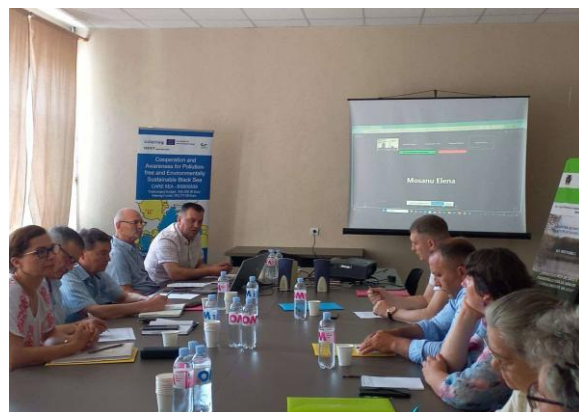# CARE SEA PROJECT MARKS THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On June 6, 2025, a seminar as part of the project *"Cooperation and Awareness for Pollution-free and Environmentally Sustainable Black Sea"* (CARE SEA) - BSB00559 was held to mark the World Environment Day.

The seminar was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Environment, environmental protection specialists, ecologists, researchers, teachers and students from Institute of Ecology and Geography of the State University of Moldova, Pedagogical University "Ion Creangă" and University of Political and Economic European Science "Constantin Stere", as well as experts of the environmental NGO "EcoContact Association".



The seminar agenda included the following thematic presentations:

- Current State of Biodiversity in the "Lower Prut" Biosphere Reserve.
- Impact of Human Activities and Climate Change on Wetland Habitats.
- Ecological Restoration Initiatives and Conservation of Rare Flora/Fauna Species.
- Current Challenges in Wetland Management and Sustainable Solutions Proposed by Communities and Experts.

- Sources of Microplastics in Natural Ecosystems and Their Impact on Biodiversity.



The seminar highlighted the "Lower Prut" Biosphere Reserve's crucial role in preserving biodiversity and natural resources in southern regions of the Republic of Moldova. The event emphasized the importance of collaboration of the CARE SEA project team with various stakeholders, including MAB (Man and the Biosphere) National Committees and biosphere reserve managers, to strengthen the reserve's management and engage local communities. Furthermore, the seminar highlighted the need for improved communication, water governance, and sustainable development initiatives within the reserve.