

2024 Annual report on activities

Initiatives for Social Development Foundation “ALT”

About the Foundation

ALT Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental and non-political organization founded in November 2023 in Chisinau. The main objective of the Foundation is to promote social progress and improvement in the following directions:

1. Cultural and Historic Heritage and Cultural Space Development
2. Nature Protection and Endangered Species Conservation
3. Educational Initiatives Support

ALT Foundation Mission

Promoting sustainable development and social harmony through the preservation of cultural heritage, the protection and conservation of nature, and the support of educational initiatives.

In 2024, the following key steps were undertaken to advance the Foundation’s strategic objectives:

- **7 projects** were financed, with a total funding budget of **7 031 305 MDL**
- **46 official meetings** were held between ALT Foundation representatives and local and central government authorities, international partners, non-governmental organizations, and independent experts
- A **Memorandum of Cooperation** was signed with the **Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova** on **April 1, 2024**
- A **Memorandum of Cooperation** was signed with the **Chișinău Municipality Mayor’s Office** on **April 9, 2024**
- **7 Foundation Board meetings** were held, during which strategic decisions were made regarding directions of activity and project support
- A comprehensive **Communication Strategy** and internal documents (contracts, job descriptions, templates, etc.) were developed
- Various experts and specialists were engaged to ensure the high quality of work and to provide essential advisory support to institutional partners

This extensive network of collaboration has enabled the Foundation to build strong partnerships and actively contribute to projects that support the **sustainable development** of the Republic of Moldova and the **preservation of its natural and cultural diversity**.

- **Projects supported in 2024:**

Direction of activity 1: Cultural and Historic Heritage and Cultural Space Development

ALT Foundation supports projects aimed at protecting, preserving and restoring significant cultural sites and historical monuments. This includes the reconstruction of buildings associated with prominent personalities or historical events.

- **Restoration of a historical monument – the wooden church “St. Archangels Mihail and Gavriil” in the village of Vorniceni, Strășeni district**
Project Goal: Restoration of the church built in the 16th century. This is one of only two surviving wooden churches featuring a decorative tower above the porch, built in the traditional Moldovan architectural style.
 - **Date of contract signing:** June 22, 2024
 - **Total project budget:** 4 218 633,88 MDL
 - **ALT Foundation contribution:** 2 000 000 MDL (47,40%)
 - **Partners:** Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova and the Strășeni District Council
 - **Implementation period:** 2024–2025
 - **Outcome:** Preservation of a unique architectural and religious heritage site
- **Organization of the National Forum of Cultural Professionals (October 11, 2024)**
Project Goal: To create a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of ideas, resources, and best practices in the cultural field—bringing together representatives of central and local authorities, artists, cultural institutions, experts, and citizens in support of cultural diversity.
 - **Date of contract signing:** October 1, 2024
 - **Total project budget:** 1 200 000 MDL
 - **ALT Foundation contribution:** 400 000 MDL (33,33%)
 - **Partners:** Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova and the State Concert and Artistic Management Organization “Moldova-Concert”
 - **Implementation period:** October 2024
 - **Outcome:** Promotion and preservation of national cultural values, and strengthening cooperation between central government bodies and local communities
- **Acquisition of a Steinway D-274 Concert Grand Piano for the Organ Hall in Chișinău**
Project Goal: To promote cultural values and provide opportunities for the development of young musicians in Moldova.
 - **Date of contract signing:** December 12, 2024
 - **Total project budget:** 4 764 000 MDL
 - **ALT Foundation contribution:** 2 264 000 MDL (47,52%)
 - **Partners:** Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova and the State Institution “Organ Hall”

- **Implementation period:** December 2024 – February 2025
- **Outcome:** Support for the Organ Hall and its mission to promote high-quality music and preserve Moldova's cultural heritage

Direction of activity 2: Nature Protection and Endangered Species Conservation

Recognizing the importance of environmental protection and sustainable development, the Foundation actively supports projects aimed at conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, as well as protecting biodiversity. ALT Foundation is committed to promoting sustainable development and ensuring the well-being of future generations.

- **Publication of the book “Animals. Illustrated Encyclopedia. Volume 3”**
Project Goal: To provide educational support to the general public for understanding the animal kingdom and the principles of its protection, including information on species listed in the Red Book that require strict conservation measures.
- **Date of contract signing:** August 13, 2024
- **Total project budget:** 747 025 MDL
- **ALT Foundation contribution:** 500 000 MDL (67%)
- **Partner:** State Institution “Orhei National Park”
- **Implementation period:** 2024
- **Outcome:** Over 1 000 copies of the book were donated to libraries and schools across Moldova

Direction of activity 3: Educational Initiatives Support

The purpose of the Foundation is to expand educational opportunities for children and youth by providing material, financial and other assistance.

By promoting access to quality education, the Foundation seeks to provide opportunities for future professional and personal development.

- **Equipping Chemistry and Biology Laboratories in the STEAM Educational Complex**
Project Goal: To equip the STEAM educational complex with modern laboratories for chemistry and biology classes.
- **Date of contract signing:** July 1, 2024
- **Total project budget:** 1 000 000 MDL
- **ALT Foundation contribution:** 1 000 000 MDL (100%)
- **Partners:** Chişinău Municipality and NGO “Phoenix”
- **Implementation period:** July – November 2024
- **Outcome:** Students of the STEAM educational complex have access to the necessary laboratory equipment to support the learning process

- **“Startup for Youth and Migrants” Program**

Project Goal: To facilitate access for young people who wish to start or grow a business by providing non-reimbursable financial support.

- **Date of contract signing:** July 3, 2024
- **Total project budget:** 2 812 661 MDL
- **ALT Foundation contribution:** 767 305 MDL (28%) – funding for 4 startup projects
- **Partner:** Municipal Center for Entrepreneurship Development
- **Implementation period:** 2024–2026
- **Outcome:** Development of the local entrepreneurial ecosystem and support for job creation

Other supported projects

In addition to the projects falling under the Foundation’s main directions of activity, the Foundation also considers, on an exceptional basis, projects that require urgent support and/or whose necessity and relevance in addressing social challenges are convincingly justified.

- **Support for the Preparation of the National Team for the XXXIII Summer Olympic Games**

Project Goal: To improve the quality of athlete preparation and provide access to advanced training resources for the National Olympic Team during the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris.

- **Date of contract signing:** April 26, 2024
- **Total project budget:** 513 917,25 MDL
- **ALT Foundation contribution:** 500 000 MDL (98%)
- **Partner:** National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Moldova
- **Implementation period:** May – September 2024
- **Outcome:** Performance achievements of the National Olympic Team at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris

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