

# Increasing the capacity of LPAs in the Tulcea-Odesa border area, by developing circular economy systems, green energy, and establishing a cross-border innovation cluster for administrative cooperation

## GOVERNANCE

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### The problem. Project's solution

The Tulcea–Odesa cross-border area faces fragmented governance, limited administrative capacity, weak cooperation mechanisms, and insufficient infrastructure for circular economy and green transition initiatives. The project addresses these challenges by creating a Cross-Border Circular Economy Cluster, conducting joint strategic planning, building capacity for local authorities, developing digital cooperation tools, and making pilot investments that support sustainable governance, resource efficiency, and long-term cross-border environmental cooperation.



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**Project End** October 2027

## Cross Border Partnership

### ◆ Lead Partner

Luncavita Village, Tulcea county, **Romania**

### ◆ Partner 2

Administrative Territorial Unit of the Isaccea Municipality, Tulcea county, **Romania**

### ◆ Partner 3

"Katlabug settlement council Izmail district Odesa region, **Ukraine**

### ◆ Partener 4

Association of Ukrainian Regions "EU Strategy for the Danube Region", Odesa region, **Ukraine**

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## Who benefits from the project?

- **Residents** in the 20 participating localities (approx. 80,000 people total) from the Tulcea and Odesa regions
- **100 public officials** will have improved competencies in strategic planning, integrated waste management, renewable energy, and digital tools for circular economy monitoring

## Project Outcomes

- **Endowment of Luncavita Village** (video surveillance and sensor network, equipment for sustainable packaging and branding, Solar Charging Point, etc)
- **Endowment of Isaccea Municipality** (bulldozer or tractor-mounted, modular container system , Solar Charging Point, etc)
- **Endowment of Katlabug settlement** (solar power station, etc)
- **Exchange of experience and joint training** for public administration and NGOs
- **1 Smart Monitoring and Public Safety System**
- **20 local workshops** held in the communities
- **1 cross-border synthesis report** on territorial needs
- **1 interactive digital map** of local barriers and resources
- **1 Shared database** for the formulation of the joint investment strategy
- **1 Cluster governance model** developed
- **1 Cross-border Investment Strategy** on circular economy and green energy
- **4 organisations cooperating across borders**