

## Moldova's first step towards intercommunality: the first IDA\* is created

This Monday, September 25, the “**Nirnova Basin**” Intercommunality Development Association (ADI) was officially registered with Moldovan authorities. The result of several years of commitment and tireless mobilization of Solidarity Water Europe (SWE)\*\*, Mayors of the Nirnova Basin and institutional partners\*\*\*, this IDA represents the first form of intercommunity in the Republic of Moldova.

It is part of the ambitious reform process undertaken by Moldova on the path to integration into the European Union, in particular the transformation of local public action led by MP **Larisa VOLOH**, President of the Parliamentary Commission "Public administration. »

The “Nirnova Basin” IDA aims to bring together all the municipalities of the Basin, including 30 villages located in the Raions of Hincesti and Nisporeni and representing approximately 45,000 inhabitants, the majority being located in rural areas.

The IDA's member municipalities are committed to the joint implementation of water resource governance in line with the principles of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), according to which water is a limited and vulnerable resource, essential to maintaining the sustainability of life, the environment and development.

Present in Moldova since 2006, Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) has been engaged with the Mayors of the Nirnova Basin since 2016 with the aim of promoting shared, inclusive, and supportive governance of the resource.

A press conference presenting the IDA and the next steps will be organized on October 17 at the Moldovan Parliament.

*\*Intercommunality Development Association*

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