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Subject: *GRANT COMPETITION “Creating Synergies for Competitive Business Communities on Both Banks of the River Nistru” in the framework of the European Union “Confidence Building Measures Programme 5”, implemented by UNDP*

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announces an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of project proposals from partner business support organizations/associations or NGOs. This action will focus on improving business sophistication by consolidating **cross-river cooperation for the development of solutions to address common business problems and needs on both banks.**

Together with currently implemented EU-CBM V initiatives, the 4 new projects will form the premises of a cross-cutting ‘innovation business platform’, that will advocate better conditions for doing business at local and regional level on both banks, provide the tools to MSMEs to overcome the economic crisis, provide access to qualitative research, studies or specialized articles to inform stakeholders from both banks about mutually advantageous business rules and opportunities created by bilateral, international or EU agreements, as well as - equip vulnerable and underprivileged groups with new employment skills, so that they could remain competitive on the labour market (i.e. enhance financial, digital or computer literacy, create green jobs, promotion of new tech/IT solutions in traditional sectors, etc.).

The best applications will be identified based on transparent and competitive selection procedures detailed in the attached Guidelines.

The Expression of Interest includes the following documents:

1. This Letter of Invitation (English only);
2. Applicant’s Guidelines (in English, Romanian, Russian);
3. Annex 1 – Application form and plan of activities (in English, Romanian, Russian);
4. Annex 2 – Project proposal form (in English, Romanian, Russian);
5. Annex 3 – Template for the project budget (in English, Romanian, Russian)

Project proposals should be submitted in accordance with provisions stipulated in the Guidelines.

Should you require any further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Guidelines as the focal point for queries on this EOI.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Cuzyova', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrea Cuzyova
Deputy Resident Representative