



## EU-UKRAINE CO-OPERATION ON ROAD SAFETY

According to the International Transport Forum there were 9,481 road traffic deaths in Ukraine in 2007. This represents an increase of 38% on the previous year and a startling 2002 deaths per million inhabitants. This figure is more than twice the EU average.

Road Safety is an important element of EU support to Ukraine's transport sector. The EU-Ukraine Action Plan makes special reference to road safety and commits the EU to helping Ukraine launch and implement an Action Plan for improving road safety.

The EU supports the establishment of the proposed Co-ordinating Council on Road Safety, and is assisting its launch through a special Twinning project. This 18-month, EUR 1 million project and utilizes the expertise of the relevant authorities from France, Poland and Austria.

In addition the Technical Assistance project on the Integration of Ukraine into the Trans-European Transport (TEN-T) network has a road safety component (see below). This project will assist Ukravtodor in defining a national strategy for international co-operation in the field of road safety. It will also assist in the development of a road safety database with reference to accidents at the inter-urban, national and international levels.



## EU-FUNDED TRANSPORT PROJECT DISCUSSED IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY ISSUE

On 6 April, 2009 a round table meeting on road safety was held within the framework of the project for support to the integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T). The round table was co-ordinated with the EU Twinning project "Road Safety" in collaboration with the NGO Ukrainian Road Safety Association.

An initial presentation showed an analysis of the economic and social consequences of the epidemic of road deaths and injuries in Ukraine. Ukraine loses almost 3% of GDP. European experts showed presentations on speeding, drink driving, seat belts and public education etc. Presentations were organised by the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP). This information was discussed in the working groups of Ukrainian representatives together with European experts, moderated by a well-known journalist, a car-topic specialist. The final outcome of the round table will be a set of recommendations which will form the basis for a working paper "Towards Safer Roads" due to be produced in October 2009.



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## EU-COUNCIL OF EUROPE ANTI-CORRUPTION PROJECT ORGANISES ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

On 26 March, 2009 the EU-Council of Europe anti-corruption project, the SIGMA programme and the Main Civil Service Department of Ukraine held a roundtable to discuss the elaboration of a draft law to regulate the issues of public ethics and conflicts of interest.

The participants included Council of Europe and SIGMA experts as well as representatives of the Main Civil Service Department, Ministries, MPs and international projects. Following the failure of the draft law on Integrity of Persons Authorised to Perform Functions of the State and Bodies of Local Self-Government to pass the first reading at the Verkhovna Rada, the participants pointed out the urgent need to elaborate legal regulation in line with international standards. The majority of participants agreed on the scope of the law, the definition of sanctions and the establishment of a body to control the ethics regime. To raise awareness on these issues and to gain support from politicians and the civil society have been defined as necessities to achieve the adoption of legal regulation on public ethics and conflicts of interest.



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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### EU-COUNCIL OF EUROPE ANTI-CORRUPTION PROJECT ORGANISES CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM IN UKRAINE

**On 25 March, 2009 the EU-Council of Europe anti-corruption project organised in cooperation with the National Academy of Public Administration of Ukraine and the EU-OECD SIGMA programme a videoconference on the public administration reform in Ukraine.**

The participants discussed the draft concept of public administration reform and relevant draft laws in line with relevant Group of States against corruption (GRECO) and SIGMA recommendations as well as international best practices.

This activity had the special feature to be organised as a videoconference which allowed to gather 200 auditors undergoing training in Kyiv and in the 4 regional branches of the Academy of Public Administration in Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa, Kharkiv, Lviv). Council of Europe and SIGMA experts, representatives of central and local public administration (including the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers and of the President of Ukraine, the Ministry of Justice, the Council of National Security and Defense), international projects, medias and the civil society also took part in the debate.

The participants underlined that the public administration reform is key to conduct other reforms in Ukraine and called for the adoption of a policy document as a concept paper. They agreed that better management and efficiency of the public administration can be achieved only through centralized recruitment system, efficient ethics regime and system of declaration of revenues and assets as well as adoption of an Administrative Procedures code.



