

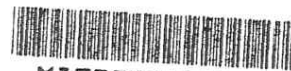
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Prague, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Ref: 1857/1920/05

Dear Mr. Pinto,

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the Czech Republic supports the Medium Size Project proposal to the Global Environment facility for assistance for the **Transboundary Water Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) project**. We strongly support the implementation of this project in our country and we look forward to working with TWM BPR on this very important matter of addressing transboundary water management and identifying and disseminating successful practices.

The government of the Czech Republic appreciates the continuing support of the UNDP and the GEF in this important work.

Yours sincerely,

Michal Pastvinský  
Director of the Global Relations Dept.  
GEF National Focal Point

Mr. Frank Pinto  
UNDP-GEF Executive Coordinator  
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FROM :

To the attention of *Suerg Stadenmann and INHUEBOA NISCAGOV*

FAX NO. :

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BULGARIA

## REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



### MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

24 October 2005

Subject: Letter of endorsement of GEF Transboundary Water Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) project.

Dear Mr. Pinto,

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria supports the Medium Size Project proposal to the Global Environment Facility for assistance for the Transboundary Water Management Best Practices Registry project. We strongly support the implementation of the project in our country and we look forward to working with TWM BPR on this very important matter of addressing transboundary water management and identifying and disseminating successful practices.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria appreciates the continuing support of the UNDP and the GEF in this important work.

Sincerely,

Jordan Dardov  
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Mr. Frank Pinto  
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ALBANIA

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management

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## LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT OF GEF PROJECT

Tirana, October 24, 2005

Mr. Frank Pinto  
UNDP-GEF Executive Coordinator  
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NY 10017, USA

Dear Mr. Pinto,

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management on behalf of Government of Albania supports the Medium Size Project proposal to the Global Environment facility for assistance for the **Transboundary Water Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) project**. We strongly support the implementation of this project in our country and we look forward to working with TWM BPR on this very important matter of addressing transboundary water management and identifying and disseminating successful practices.

The government of Albania appreciates the continuing support of the UNDP and the GEF in this important work.

Sincerely,

Pellumb Ajeshi  
Secretary General



MOLDOVA



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FAX

Date 19 October 2005

Mr. Andrew Hudson  
UNDP-GEF  
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NY 10017, USA

Dear Mr. Hudson,

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the Government of Republic of Moldova supports the Medium Size Project proposal to the Global Environment Facility for assistance of the **Transboundary Water Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) project**.

We strongly support the implementation of this project in our country and we look forward to working with TWM BPR on this very important matter of addressing transboundary water management and identifying and disseminating successful practices.

The government of Republic of Moldova appreciates the continuing support of the UNDP and the GEF in this important work.

Sincerely,

Constantin Mihailescu,  
Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources  
Republic of Moldova,  
GEF Political Focal Point

# Global Environment & Technology Foundation

March 27, 2006

Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
Global Environment Facility Unit  
(UNDP-GEF)  
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9th Floor  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Pinto,

On behalf of the Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GETF), I would like to express our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) program and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period.

GETF shares GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, GETF expects to provide co-financing (in-kind and/or in cash) valued at \$214,500. Our co-finance activities will be provided through the follow activities over the 2005-2007 period.

- The GETF team has provided \$79,500 in in-kind labor related to conceptualization and design of the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry project.
- The GETF team will provide cash and in-kind sponsorship for 6 TWM BPR awardees to attend the GEF International Waters Conference in Capetown, South Africa (2007). The GETF team's support will include the development of cash sponsorship for the conference from a variety of sectors. GETF's in-kind support will include provision of labor required to develop the necessary sponsorship and planning of specific sponsor event during the conference. (Estimated value: \$45,000 (\$30,000 in cash and \$15,000 in in-kind labor for sponsor development and conference coordination).

- The GETF team will provide \$30,000 in in-kind labor related to three video programs on International Waters projects in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The GETF team will provide in-kind labor to develop the video programs concepts, production coordination and global distribution strategy for the U.S. Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
- The GETF team will provide in-kind support to promote the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry through GETF's networks. GETF hosts and maintains over 40 of the Internet's most-visited websites on the topics of clean water, energy, environment and sustainability. GETF will utilize our various sites to promote the activities of the programs featured in the Best Practices Registry to help develop partnerships and positive attention for GEF IW efforts. (Estimated Value: \$60,000 over the life of the project.)

I look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that our respective organizational activities are supportive, complementary and catalytic toward realizing our common agenda to improve transboundary waters management worldwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica D. Ellis".

Monica Ellis  
President & Chief Operating Officer



Mr. Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
Global Environment Facility Unit  
(UNDP-GEF)  
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New York, NY 10017

March 20, 2006

Dr. Mr. Pinto,

On behalf of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), I would like to express repeatedly our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) program and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period.

The REC shares the GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, REC expects to provide co-financing (in-kind and/or in cash) valued at \$243,089 to the above mentioned project.

