



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN PRACTICE

FIELD TRIP TO MOLDOVA (11. – 22. 09. 2015)

PURPOSE

This trip was organized by the Department of Development Studies, with the aim of confronting the theoretical knowledge previously acquired with a practical experience in the field. Moldova is a country located between Romania and Ukraine, and during this 10-day trip we had the opportunity to visit nine places (identified in the map below).

During our stay in Chişinău, the capital city, we got an insight of the work that institutions, like embassies and international agencies, are undertaking at different levels. The persons in charge of national and local NGOs and projects also shared their initiatives and experiences with us. Furthermore, we traveled to northern and southern towns to visit smaller projects and get to know the participants and actors in charge.



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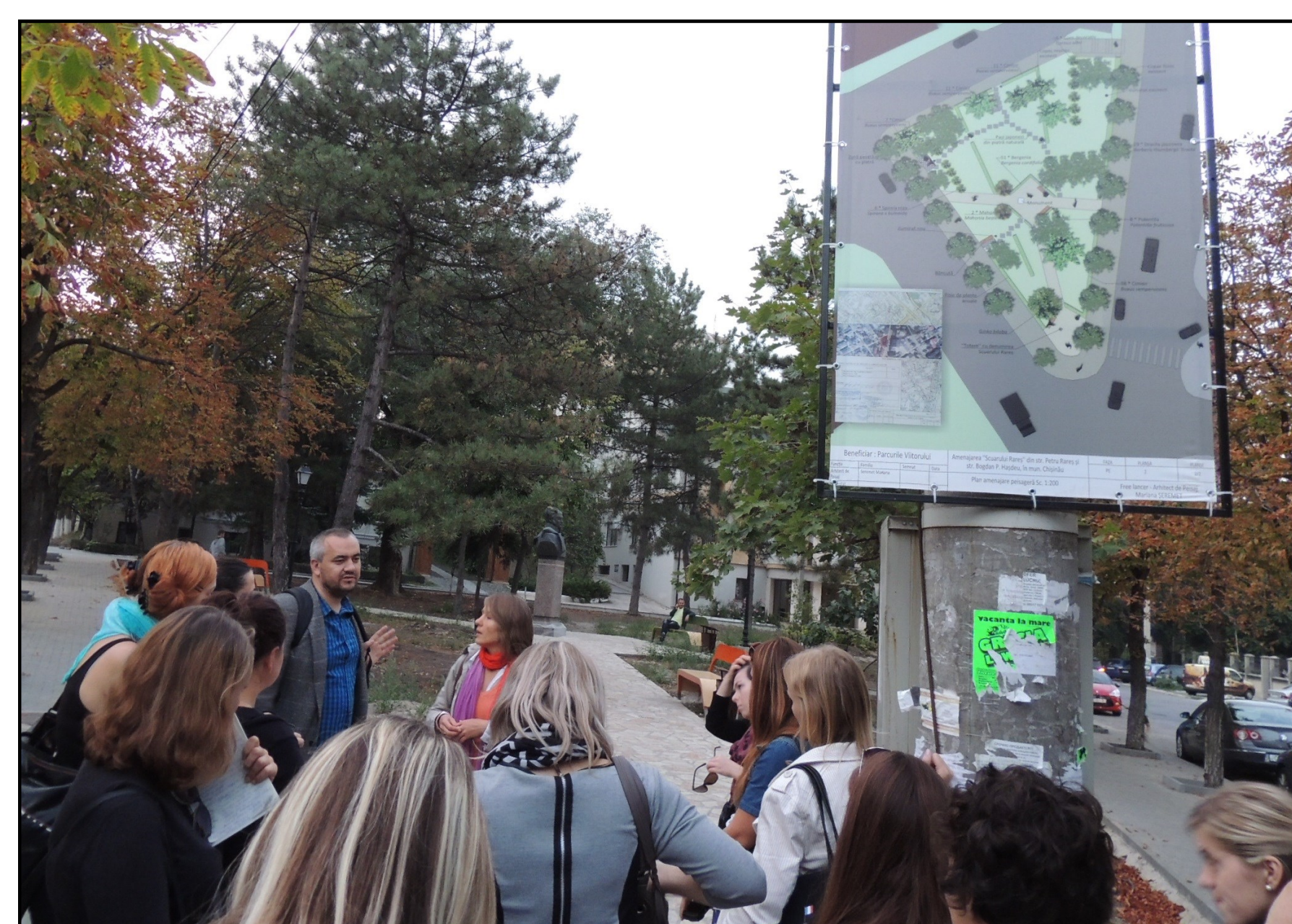
Visit to the **Czech Embassy**, where we met the Ambassador and the person in charge of the **Czech development cooperation**.



