



## THE EU REACHING OUT TO UKRAINIAN YOUTH

**The recently launched EU-funded competition for Ukrainian high school children (see below) is the latest in a long line of projects and programmes aimed at reaching out to young people in Ukraine.**



The EU supports Ukraine's European choice and wishes to co-operate with Ukraine in helping develop European solutions to its problems. People-to-people contacts are very important in this context.

The enthusiasm of Ukraine's young people for the European Union and Ukraine's own European aspirations is significant. We see this enthusiasm in the 500 Euroclubs that exist across Ukraine. Euroclubs in Ukraine were set up in 1995 following the examples of the similar organisations in Europe and Russia. These Euroclubs have played an important role EU member states and candidate countries as information resources and active promoters of European values among youth. They play a similar role here in Ukraine.

Euroclubs were recently the subject of a round table organised by the EU-funded "Europe in the Hearts of Ukrainians" Nashe Radio project (see below). The "Europe in the Hearts of Ukrainians" radio programme also aims to inform young people about the European Union. Programmes can be heard at approximately 08:20, 14:20 and 18:20 on weekdays, with a one-hour talk show on Sundays at 18:00. Nashe Radio is broadcast on 107.9 FM in Kyiv.

Young Ukrainians are also recipients of Erasmus Mundus scholarships allowing them to study in European Universities. The newly established National Tempus Office (see below) will assist the Delegation in disseminating information about EU-funded education programmes including Erasmus Mundus and Tempus.

## UKRAINIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EU

**On 26 March, 2009, the EU-funded project "All-Ukrainian competition on European integration" was launched in Donetsk. The project is being implemented by the Donetsk Youth Debate Centre and is aimed to raise awareness of young people in Ukraine about EU-Ukraine cooperation in general and programmes of financial and technical assistance in particular, and to motivate young generation for participation in the EU programmes available.**



Dirk Schuebel, Head of the Political, Press and Information Section of the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine in his opening speech pointed out: "I have long been impressed by the enthusiasm of Ukraine's young people for the European Union. I have witnessed this enthusiasm on my visits to the country's universities where I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with Ukrainian youth."

According to the organisers, this is an all-Ukrainian competition among secondary school students and consists of two phases. Implementation of the first phase started in spring 2009 and the main tool for the competition is already available in the Internet. The competition test will be held on 20-26 May, 2009. The second phase is scheduled for autumn 2009 and will take place in Kyiv. The 27 teams of participants scoring the highest in each of the regions will be invited for the second phase of the competition.

On the second phase of the project the winners will be named. The main trophy for the winners will be an opportunity to visit one of the EU Member States and get acquainted with the institutions and organisations working in the EU.

Students aged 14-17 of any secondary school of Ukraine are eligible to participate in the competition. The teams of participants should consist of three students and a teacher. To participate in the competition it is necessary to register on the web-site [www.europanostra.info](http://www.europanostra.info), and on the defined day to take an on-line test. At the moment students can visit the web-site, register for the competition and train themselves for an on-line test. The winners in each oblast will be defined by the computer application.

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## EUROCLUBS MEET THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF KYIV

**A meeting of Euroclubs with the young people of Kyiv took place on 31 March, 2009 in Ukrainian House within the framework of joined project of the Delegation of the European Commission in Ukraine and "Nashe Radio" "Europe in the Hearts of Ukrainians". In the meeting the representatives of leading Ukrainian Euroclubs acquainted students with a purpose and forms of Euroclubs' activity in a modern interactive format.**



Representatives of the European Commission, the EU-funded project "Support of Euroclubs network in Ukraine", as well as coordinators of the different Ukrainian Euroclubs took the floor at the forum. The Euroclubs prepared for the participants presentations and interactive games, aimed to better knowledge of the European Union. The primary aim of Euroclubs is to engage young people in realisation of the European choice of Ukraine, implementation of the European Youth Policy, development of democratic values and civil society in Ukraine. Euroclubs inform young people about the issues of the European integration, non-formal educational programmes, directed on raising awareness in European integration issues, promote activities of the European Studios in educational establishments, and fulfil other socially important functions.

The Nashe Radio FM station with the financial support of the European Union implements the project "Europe in the hearts of Ukrainians" aimed to dissemination of current information about the European Union, the activity of European Commission in Ukraine, informing young people about EU-Ukraine relations and EU technical assistance projects in Ukraine.

Daily programmes on current EU activities are broadcast each weekday on the radio station. In the radio programmes come into question the EU-Ukraine partnership, advantages and possibilities for Ukrainian young people, details of programmes and projects of EU in Ukraine. Nashe Radio also broadcast a weekly talk-show with special guests discussing EU-related themes.

