**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GRANT BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR PARTNERS**

**Object: Changes in the Eligibility (nationality and origin) rules referred to in Annex IV following publication of Regulation (EU) N°236/2014 on 11th March 2014**

Following the entry into force of the Regulation (EU) N°236/2014 of the European Parliament of the Council of 11th March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (CIR), new eligibility rules have to be applied in all procedures to be launched at the latest from 1st of August, 2014. In case you have not received a notification on this matter, please contact the responsible monitoring officer from JTS Suceava or JTS Iasi.

For ease of reference for the new rules, please see the following documents:

- for European Neighbourhood and Partnership instrument (ENPI), the eligibility rules are mentioned under article 8 and 9 of the Regulation (EU) N°236/2014 (CIR);

- the annex of the Practical Guide containing the detailed list of eligible countries for each programme under the CIR eligibility rules is available on the Europeaid website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group=A>

Along with the annex above mentioned, we invite you to read with great care the content of section 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 of the Practical Guide that explains in detail the new rules:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do>