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PRESS RELEASE

UNDP Bucharest - The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Romania announces that 26 September 2008 is the deadline for receiving a new series of requests for project funding from The Small Grants Programme.

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is funded from The Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Romanian Government with a total of 300.000 USD, to support the implementation of projects that bring environmental benefits and contribute to the sustainable development of local communities in Romania.

The maximum grant amount per project is of 50.000 USD.

We invite both non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community organizations (COs) to apply for funding, in partnership with local administrations and other local institutions.

Projects may be developed in the following areas:

- Climate change – half of the available funds will be spent on such projects;
- Biodiversity conservation
- International waters
- Sustainable land management
- Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

These projects need to make a contribution in solving environmental issues that exist in the following four **areas of Romania**:

- I) Maramureş, Bistriţa Năsăud, Suceava, Neamţ, Harghita, Mureş, Cluj, Sălaj, Bihor and Satu Mare counties;
- II) Galaţi, Brăila, Tulcea and Constanţa counties;
- III) Caraş Severin, Mehedinţi and Hunedoara counties;
- IV) The Danube Green Corridor.

The GEF-SGP thematic areas, the approach it proposes for the development of Romanian communities and, last but not least, the funding procedure, stimulate the initiation of small, local projects, with simple management but with significant and long-term local/regional impact.

For more information about this programme and its funding procedures please visit <http://www.undp.ro/small-grants-programme/>. An overview of the funded projects is to be found on <http://sgp.undp.org>.
