Pilot project to assist Moldova in improving its national emission inventory system

***A national pilot project “Improving national inventory system in the context of emission reporting under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP)” was launched with a kick-off meeting held on 3rd of September at premises of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova. The meeting was moderated by Mrs. Valentina Ţapiş, Deputy Minister with participation of international experts and local representatives of respective state institutions involved the project.***

At present time the existing process for collecting, processing and reporting national air emissions data in Moldova is inadequate due to the lack of reliable and sufficient data. The pilot project will aim to improve this situation by focusing on improving assessment methodologies, revising emission factors, improving reporting requirements and increase institutional capacity building.

The project is implemented by BIOS, a local NGO. At the meeting Mr. Valentin Ciubotaru, Executive Director of BIOS presented the action plan for the implementation of the project. In his presentation he made a strong emphasis on the possibility of developing the technical specifications for a software platform to collect and process data. This would also include the development of a database of national emission factors and non-industrial emissions.

Among the major topics discussed during the kick-off meeting, the participants elaborated on interaction between CLRTAP requirements and other international treaties, e.g. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.

The planned duration of the pilot project is 12 months. The expected results will include a draft of an improved reporting system, a new national emission factors database, technical specifications for new supporting software and increased capacity to prepare the annual Informative Inventory Report under the LRTAP Convention.

The next meeting of the working group of this national pilot project is scheduled for the end of October 2013.