

**“Improving Trade and Productive Capacities of Moldovan Fresh Fruit Producers” Project**  
**Announces an Expression of Interest for GRANT SCHEME PROGRAMME (GSP-2013)**

Part of regional initiative **“Aid for Trade”** covering Central Asia, South Caucasus and Western CIS, the project supports inclusive economic growth through the promotion of trade and the enhancement of countries’ competitiveness on international markets. In Moldova the project helps fresh fruit producers and exporters to improve their international competitiveness and market access externally, both in the CIS and in the EU markets.

Particular attention is paid to the promotion and implementation of technologies that have the greatest potential to address the needs of the sector in terms of (1) improving product quality, (2) insuring product safety, (3) reducing unit costs and (4) increasing product shelf life.

In order to meet this goal the “Improving Trade and Productive Capacities of Moldovan Fresh Fruit Producers” project announces an Expression of Interest for Grants, which will be implemented from March 2013 until October/November 2013.

Within the Expression of Interest, projects will be selected in a number of designated priority areas, as outlined above. The grant scheme is based on 60/40 principle: the project will cover up to 60% of eligible expenses (without VAT), but not more than 40,000 USD per project.

The rules and procedures that will guide the submission, selection and implementation of projects can be found in **Project Submission Guidelines**.

The application package should contain the following documents:

- *Application Form* filled in Russian or Romanian. Handwritten Application Forms will not be accepted;
- Copy of the *registration certificate* to prove that the applicant is a registered legal entity;
- Copy of document proving that the applicant is a member of an industry association and/or a cooperative of entrepreneurs;
- At least 3 quotations from potential technology suppliers for items to be financed with UNDP funds, VAT excluded.

**Application Form** and **Project Submission Guidelines** are posted on the UNDP in Moldova website ([www.undp.md](http://www.undp.md)). These documents can also be received by sending a request to the following e-mail: [dumitru.vasilescu@undp.org](mailto:dumitru.vasilescu@undp.org).

**Deadline for submission of proposals: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 17:00.**

The documents can be sent to the following e-mail [tenders-Moldova@undp.org](mailto:tenders-Moldova@undp.org) marked **“Aft GSP-2013”**. The documents in the sealed envelope (marked **“Aft GSP-2013”**) should be sent by post or delivered personally to the following address:

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