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### EU-FUNDED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LAUNCHED IN PILOT REGION OF CRIMEA

**On 15 April, 2009 the "Implementation of Ukraine's Commitments under WTO and European Neighbourhood Policy frameworks in the rural sector" project was launched in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. The project is financed by the EU and aims at assisting close integration of Ukraine into the EU and WTO, as well as harmonisation of Ukrainian standards according to WTO requirements. The project is based on the application of Sector-Wide Approach.**



Separate components of the project will be introduced in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Cherkassy, Odessa, Kherson, Lviv, Poltava and Dnipropetrovsk regions and in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. The project will last for 38 months and cover several pilot regions. The total project budget is EUR 4.7 million provided by the EU. The project's activity on the infrastructure development of wholesale markets is foremost directed on agricultural produce assistance trading by fresh green-stuffs and fruit (within the framework of the National program on wholesale markets development) as well as increasing the crop capacity. Within the villages development sector the project issues will be directed at employment problem for the rural citizens, stimulation for the development of the small business in rural area as well as building modern infrastructure. That is why project experts will support the development of a programme on rural area development in Crimea according to the State goal-oriented program for the development of the Ukrainian village for the time period up to 2015 and appropriate MTEF.

Ukrainian and foreign experts, government bodies, international and public organisations will take part in the project. The Project's Supervisory board will control the effective use of project funds.

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## EU-UNDP PROJECT PROVIDES SCHOOL BUS TO VILLAGES IN KHMELNITSKY

On 15 April, 2009 in Antoniny village of Khmelnytska oblast, the first project opening was held when the school bus purchased within the framework of the EU-UNDP Community-Based Approach (CBA) to Local Development Project was handed over to Antoninsky educational district of Krasilivsky rayon. From now on, children from villages of Zakrinichchya, Dublyanka and Antoniny will travel to and from school on a new school bus.



At the community of parents, teachers and pupils of these schools got organised and formed the association "Antoninskiy krai". At general meetings, community members discussed and defined the problem of transport of children to school as a priority. Community organisation activists participated in a number of trainings, wrote, defended and implemented their first micro-project "Equal and easy access to Antoninsky educational district". The cost of project is about UAH 84,000 of which about 50% was the input of the EU-UNDP Project.

A neighbouring community of Korchivka village, Krasilivsky district decided to carry out a micro-project on energy-saving in the local school. After the first dialogue with local people, they decided to form an organization "Fortune" and realize a micro-project "Replacement of windows in Korchivskiy school". The total cost of the project is about UAH 109,000. It is planned that by July 2009, CO "Fortuna" will replace 50 school windows.

The Joint EU-UNDP Community Based Approach to Local Development Project was launched in September 2007. Activities of CBA Project in Khmelnytska oblast started in March 2008, with a tripartite Partnership Agreement between Oblast State Administration, Oblast Council and CBA Project signed in September 2008. 8 rayons of Khmelnytska oblast were selected through a competitive procedure: Izyaslavskiy, Slavutskiy, Shepetivskiy, Letchivskiy, Horodotskiy, Bilohirskiy, Krasylivskiy and Derazhnyanskiy. In each of these rayons, 5 pilot communities were selected. With support of the EU and UNDP, they will be able to get improve their living conditions.

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### EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 24 APRIL, 2009, CHERNOBYL REGION

#### EU-funded decommissioning facility for Chernobyl nuclear power station to be inaugurated

A new radioactive waste management facility, co-funded by the European Commission and Ukraine, will be handed over this week to the end user, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. The official inauguration ceremony of the Industrial Complex for Solid Radwaste Management (ICSRM) which consists of treatment conditioning and storage facilities for radioactive waste, will take place at the Chernobyl site. The ceremony will be attended by Ambassador Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine and Volodymyr Shandra, the Minister of Emergency Situations of Ukraine.

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