for Economic Growth (Facility)

P4EG Pathways for Economic Growth
RPA Responsible Party Agreement

ULC Urban Learning Center

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

Note on definitions: depending on the country context and/or wording previously used in endorsed documents, the report uses local authorities, municipalities, cities, and towns interchangeably.

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### Introduction

What is M4EG's added value, why it is relevant for local authorities in the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter Moldova):

The Mayors for Economic Growth (M4EG) initiative provides significant added value and relevance for local authorities in Moldova through several key aspects:

**Transformative Local Development:** M4EG emphasizes transformative rather than incremental changes at the local level. This approach aims to make towns and cities more responsive, resilient, and sustainable, fostering economic opportunities and vibrant communities. This transformative focus supports green and inclusive economic development in secondary towns, which is crucial for retaining talent and creating dynamic local economies

**Crisis Adaptation and Response:** The M4EG has demonstrated flexibility and adaptability in responding to crises, particularly following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. By repurposing budgets and increasing funding for crisis response and recovery, the initiative has effectively supported local authorities in managing emerging needs, including those related to refugee integration and crisis management

Capacity Building and Learning Opportunities: Through the Urban Learning Center (ULC) and various workshops, M4EG provides extensive networking, learning activities, and hands-on support. This dual engagement strategy—broad for extensive reach and deep for intensive, experimental approaches—ensures that local authorities are well-equipped with the knowledge and tools needed for local economic development and strategic innovation

These elements highlight how M4EG supports local authorities in Moldova by enhancing their capacity to implement sustainable economic growth strategies, adapt to crises, and foster inclusive, resilient communities.

### **Key figures**

number of new members	6
number of M4EG members	65
number of deep demonstrators: Portfolio cities Urban Imaginaries P4EG The EU's Response and Renewal Programme Energy Efficiency Grants	1 (active) 2 (1 active, 1 complete) 2 (active) 5 (4 active, 1 complete) 3 (complete)
people reached via communications channels	at least 70,000
number of events/sessions	21
number of municipal staff registered at the ULC	41

### The EU Response and Renewal Grant Programme

### **CHALLENGES**

Moldova faces significant challenges due to migration, economic losses, and inadequate infrastructure. Amid the ongoing war in neighboring Ukraine, local authorities are grappling with the integration of Ukrainian refugees while dealing with their own issues such as energy crises, shrinking economies, and high inflation. These communities often lack the necessary human and financial resources to support refugees effectively while managing their existing responsibilities.

Moldova has faced significant migration challenges due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. As of April 2024, Moldova has seen an influx of 1.1 million Ukrainian refugees, with approximately 120,000 Ukrainian refugees currently registered in the country. The Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) in 2023 highlighted that these refugees face urgent needs in various sectors such as health, education, and livelihoods (Microdata) (UNHCR Data).

### Economic

Moldova's economy has been severely impacted by the regional instability. The GDP growth rate slowed down, and the country experienced a significant economic downturn, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the influx of refugees. The World Bank has noted that Moldova's GDP contracted in recent years, and recovery has been sluggish due to the compounded effects of the war in Ukraine.

### Infrastructure

Moldova's infrastructure has been strained due to the increased demand from the refugee population. The country's road network, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions have been under pressure to accommodate the needs of both the local population and refugees. According to UNHCR, there has been a critical need for improvements in shelter and essential services to support the refugees effectively (UNHCR) (Microdata).



A refugee integration center in Cărpineni

### **RESPONSE & IMMEDIATE RECOVERY**

M4EG has undertaken several initiatives to address these challenges. The EU Response and Renewal Grant Programme has been a key part of this effort, providing financial aid to support the immediate needs of the refugees and improve local infrastructure. The Programme focuses on enhancing the capacity of local authorities to manage the increased demand for services and support economic recovery.

### Cărpineni

**Projects:** The creation of a refugee integration center in Cărpineni has been a focal project, aimed at providing professional training, re-skilling opportunities, and economic inclusion for refugees and local citizens. The center also offers educational activities for Ukrainian children.

Impact: Infrastructure work for the integration center has been completed, with the funds fully utilized as per the contract. The city hall, in collaboration with an NGO and a gender specialist, is developing programmes to ensure gender equality and women's empowerment. The Local Action Group is actively involved in providing free Romanian language courses and facilitating the professional retraining of refugees.