Our co-financing activities will be provided through the follow activities over the period of 2005-2007:

- The REC has provided \$17,312 in in-kind labor related to the preparation and implementation of the TWM BPR MSP proposal;
- The REC has and will provide \$ 6,616 support in direct costs such as costs of meetings, research, communication, financial management and audit, related to the preparation and implementation of the TWM BPR MSP proposal;
- The REC also offers its participation in the different meetings and expert groups of ICPDR in the Danube River Basin including the implementation of the ICPDR Public Participation Strategy as well as the development of a similar strategy in the Tisza River Basin. The REC contribution to these activities is valued \$ 17,294, over the years of 2005-2007;
- The REC offers its support and network for the benefit of the TWM BPR MSP future project through the implementation of similar transboundary water management projects and knowledge sharing projects in the Sava and Volga River Basins as well as in the Baltic region, which are valued \$201,867.

I look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that our respective organizational activities are supportive, complementary and catalytic toward realizing our common agenda to improve transboundary waters management worldwide.

Sincerely,

  
Marta Szigeti Bonifert  
Executive Director  
Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

September 26, 2005

Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
Global Environment Facility Unit  
(UNDP-GEF)  
304 East 45th Street  
9th Floor  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Pinto,

On behalf of the Regional Environmental Centre Moldova, I would like to express our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) program and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period.

REC Moldova shares GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, REC Moldova expects to provide co-financing (in-kind and/or in cash) valued at \$ 90,660. Our co-finance activities will be provided through the follow activities over the 2005-2007 period.

- REC Moldova has provided \$ 1,100 in in-kind labor related to the preparation of the TWM BPR MSP proposal.
- REC Moldova will be responsible for providing \$ 68,560 of in-kind labor relating to interviewing national, regional, local government officials in the 28 countries that this project covers.
- REC Moldova will provide cash and in-kind sponsorship to cover meeting rooms cost and equipment (estimated value \$ 17,000)
- REC Moldova will provide in-kind support to promote the Transboundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry through REC's network. REC Moldova will



utilize our various possibilities in EECCA region to promote the activities of the programs featured in the Best Practices Registry to help develop partnerships and positive attention for GEF IW efforts. (Estimated Value: \$ 4,000 over the life of the project.)

I look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that our respective organizational activities are supportive, complementary and catalytic toward realizing our common agenda to improve transboundary waters management worldwide.

Sincerely,



Victor Cotruta,  
Finance & Development Director  
REC Moldova



**The United States-Central and  
Eastern European Environment Foundation**

Mr. Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme-  
Global Environment Facility Unit (UNDP-GEF)  
304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street (9<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
New York, New York 10017

March 14, 2006

Dear Mr. Pinto:

On behalf of the United States-Central and Eastern European Environment Foundation (UCEF) located in Arlington, Virginia, I am especially pleased to express our enthusiastic support for the "Transboundary Waters Management Experiences" project. The following represents the commitment of UCEF at this time regarding the co-financing for the project:

\*\*\* UCEF will provide \$15,000 to purchase laptop computers for the country offices of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (Szentendre, Hungary) to facilitate communications between offices re this project.

\*\*\* UCEF has provided (since 2004) and will continue to provide financing to the Regional Environmental Council (REC) of Moldova (Chisinau) for the development and implementation of comprehensive water quality information sharing programs, involving all streams and waterways in Moldova. This information sharing and dissemination will be broad in scope and will include all villages, towns and cities in Moldova so that all citizens of the country are aware of existing water quality problems and concerns, the critical universal need for "clean water," and what the plans, objectives and goals are, and which will be put into place, to achieve these goals and objectives. Funds will also be used to train "trainers" who will encourage and recommend to officials and residents of communities throughout the country on the need to adopt and implement "best practices" and to show and demonstrate what is required to be successful and to maintain high standards of water quality.

An essential and critical component of the funds which we are providing involves "Trans-boundary" water quality information sharing, to include distribution of relevant materials (further including the translation of documents), and organizing clean water forums and meetings with local and regional environmental and water agency officials from Romania and Ukraine; such meetings have, at a preliminary stage, already taken place on the initiative of the Moldova REC office. We are just now providing to the Moldova REC \$15,000 to further implement "Save Our Streams" clean water monitoring and citizen awareness information programs; we will provide to the Moldova REC an additional \$80,000 during 2006 and 2007 for this program, with emphasis on trans-boundary project activities.

\*\*\* UCEF will provide in-kind labor and donation of time on the TWME project, and active and ongoing liason with REC headquarters in Szentendre, and the Moldova REC, in the amount of \$50,000 over the next two calendar years. Such in-kind labor will be accomplished by Robert L. Herbst, Chairman, Board of Directors, UCEF and Martin K. Schaller, Executive Vice President.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have, and provide such other information that is necessary and important. We can be reached on telephone: (703) 379-2713; fax no. (703) 820-6168; e-mail: [bob.herbst@getf.org](mailto:bob.herbst@getf.org) or [ucef.user@getf.org](mailto:ucef.user@getf.org).

Best wishes and respectfully.



Martin K. Schaller  
Executive Vice president,  
United States-Central and Eastern  
European Environmental Foundation

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October 18, 2005

Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Pinto,

As Producer of the Public Access Television program "Making a Difference", we express our support for the Trans-Boundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry (TWM BPR) program and provide you with our commitment to co-finance the project funding period. We share GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large-scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, we expect to provide in-kind co-financing valued at \$150,000. Our co-finance activities will be provided through the following activities over the two-year period of the project.