Estera Home Care Center, supported by Caritas Czech Republic, provides health services to vulnerable people.



Small tour across Chisinau with two locals, one architect and one sociologist, working on projects that combine **urban planning and civil society empowerment**.



VISITS

Visit to the **Delegation of European Union in Moldova** & the **United Nations Development Programme**, where we got an insight in the work they are undertaking.



The **National Agency for Rural Development (ACSA)**, provides technical assistance to improve people's livelihoods in rural areas since 2001.

Ograda Noastra is an NGO that supports public participation and empowerment of minority groups. We had the visit of the person in charge, who told us more about the history and projects being implemented.



Visit to a **School in Vulcanesti, Gagauzia**, where a group of young students is working on the improvement of their communities. This project is partly supported by Ograda Noastra and Caritas Czech Republic.

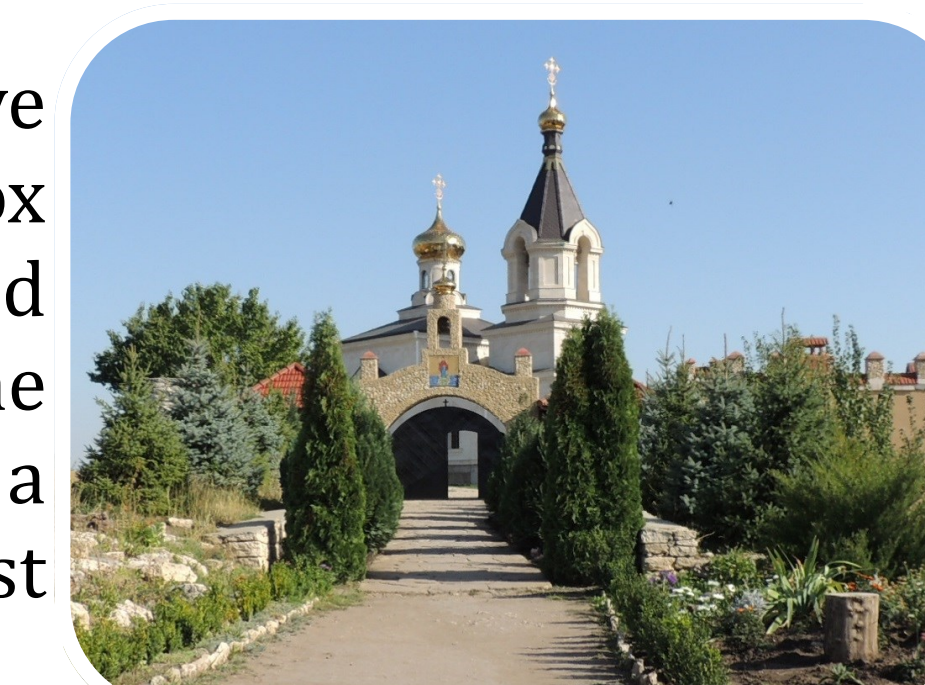


Cleansing of the underground water and soil, contaminated with kerosene after spillovers happening during the Soviet period, by the company **Dekonta**.



TOURISM

During the weekend we visited two beautiful Orthodox Monasteries, Saharna and Orheiul Vechi (photo in the right); and Milestii Mici, a wine cellar with the largest wine collection in the world.



Group photo in the cellars of **Milestii Mici**.