**Ongoing Progress:** The center is on track to fully operationalize its services, focusing on the integration of refugees into the local economy and providing ongoing support for their social and professional development.

### Volintiri

**Projects:** Volintiri has focused on developing small businesses and creating accommodation spaces for refugees. This includes setting up four business spaces and providing training on starting a business, along with housing for refugees.

Impact: All necessary documentation for the infrastructure works has been prepared, with the support of the M4EG team and an engineer. Adjustments to the budget have been made, and a company has been selected to carry out the works, which are expected to be 20% complete by the end of Q1 2024 and fully finished by the end of August 2024.

**Ongoing Progress:** The project is progressing as planned, with the second tender process completed and the contract signed. Continuous monitoring and support are in place to ensure timely completion and effective use of the new facilities.



### **RENEWAL & ANTICIPATION**

The new public transport vehicles

An AI designed bus stop

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### Copceac

**Projects:** The establishment of a multifunctional center for public services in Copceac aims to support refugees, socially vulnerable groups, and businesses by providing four integrated social services in one location.

Impact: By the end of April 2024, over 94% of the infrastructure funds had been utilized, with major construction work more than halfway completed. The focus has now shifted to interior works, including wall insulation and preparing the electricity and heating systems. Training sessions have been conducted in parallel, involving Ukrainian refugees, local NGOs, and the mayoralty, focusing on sustainable community recovery and socially oriented entrepreneurship.

**Ongoing Progress:** The main construction works are expected to be completed by Q2 2024, with the entire project set to finalize by Q3 2024.

### Cimișlia

**Projects:** Cimişlia's renewal project aims to improve public transport and access to public services and job opportunities, thereby enhancing citizens' mobility and integrating refugees and vulnerable groups.

Impact: The selected company delivered the new public transport vehicles in January. The project team is now finalizing the design and logos for the transport system. A Plan of Urban Mobility is being developed to optimize the public transport routes, which have been tested since February with positive feedback from the community.

Ongoing Progress: The project was expected to be completed by the end of April but due to substantial savings it has been prolonged to continue with the development of transportation infrastructure, namely, AI designed bus stops.

### **Drochia**

**Projects:** Drochia is implementing energy efficiency measures in a kindergarten to enhance the quality of educational services and adapt them to the needs of both local and refugee families from Ukraine.

**Impact:** By the end of April 2024, 87% of the construction work had been completed. Due to cold weather, work was paused in December and January but resumed in February. The remaining infrastructure and soft activities are on track to be completed by the end of September 2024.

**Ongoing Progress:** The project is progressing steadily, with the city hall ensuring that all planned activities are completed within the stipulated timeline to provide improved educational services and support for refugee families.

### **Refugee Response grants and activities**

Amid the ongoing war in neighboring Ukraine, the M4EG team Moldova is actively supporting the Refugee Response efforts in the country and bolstering the resilience of Local Public Authorities (LPAs). The focus is on making sure Ukrainian refugees who are now in RM feel included and supported. Many local authorities, who are part of the M4EG network, are facing tough challenges such as energy crisis, a shrinking economy and extremely high inflation. These communities and towns are finding it hard to help refugees while dealing with their own tasks and responsibilities, and lacking human and financial resources.

The situation is complex and keeps changing fast. To handle this crisis well, we need to be ready to adapt and change our plans quickly. Actions were taken in a wide form, from social cohesion activities to grants for municipalities and various courses (Romanian and professional courses) to foster a fast and east inclusion to the new reality.

Many of the already implemented activities before April 2023 can be found in the 2023 MID-YEAR BRIEF.



Ukrainian refugees attended a performance of "Zaporozhian beyond the Danube" by the Ukrainian Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet from Kharkiv

## Opera at the Year of Culture of Ukraine in the Republic of Moldova

On April 18, eighteen Ukrainian refugees, along with two members of the host community from Cimişlia, attended a performance of "Zaporozhian beyond the Danube" by the Ukrainian Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet from Kharkiv. This cultural event took place at the National Theatre of Opera and Balet "Maria Bieșu" and was part of the Year of Culture of Ukraine in the Republic of Moldova. The participating refugees highly valued the social activity, which served as a reminder that a commitment to human-centered development goes well beyond mere economic prosperity.