**For more information see: [www.esua.info/](http://www.esua.info/)**

## TEMPUS INFORMATION DAY 2009 IN UKRAINE

**The National Tempus Office in Ukraine (NTO) held on 3 April, 2009 its first Information Day. The seminar on Higher Education Funding Opportunities for Ukraine was organised in close cooperation with the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and hosted by Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Municipal Pedagogical University.**



This Information Seminar provided an opportunity to raise awareness among higher education institutions of the possibilities offered by the second call for proposals under the Tempus IV programme and to inform on operational aspects of selection procedures and project implementation. The opening session of the seminar was led by representatives of the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine, alongside with representatives of the Ministry for Education and Science of Ukraine and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Municipal Pedagogical University.

During this event the main changes in the Tempus IV second call compared to the first one was underlined. The participants were informed of the results of Ukrainian Higher Education Institutions participation in the first Tempus IV call and updated on the other EC funded programmes in the area of Higher Education open to Ukraine, e.g. Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window.

The EU-funded National Tempus Office (NTO) in Ukraine was first officially presented on the occasion of this Tempus Information Day. The NTO is to assist the European Commission and the Ukrainian National Authorities in the implementation of the Tempus Programme as well as other EU-funded programmes aimed at the modernisation and transformation of higher education.

The Institute for Leadership, Innovations and Development (ILID) which will fulfil the NTO tasks, was selected on a competitive basis, as a result of an open call among Ukrainian organisations active in the field of higher education reforms, launched by the European Commission last year. The NTO in Ukraine will act as an interface between the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the European Union's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) responsible for management of the Tempus programme.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### TRAINING SEMINAR ON DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION OF CORRUPTION OFFENCES

**The EC/CoE joint project "Support to Good Governance: project against corruption in Ukraine" and the Ministry of Interior gathered 100 police officers from Kyiv and the regions on 20 March, 2009 for a training seminar on the detection and investigation of corruption offences.**

Pursuant to relevant recommendations of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO), international standards and best practices, this training seminar aimed at enhancing the capacities and specialisation of the Ministry of Interior officials in dealing with corruption cases.

Four Council of Europe experts (Latvia, Slovenia, UK, Italy), representatives of central and regional offices of the Anticorruption Bureau, the Main Department on Combating Organised Crime (Ministry of Interior), the State Committee for Financial Monitoring and the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine discussed the issues of detection and investigation of corruption offences (including the use of special investigative techniques, financial investigations and protection of witnesses) as well as interagency cooperation and coordination. Moreover, the participants shared good practices and opinions on the needed improvement of the legal framework. Case studies were also presented in the course of the seminar.

A training Manual on Detection and Prevention of corruption offences elaborated by the Ministry of Interior has been published and disseminated to the participants with the financial support of the UPAC project.

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### EU SUPPORTS THE TRANSPORT POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION IN UKRAINE

**On 31 March, 2009 the Twinning Project "Support to Transport Policy Design and Implementation in Ukraine" was launched by a Kick-off Meeting. The EU-funded project, with a budget of the EUR 1 million, will be completed by mid October 2010.**

The Kick-off Meeting was opened by Yosyp Vinsky, the Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine, as well as Ambassadors of Germany and Austria. All of them have underlined the importance of the close cooperation between Ukraine and EU, and its Member States. Peter Mueckenhausen, the Project Leader, and Gabriela Fritz, the Resident Twinning Adviser presented the project, its main results and the main steps towards their achievement.

The objective of the project is to assist the Ukrainian Ministry of Transport and Communication to improve the quality of transport policy design and implementation, with the aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the transport sector, thus contributing to sustainable economic and social development.

The joint work will concentrate on transport strategy development; options for infrastructure management and finance, transport pricing and tariffication; institutional reform in railways, maritime ports and inland waterway sector, public passenger transport and civil aviation; and reviewing of the legislative base.

The Twinning Project is implemented in co-operation of the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology and the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Ukraine.

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## FINANCIAL CRISIS LESSONS FOR THE UKRAINIAN FINANCIAL SECTOR

The EU-funded Project "Strengthening of Ukrainian Financial Services Sector" organised on 31 March, 2009 the first Forum of Experts on "Lessons from the Financial Crisis for Ukraine". The Forum discussed the causes of the crisis as it spread internationally; the measures taken by national authorities; the direction of the continuing discussion on necessary supervisory reforms; possible implications for the future development of the international and national financial system; and possible implications for financial institutions, markets and supervisory policy in Ukraine.



