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Youth Policy Labs

Republic of Moldova

Context of the Youth Policy Labs



- In 2025, CNTM launched the Youth Policy Labs pilot in five localities: Cimișlia, Zubrești, Cupcini, Bardar, and Sireți.
- The initiative aimed to create participatory spaces where young people and local authorities could co-create local solutions.
- Policy Labs responded to the growing need for stronger youth engagement in local decision-making and provided both financial and mentoring support



Methodology

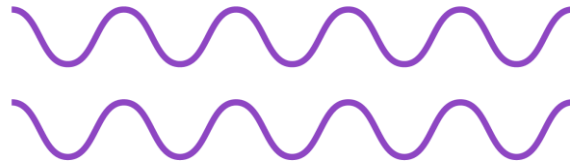


Implementation approach:

1. Open call for local public authorities to join the pilot.
2. Problem identification through surveys, focus groups, workshops.
3. Co-creation of solutions between youth and authorities.
4. Testing micro-experiments designed by young people.

Support tools:

- Telegram groups & online meetings for coordination.
- Continuous mentoring from CNTM.
- Local budget co-financing: aprx 2500 EUR per locality + min aprx 1250 EUR local contribution.



2025 Results



Youth Fest: for International Youth Day, 12 August

Locality: **Cimișlia**

Youth engaged: **30**

Key issue: **Lack of attractive activities for youth**

Main outcome: **Youth Festival (300 participants) +
draft co-management regulation**



DJ training & Intergenerational Podcast: bridging generations through creativity

Locality: **Zubrești**

Youth engaged: **25**

Key issue: **Limited creative spaces for youth**

Main outcome: **DJ training, intergenerational
podcast, draft youth committee**



Interest-based Clubs: IT, martial arts, fitness, languages, volleyball.

Locality: **Cupcini**

Youth engaged: **30**

Key issue: **Few extracurricular options**

Main outcome: **5 thematic clubs + Youth Consultative Body approved, 225 direct beneficiaries**



Planning phase for cultural & educational stage restoration.

Locality: **Bardar**

Youth engaged: **5**

Key issue: **No youth space**

Main outcome: **Planning for school stage renovation**



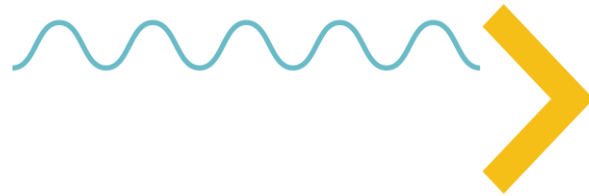
Restart Sireți: outdoor movie nights, sports events, board game

Locality: **Sireți**

Youth engaged: **60**

Key issue: **Lack of leisure
activities**

Main outcome: **“Restart Sireți”
project – events & indoor
youth space**

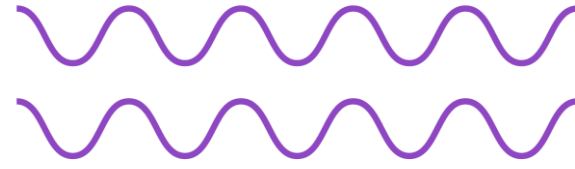


Impact



- Strengthened trust and communication between youth and local authorities.
- Increased youth leadership, ownership, and civic engagement.
- Shift in perception — young people seen as capable partners, not beneficiaries.
- Enhanced social cohesion and intergenerational dialogue.
- New local policies or bodies initiated in **3 out of 5** communities.





Q & A





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