### **Energy Efficiency Grants**

In 2022, the M4EG initiative tailored its strategies to assist municipalities that were providing refuge to individuals displaced from Ukraine. It focused on tackling energy poverty and the high costs of energy by rolling out small-scale energy efficiency enhancements in public facilities such as a children's center and two kindergartens. These enhancements included installing solar panels (Sireți), biomass boilers (Geamăna), and upgrading windows and doors (Taraclia). These energy efficiency measures offered a beacon of hope by decreasing heating expenses and enhancing sustainability. This allowed communities to redirect funds to essential services like education, healthcare, and supporting refugees.

The interventions were finished by end of October 2023.

### Sireti grant of 15,000 USD

The project focuses on establishing a 15kW solar power station at the Early Education Institution No. 1 in Sireti, leading to significant energy cost savings annually. Key goals include promoting renewable energy usage, reducing carbon emissions, and enhancing public health and environmental quality. The plan consists of meticulous steps from initiation and planning, through procurement and installation, to engaging the community via social media to ensure transparency and public support. This initiative underscores the commitment to sustainable energy development and community involvement in Sireti.

After our Energy Efficiency interventions, the kindergarten saved 40,126 MDL or equivalent of 2,282.35 USD¹ for the period of 7 months (August 2023 – February 2024) compared to same months previous year. Based on the actual calculated savings, an estimated amount of 3,500-4000 USD will be saved yearly on electricity, funds that can be utilized for kindergarten renovation and additional activities.

Link to social media posts (Romanian):

- În data de 12 Iulie 2023 AO... AO Siretenii de Pretutindeni | Facebook
- AO Siretenii de Pretutindeni în... AO
   Siretenii de Pretutindeni | Facebook



Energy Efficiency interventions at Sireți

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UN Operational Rates of Exchange - Rates, Calculated rate of 17.581 MDL per USD as of 01.06.2024

### Geamăna grant of 15,000 USD

Energy Efficiency of the Kindergarten "Licurici" in Geamănă Commune.

The project aimed at enhancing the energy efficiency of Licurici Kindergarten in Geamănă through the installation of a solid fuel boiler and a dedicated boiler house, utilizing local biomass. This initiative has significantly reduced energy costs and environmental impact by utilizing local resources like forest branches and vineyard waste. It has also improved the learning environment for 170 children, fostering better living conditions and supporting sustainable energy use. Key stakeholders including local authorities and the community actively supported the project, ensuring its successful implementation and sustainability.

The Installation of biomass boiler successfully transitioned from construction to full functionality, with the planned generation of annual savings of 80,000 MDL equivalent to 4,550 USD at the current rate, exceeding our initial expectations.

### Taraclia grant of 15,000 USD

Improving Energy Efficiency of the Day Care Centre "House where I feel like a child" in Taraclia Village.

This project aimed to reduce the winter energy costs by 15% at the "House where I feel like a child" Day Care Centre in Taraclia Village. Key activities included a project kickoff, establishing a procurement team, and implementing energy-efficient upgrades such as insulating the roof, replacing windows and doors. The project ensured transparency in procurement and maintained public engagement through social media updates.

Social media post with photos: Încă o inițiativă realizată cu... - ONG "Plai Natal" - Taraclia | Facebook



Romanian language courses for refugees from Ukraine

### Romanian language courses for refugees from Ukraine

Refugees from Ukraine can learn Romanian language at courses conducted with the support of the European Union and UNDP. The courses are mostly attended by refugees from Ukraine, who learn Romanian from scratch the Alecu Russo State University of Bălți and the State University of Comrat. "Among the audience there are several Ukrainian students who have transferred to the Bălți university and a woman in her 70s. All participants want to socialise, to fit into the community and to find a job", says Violina Dănilă, a university assistant who teaches Romanian.

In Comrat, the courses are held online, attended by refugees settled in different regions of the country. The Romanian lessons are taught by the teachers of the Romanian Language Department of the Comrat State University. The institution will soon launch the second cohort of the Romanian course, with 17 more men and women to benefit from this opportunity.

Due to positive feedback and increased demand, the Secretariat extended the courses for an additional three months at an advanced level, from September to December 2023. As a result, 30 participants, encompassing both refugees and members of the local community, achieved successful completion of the courses in Romanian language conducted by Alecu Russo State University of Bălți.