- We expect to prepare, produce and carry out three (3) 28-minute television shows focusing on Trans-Boundary Waters projects and the activities of the TWM BPR in Central/Eastern/Southern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia, respectively.
- Each program will air a minimum of 3 times in the Eastern United States. In addition, the program tapes will be available for airing in other areas of the U.S. and

**Central/Eastern/Southern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia.**

- **These programs will be produced in collaboration with Robert Herbst, Robert Loftur-Thun, and/or other representatives of the REC (Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe) and its regional affiliates.**
- **The in-kind value of program-planning, moderator/narrator services, shooting, editing, graphics, studio time, and tape stock is \$50,000 per program.**

**We look forward to supporting the efforts of GEF and the Trans- Boundary Waters Management Best Practices Registry.**

**Sincerely,**



**Thomas Gause, Board Member UCEF<sup>1</sup>  
Producer,  
"Making a Difference" TV Series, FPA<sup>2</sup>  
Channels 10 and 30, Fairfax, Virginia  
DCTV, Washington, DC**

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**Thomas/Susan Gause**  
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**March 15, 2006**

**Frank Pinto**  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
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New York, NY 10017

**Dear Mr. Pinto,**

**As the Producer of the Public Access Television program "Making a Difference", I would like to express our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences – Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (TWME-ECCA) program and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period. We share GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, we are increasing our commitment made October 18, 2005 to provide in-kind co-financing from \$150,000 to \$300,000. Our co-finance in-kind contribution will be provided through the following activities over the two year period of the project.**

- To date, we have prepared, produced and broadcast three (3) 30-minute television shows discussing Transboundary Waters issues and the planned activities of the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences – Central/Eastern/Southern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (TWME-ECCA), respectively. We plan to prepare, produce and broadcast three (3) additional programs.**

- Each program has/will air a minimum of 3 times in the Eastern United States. In addition, the program tapes will be available for airing in other areas of the U.S. and Central/Eastern/Southern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia.
- These programs will be produced in collaboration with Robert Herbst, Robert Loftur-Thun, and/or other representatives of the REC and its regional affiliates.
- The in-kind value of program planning, moderator/narrator services, shooting, editing, graphics, studio time, and tape stock is \$50,000 per program. I look forward to supporting the efforts of GEF and the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences – Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (TWME-ECCA) program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Gause', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Thomas Gause**

**Producer**

**"Making a Difference"**

**Channel 10**

**Fairfax, Virginia**



6 March 2006

Frank Pinto  
Executive Coordinator  
United Nations Development Programme -  
Global Environment Facility Unit  
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New York, NY 10017

Dr. Mr. Pinto,

On behalf of the **Digital Information Network in the Area of Environment and Sustainable Development in Central Asia and Russia (CARNet)**, I would like to express our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences –Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia project and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period.

CARNet shares GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal,

CARNet expects to provide co-financing (in-kind) valued at \$6,100. Our co-finance activities will be provided through the following activities over the 2006-2008 period.

CARNet has provided \$1,100 in in-kind labor related to the preparation and review of the TWME-ECCA proposal.

CARNet will be responsible for providing \$1,500 of in-kind labor relating to interviewing national, regional, local government officials in our region that this project covers.

CARNet will provide in-kind contributions to cover meeting rooms cost and equipment (estimated value \$ 1,500)

CARNet will provide in-kind support to promote the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences – ECCA our network. We will utilize our various possibilities in our region to promote the activities of the programs featured in the TWME-ECCA project Best Practices Registry to help develop positive attention for GEF IW efforts. (Estimated Value: \$2,000 over the life of the project.)

I look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that our respective organisational activities are supportive, complementary and catalytic toward realizing our common agenda to improve transboundary waters management worldwide.

Sincerely,



Alexey Kobzev

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New York, NY 10017

Dr. Mr. Pinto,

On behalf of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), I would like to express our support for the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences - Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia project and provide you with our commitment of co-finance for the project funding period.

CAREC shares GEF's goal to promote replication of good practices related to small, medium and large scale International Waters programs. To help GEF realize this goal, CAREC expects to provide co-financing (in-kind) valued at \$16,100. Our co-finance activities will be provided through the following activities over the 2006-2008 period.

CAREC has provided \$1,100 in in-kind labor related to the preparation and review of the TWME-ECCA proposal.

CAREC will be responsible for providing \$5,000 of in-kind labor relating to interviewing national, regional, local government officials in our region that this project covers.

CAREC will provide in-kind contributions to cover meeting rooms cost and equipment (estimated value \$ 5,000)

CAREC will provide in-kind support to promote the Transboundary Waters Management Experiences - ECCA our network. (estimated value: \$5,000)

I look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that our respective organizational activities are supportive, complementary and catalytic toward realizing our common agenda to improve transboundary waters management worldwide.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bulat Yessekin,  
Executive Director

March 27, 2006