Ukraine has suffered from the crisis in two main ways: the downturn in the international economy has hit export earnings hard through the fall in steel prices and drying up of bank credit exposed the dependence of many Ukrainian banks on foreign currency financing.

The current situation in the world financial markets prompted the beginning of the dialogue on different levels between central bankers and financial supervisors on the policy and supervisory lessons to be learnt and measures to be implemented. In Ukraine the current situation can be seen as a correction to unsustainable trends generated in benign conditions.

International experience on the Forum presented Robin McConnachie, director of Capital Markets Partners and a member of the International Advisory Board of Oxford Analytica. Mr. McConnachie worked for nearly twenty years in the UK Government service, and is an international advisor on public finance and fiscal policy. In the Forum took also part Michael Hewitt, key project expert on the capital markets and one of the initiators of the Forum. Mr. Hewitt has more than twenty five years experience of work at the Bank of England in senior positions and since 1994 he has been acting as an international consultant on capital market and financial regulation issues.

Ihor Shumylo, Executive Director on Economic issues, National Bank of Ukraine, Viktor Suslov, Head of the State Commission of Financial Services Markets and Mykola Burmaka, Commissioner, State Commission for Regulation of Financial Services Markets were the Ukrainian panel members at the Forum. The common issue of all speeches of the Forum was the consequences and lessons of the financial crisis for Ukraine.

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## FIRST EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT IN UKRAINE OFFICALLY COMPLETED

The EU-funded Twinning project "Regulatory and Legal Strengthening of Energy Regulation in the National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine (NERC)" held its closing workshop on 3 April, 2009.

The closing workshop was attended by Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine, Mr. Valery Kalchenko, NERC Chairman and Mr. Tymofiy Motrenko, Head of Main Department of Civil Service of Ukraine. Mr. Alessandro Ortis, President of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity and the Italian and Czech Ambassadors represented the Member State partners in this Twinning project.

A press conference presented the results of this successful EUR 1.1 million project, including the adoption of best practices and improving the capacity of NERC staff.

This project was the first EU-funded Twinning project to be launched in Ukraine. Twinning projects bring representatives of Member States to work with third countries such as Ukraine on institution building. Twinning projects require a Resident Twinning Adviser (an EU Member State civil servant) to be stationed in the country for the duration of the project.





## EU AND OSCE HAND OVER IT EQUIPMENT TO CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION

**The European Union and the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine handed over IT equipment to the country's Central Election Commission (CEC) on 7 April, 2009 to help create a state voter register.**

As part of a multi-donor OSCE PCU project to assist in further strengthening election processes in Ukraine, some 951 computers and 557 multifunctional printers were provided to establish a state voter register and to support the work of 755 voter register maintenance bodies across the country.

The EUR 1.6 million worth of IT equipment was funded by the EU, which supports the OSCE PCU project along with the Canadian International Development Agency, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Irish Aid and the Strategic Programme Fund of Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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### EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **23 APRIL, 2009, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE, KYIV**

##### **Official launch of EU-ILO Project "Gender Equality in the World of Work" in Ukraine**

The officials of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports as well as representatives of the International Labour Office and the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine will take part in the meeting.

The strategy and the action plan of the ILO Project "Gender Equality in the World of Work" in Ukraine will be present.

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#### **23 APRIL, 2009, PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, KYIV**

##### **Mid-term event of the Space Twinning Project**

After one year of intense activity the Space Twinning Project will report the results achieved to the Authorities and Ukrainian stakeholders. The presence of Ambassadors, Government and Central Administration representatives, NSAU General Director and other representatives of NSAU top management and of the Space area, all Ukrainian stakeholders, EU, ESA, CNES and DLR representatives, is foreseen.

The meeting will be divided in two parts: the first hour will be devoted to opening speeches, the second hour will allow the project team to present the results achieved and the program for the following year. A poster session will allow experts and their Ukrainian counterparts to talk about the work done and results achieved in their specific components.

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#### **23-24 APRIL, 2009, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PROSECUTION OF UKRAINE, KYIV**

##### **Module training on Detection, Investigation and Prosecution of corruption offences**

This training is organised by the EC/CoE joint project against corruption in Ukraine (UPAC) and the OECD project "Strengthening the Capacity to Investigate and Prosecute Corruption in Ukraine" in cooperation with the National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine.

Designed by international experts with the assistance of national experts, the training will consist of simulating the detection and investigation of a corruption case. In this framework, the issues of detection, investigative techniques and mutual legal assistance will be addressed.

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