By the end of the year, 98 participants completed the course and benefited from Romanian language courses at the Alecu Russo State University of Bălți and the State University of Comrat. Among them, 80% were refugees from Ukraine, while the remaining 20% were members of the host communities.



Certificates awarding ceremony with the participation of the UNDP M4EG team and the EU Delegation representative

### Accounting and taxation in Moldova, and basic computer skills courses

To better facilitate integration of Ukrainian refugees into the Moldovan society, the Secretariat introduced the idea of professional training courses to increase employment opportunities and consequently to stimulate the local economy with a larger workforce. In addition to addressing the language barrier through Romanian language courses, the Secretariat partnered with a local Information and communications technology (ICT) training entity called "Oxfort Prim", where the latter delivered a curriculum of courses in Accounting and Basic Computer skills. The professional course accommodated 200 participants, including 167 refugees and 33 Moldovan citizens, ensuring personalized attention and effective learning outcomes. The successful completion of courses enabled over 80 refugees from Ukraine to secure employment in the local workforce.



Example of the wi-fi hotspot signs, in Ceadîr-Lunga by the City Hall

### Access to information and public services – Wi-Fi Hotspots

In 14 local authorities with a significant population of refugees, free Wi-Fi Hotspots access in specific areas (public spaces or close areas where refugees are located) were installed. The main goal was to procure, deliver, and install Wi-Fi hotspots, accompanied by access to customized landing pages for each location. These individual landing pages serve as platforms to raise awareness about the various services each local public authority offers, specifically aimed at facilitating the socioeconomic integration of refugees. Additionally, the landing pages feature links to national services and information hosting websites specifically developed to cater to the needs of Ukrainian refugees. Find attached the link to a landing page from Bălți city. By end of April 2024 the Wi-Fi hotspots were accessed 22,109 times across following 14 locations:

- 1. Bălți
- 2. Cahul
- 3. Călărași
- 4. Cărpineni
- 5. Ceadîr-Lunga
- 6. Cimișlia
- 7. Copceac
- 8. Dondușeni
- 9. Drochia
- 10. Leova
- 11. Palanca
- 12. Selemet
- 13. Telenești
- 14. Ungheni



# Total number of refugees per month based on the reports provided by the UFOs in the target localities



Social cohesion event

### Strengthening Capabilities of Local Public Authorities in Crisis Management

### **Ukrainian Friendship Officers in 14 localities**

In the wake of the war in Ukraine, Moldova has become a refuge for thousands of refugees seeking safety and stability. The journey from their homeland to a foreign country is fraught with challenges, and the need for clear, accessible information is crucial. Recognizing this, we initiated a program to deploy Ukrainian Friendship Officers (UFOs) across Moldova, providing essential support and fostering integration for Ukrainian refugees. This initiative is a vital component of the Response & Renewal Programme.

As Ukrainian refugees began arriving in Moldova, it quickly became evident that many were struggling to navigate their new environment. Language barriers, unfamiliar legal systems, and limited access to resources left many refugees feeling isolated and uncertain. The idea of UFOs emerged as a solution to these challenges, aiming to fill the critical gap in information and support. These officers are not just service providers but are vital bridges between refugees and the local communities, ensuring that no one feels abandoned or alone in their time of need.





Watch a video above to discover how Hanna, a refugee from Ukraine settled in Cahul, Moldova, becomes a "friendship officer"



A meeting with Ukrainian Friendship Officers

The deployment of 14 Ukrainian Friendship Officers began in November 2023, set to continue for six months. Strategically placed in Bălți, Cahul, Călărași, Cărpineni, Ceadîr-Lunga, Cimişlia, Copceac, Dondușeni, Drochia, Palanca, Selemet, Strășeni, Telenești, and Ungheni, these officers are at the forefront of our efforts to support and integrate Ukrainian refugees.

The Ukrainian Friendship Officers (UFOs), trained bi-monthly by the Congress of Local Public Authorities (CALM) under the M4EG initiative, have played a crucial role in supporting Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Their efforts include accurately tracking refugee demographics, providing essential information, and assisting the most vulnerable. UFOs have facilitated employment opportunities, promoted social integration, and ensured the dissemination of reliable information. They have also coordinated aid efforts, implemented crisis responses, and shared best practices. These comprehensive efforts have brought stability and hope to many refugees, significantly aiding in their integration and helping them rebuild their lives in their new communities.

