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## **The International POPs Elimination Project**

*Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in  
Preparations for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

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# **Global Day of Action on POPs in Moldova**

**Chisinau Territorial Organization of the Environmental  
Movement of Moldova**

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## **About the International POPs Elimination Project**

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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## **Chisinau territorial organisation of the Environmental Movement of Moldova**

Chisinau territorial organisation of the Environmental Movement of Moldova had implemented project "Children against Persistent Organic Pollutants". Members of the organisation studied 8 boarding/specialised schools of Chisinau to identify chemical and other contamination that might affect children's health in school buildings and in nearby areas. Overall, these schools are attended by 1443 children, 453 teachers and technical workers work there. In every school, environmental lessons on "POPs, Environment and Health" were conducted. On April 14, roundtable discussion "Environment, Chemical Pollutants and Children's Health" was conducted - the roundtable was attended by 35 participants, including public health specialists, scientists, environmentalists and journalists. The roundtable participants decided to develop recommendations for the national government on reduction of adverse impacts of POPs on children's health and environment, to publish materials, presented by the roundtable participants. Results of the discussion were published in printed media outlets and aired by the national TV and radio. In the framework of the project, 4000 copies of leaflet "Say No to POPs" were published in the Russian and in the Romanian - schoolchildren disseminated the leaflet in the city. On April 22, the press-release was mailed to key information agencies of the country. The project culminated on April 22 - when "Chisinau Children against POPs" action was held in the Central Army Palace. Children visited a concert, organised by a group of environmental NGOs (inc. Chisinau territorial organisation of the Environmental Movement of Moldova, "Ecosphere" and "Unda Verde" NGOs). Members of "Kolokolchik" Children's Club participated in the concert and perfumed environmental plays - "We Are against POPs". Children's Centre "Art Avant-garde" presented a collection of clothes made of waste: polyethylene, paper bags, bottle caps, etc. The children were addressed by Mr. Valentin Pleshka, a representative of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the POPs project manager in Moldova and by other officials. For additional information, please contact: Vladimir Goraba, the Environmental Movement of Moldova, [ecosfera@mail.md](mailto:ecosfera@mail.md)