By the end of their assignment, UFOs will organize social cohesion events to bridge cultural divides, foster understanding, and build trust between refugees and local communities.

The Ukrainian Friendship Officers program is more than just a support initiative; it is a lifeline for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Through their dedicated work, UFOs have made a tangible difference in the lives of those they serve, ensuring that refugees are not just surviving but thriving in their new environment. With comprehensive support, refugees can rebuild their lives and contribute to the communities they now call home.

Watch a video below to discover how Hanna, a refugee from Ukraine settled in Cahul, Moldova, becomes a "friendship officer".

### **Connecting the M4EG network - broad engagement**

UNDP M4EG team offered various engagement and networking opportunities to the broader network and its signatories, thereby fostering partnerships, peer learning and experience sharing.

### **Europe Day**

On Europe Day, 9 May, at the European City event in Chiṣinău, M4EG engaged the public with interactive quizzes highlighting facts and results of local economic development in Moldova. Informative materials were prepared for both adults and children. The main attraction was a contest with questions about improving the development of villages and cities and how residents can contribute to their community's transformation. The most active participants were awarded with prizes.



M4EG at the European City event in Chișinău, Moldova



Meeting with representatives of some RM's town halls

### **Foundation for Future Ready Cities**

On September 20-21, 2023, 40 representatives of several town halls from the Republic of Moldova participated in a meeting organized by the initiative "Mayors for Economic Growth" (M4EG), financed by the European Union and implemented by UNDP. The event addressed the role of local authorities in managing the problems generated by the consequences of urbanization and rapid globalization.

Topics such as: climate change, social inequalities, but also the importance of community mobilization in solving them were also addressed. The participants had the opportunity to share their good practices, the knowledge they have, but also to develop innovative solutions for common problems.

"Our collective experiences and ideas can be a catalyst for change at the local level. I encourage you to focus on the overall theme - strengthening the resilience of localities. Resilience is not just about surviving during crises, it is about thriving despite adversity. It's about equipping our town halls and localities with knowledge, infrastructure and adaptability to face the challenges of the future", said Valeria leşeanu, Planning and Partnership Development Specialist at UNDP Moldova.

To support the implementation of local economic development plans, the EU and UNDP guide communities to implement the portfolio approach. This method is based on the premise that the world is complex and operates through systems (e.g. the market, climate change, inequalities) and that there are no quick fixes or linear remedies that will lead to positive sustainable change. The proposed method supports local public authorities in developing programs through the prism of systemic vision, while challenges are approached from multiple angles, which ensures that the initiatives developed are coherent and connected to people's needs.

All these innovative methods are part of the "Foundations for Future Readiness" course. The course was created and launched by M4EG within the Urban Learning Centre, together with Arup, Climate KIC and TalTech. The course, also available in Romanian, can be accessed here.

### Link to the post



"Future Fit Mayors" event

### **Future Fit Mayors**

The event took place on November 28 and November 29, 2023. The first day was structured to gather all the M4EG network and to enhance the capacities of local leaders through various sessions. The sessions cover topics from green transformation to cultural events' roles in local development. Discussions focused on innovative local development practices, community mobilization, and the use of green energy. EU Ambassador to Moldova, Jānis Mažeiks, highlighted the critical role of local governance in European integration, stressing the EU's commitment to supporting transparent and responsible local leadership. Additional features include a VR corner and a generative Al booth, providing a modern touch to the experience while ensuring ample networking opportunities. With more than 35+ participants mostly mayors and vice-mayors.

### Link to the post

On the next day the deep demonstrators from Response & Renewal remained to continue the learning of their experience. Representatives from five municipalities—Cărpineni, Volintiri, Copceac, Cimișlia, and Drochia—hosting a significant number of Ukrainian refugees, shared their project successes during a discussion session. These projects are part of the "Mayors for Economic Growth" initiative, supported by the European Union and implemented by UNDP Moldova. The municipalities have utilized grants totaling 355,000 euros to enhance local infrastructure and the socio-economic integration of the refugees. Key focus areas include improving access to basic services like education, healthcare, and water, as well as enhancing energy security. The newly elected mayors also discussed their adoption of the sensemaking methodology, emphasizing community participation in decision-making, and exploring innovative solutions to local challenges.

### Link to the post



The M4EG Crowdfunding Academy

### **Crowdfunding Academy in Moldova**

The M4EG Crowdfunding Academy is an interactive training program designed to empower local authorities by enhancing their skills in preparing and conducting successful crowdfunding campaigns. The academy selected and supported 10 local authorities and their partners, accelerating their projects through mentoring and networking with international crowdfunding experts. The focus is on developing and designing crowdfunding campaigns that mobilize individuals, the private sector, and the diaspora for significant impact. This program, operational from March to July 2024, does not include a grant component but offers both online and offline workshops. The online trainings were completed in March 2024 and the in-person event took place on 9-10 of April. The two-day workshop covered the entire crowdfunding process, from selecting local priorities to choosing a platform, conducting communication campaigns, and ensuring transparency in fund collection and reporting achievements. With expert guidance, each municipality developed a campaign strategy for their proposed project, a communication plan, identified communication channels, and visual elements to engage the public. Each local authority presented the crowdfunding campaign they plan to launch.

The desired outcome is to have at least three crowdfunding campaigns successfully launched so that LPAs can diversify their funding modalities and increase the number of delivered projects. Anenii Noi city hall, already started the campaign called "The sports field - a place of inclusive and fun interaction for children and adults" and aim to collect 10,000 USD. The rest of municipalities are expected to finalize the trainings and launch their campaigns by the end of June.

### Future-ready municipality: deep engagement

Ceadîr-Lunga's Vision for a Sustainable Future, finalizing their Portfolio with M4EG

### 1. Solar Panels in the Business Incubator

Ceadîr-Lunga, a forward-thinking city nestled at the crossroads of innovation and environmental consciousness, is poised to revolutionize its energy landscape. At the heart of this transformation lies the visionary project titled "Installation of Solar Panels in the Business Incubator". Let's break down the key components:

### 1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The business incubator, a hub for entrepreneurial innovation, will serve as the testing ground for this groundbreaking initiative. By integrating solar panels into the incubator's infrastructure, Ceadîr-Lunga anticipates several tangible benefits:

- Energy Cost Reduction: The projected reduction in energy costs is substantial. By harnessing solar energy, the incubator can free up financial resources that can be reinvested in other critical areas.
- Carbon Footprint Minimization: The solar panels will significantly decrease the incubator's reliance on fossil fuels, contributing to a cleaner environment. This move aligns with global efforts to combat climate change.

### 1.2 EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT

But this project is not just about hardware installation; it's about education and empowerment:
• Entrepreneurial Awareness: Ceadîr-Lunga plans to launch comprehensive awareness campaigns targeting both entrepreneurs and the wider community. Workshops, seminars, and informational sessions will educate business owners on the advantages of alternative energy sources, fostering a culture of sustainability.

• **Next-Generation Leaders:** The city will collaborate with local schools to introduce renewable energy concepts to young minds. By nurturing the next generation of eco-conscious leaders, Ceadîr-Lunga ensures a sustainable legacy.

### 1.3 BUDGET ALLOCATION

The financial commitment underscores Ceadîr-Lunga's dedication to long-term sustainability:

- **Solar Panel Procurement:** A significant portion of the budget is allocated to procuring high-quality solar panels. The city aims for reliability and efficiency.
- Installation and Maintenance: Proper installation and ongoing maintenance are crucial. Skilled technicians will ensure optimal performance.

### 2. Green Mobility Solutions

Ceadîr-Lunga recognizes that sustainable energy extends beyond stationary structures. The city's commitment to green mobility is evident through the following initiatives:

### 2.1 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Electric vehicles (EVs) are the future, and Ceadîr-Lunga plans to embrace them fully. The budget includes:

- Infrastructure Development: Designing and implementing charging stations across the cityscape.
- Charging Station Installation: Ensuring convenient access for EV owners.

### 2.2 AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Education remains a cornerstone:

• **Promoting EV Adoption:** Informing residents and visitors about the benefits of EVs and encouraging their use.

Watch a video below on Ceadir Lunga's portfolio journey and its residents' reflections.



### Summary

Ceadîr-Lunga's new portfolio options promise a greener, more resilient future—one where economic prosperity and environmental stewardship go hand in hand. By investing in solar energy, educating its citizens, and embracing green mobility, the city sets a powerful example for others to follow.

All activities will be implemented in May 2024 - November 2024.

### **Library**



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