



EU AND UNDP HELP COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS

The EU-UNDP Community Based Approach (CBA) to Local Development Project is a unique initiative for the EU. It covers all regions of Ukraine and aims to support over 1100 communities in every oblast of Ukraine.

The project ensures that citizens (local communities), civil society institutions, private sectors, local government, regional and national authorities and other stakeholders work together on solving local problems and developing local infrastructure.

CBA is not only about giving grants to improve citizens' lives, it is more about of empowering people and changing their way of thinking. These grants are an incentive for communities to try this new model, to activate themselves and to start a dialogue with their community members on their needs.

The first stage of the CBA project will be implemented in Ukraine until February 2011. This initiative is financed by the European Union and is co-financed and implemented by UNDP with support of the Government of Ukraine, local authorities and self-governing bodies. The budget of CBA project is €13.3 million, 90% of which is EU contribution, and 10% – contribution of UNDP. The EU plans to launch a second stage of CBA in 2011 with a provisional EU contribution of €17 million.



EU-UNDP PROJECT ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT HOLDS CONFERENCE IN ZAPORIZHZHA

On 18 March the EU-funded and UNDP-implemented project "Community Based Approach to Local Development" held in Zaporizhzhya an interregional conference, entitled "Community Initiative in Action: Local Development with EU and UNDP Support". About 200 participants representing the EU Delegation, UNDP, national and regional authorities, NGOs and journalists took part in the event.

Representatives of 5 local communities from the regions of Eastern and Southern Ukraine presented during the event their experience and the results of local initiatives being implemented in rural areas of Ukraine with the financial support from the EU. Starting from December 2007 the project has been working with local communities around Ukraine to secure the stable development of rural territories. It promotes the implementation of initiatives on self-governance and communities' rehabilitation for tangible improvements in their living levels from the local perspective.

Claudia Fischer, Head of Operations Section II of the EU Delegation stated at the event: "The community-based approach empowers Ukrainian communities to provide local solutions to local problems. This approach is extremely important to the EU, evidenced by our substantial contribution of €12 million to the project. EU funding has helped citizens across Ukraine to improve their everyday lives by upgrading local infrastructure".



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU PROJECT SUPPORTS PARTICIPATION OF UKRAINE IN EUROPEAN SPACE PROGRAMMES

On 15 March the EU-funded Twinning project "Boosting Ukrainian Space Cooperation with the European Union" held its official closing conference. The project, with a budget of €1.5 million, was implemented for 28 months and supported Ukraine in its participation into the European research area and European space programmes, the development of its research and technological capabilities in the service of the economy and the society, and the approximation of its legislation and standards to those of the EU.



Most of project activity components included broad exchange of experience and knowledge between National Space Agency of Ukraine (NSAU) and space agencies of the EU Member States, as well as European Space Agency (ESA) in a form of training sessions, internships, workshops, seminars, study tours and symposia.

Among the project achievements was the approximation of the Ukrainian space laws (particularly the law on space activities of 1996) and legal provisions on Intellectual Property Rights to European ones; designing and implementation of a Human Resources policy which will give a qualified HR management to the NSAU; increasing of the institutional capacity of the NSAU to participate in projects within the ESA framework and to prepare proposals in the Framework Programme (FP7) etc.

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EU INVITES UKRAINIAN CHILDREN TO ENTER DRAWING COMPETITION ON GENDER EQUALITY

On 16 March the EU Delegation launched for Ukraine the international drawing competition of the European Commission on the theme of equality between men and women. For the fourth year in a row the EU invites eight to ten year old children in developing countries to express in a drawing their vision on the theme of gender equality. The prizes for the winners are up to €1,000.



This year the theme of the competition is "Once upon a time, there was a girl and a boy, and together they wanted to make a better world". Children are invited to send their drawings by 14 May 2010 to: 29, Kreschatik Street, Apt. 48, 01001 Kyiv, Ukraine. All submissions should be on A4 paper only, on one side and with the last name of the author, age, class and school address indicated on the reverse side.

The international competition aims to raise the awareness of equal opportunities for women and men. Since 2007 nearly 60,000 children from all over the world have taken part in the competition and last year Darya Shyt, a 10-year old from Cherkaskyi region was one of the winners.

The EU Delegation together with the Ministry of Education will select a total of 10 of the best drawings from Ukraine to send onto the final selection with the winners announced at the end of June 2010.

More information at: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/gender/drawing-competition-2010_en.htm



EU PROJECT SUPPORTS QUALITY MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE UKRAINIAN POLICE

On 17 March the EU-funded Twinning project "Introduction and Development of Quality Management within the Ukrainian Police" held its official closing conference. Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the EU Delegation, Ambassador of France Jacques Faure and Deputy Interior Minister Vasyli Marmazov welcomed the participants.

Ambassador Pinto Teixeira stated during the event: "This twinning project is truly unique for Ukraine. For the first time ever, the Ukrainian Ministry of Interior enjoys daily access to expertise and 'know-how' of the EU Member States. The professional and effective police are the cornerstone of any modern state. Europe has experience to offer to Ukraine. And this twinning project has proven that our Ukrainian colleagues also have experience to share. That makes our partnership mutually beneficial and truly sustainable".

The project with a budget of €1.65 million became the first in Ukraine implemented by law enforcement institutions. It had the purpose to enhance the capacity within the Ukrainian Police and Interior Troops to prevent, detect and combat crime as well as to maintain public order, peace and security in accordance with principles of democratic policing, the rule of law and respect to internationally recognised human rights.

Positive output of the project realisation was also beginning of new EU-funded project "Support to the improvement of the system of public order protection by the interior troops of Ministry of Interior of Ukraine" which is logical continuation of the first one.

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EU PROJECT SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINIAN SMALL TOWNS

On 18 March the EU-funded project "Sustainable Urban Development" of the EU programme "Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue" (CIUDAD) was officially launched in Ukrainka Town, Kyiv Region. The Head of the EU Delegation, Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira attended the launching of the project.

Ambassador Pinto Teixeira stated during the opening ceremony: "The executive committee of Ukrainka has demonstrated a strong commitment towards reforming municipal services. Ukrainka was recognised as a model town for other towns in Ukraine. With the new CIUDAD project, the 4 partner towns in Ukraine and also Ozurgeti (Georgia) and Novolokumli (Belarus) will certainly profit from this experiences".

The project with duration of 3 years will allow six small towns to improve their level of economic activity and revitalise the public sector. It also aims creating adequate conditions for sustainable development of other Ukrainian, Belarusian and Georgian small cities through the implementation of municipal management tool for strategic planning on the basis of citizen participation.

During three years six cities from three countries will participate in educational seminars and learn the principles of good governance through which are developing the European municipalities. The project will conduct trainings for local community organisations and develop arrangement for further partnership of public and local authorities.

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EU SPEECH ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE SECOND UKRAINIAN BUSINESS SUMMIT

On 24 March the UN Mission in Ukraine and the UN Global Compact Network Ukraine held in Kyiv the 2nd Ukrainian Business Summit, entitled "Climate Change: Global Approaches and Local Responses". The summit was organised with the support of the Ministry for Environmental Protection and brought together more than 150 participants from Ukraine and other European states, including representatives of the EU Delegation and Ukrainian Government, top managers of leading companies, expert and scientific communities, international and non-profit institutions.

Head of Operations Section III of the EU Delegation Hans Rhein stated during his speech at the event: "The European Union is working actively for a global agreement to control climate change and is taking domestic action to achieve substantial reductions in its own contribution. It is also developing a European strategy for adapting to climate change. The EU is committed to a 20% emission reduction below 1990 levels in 2020, and to moving to 30% if the conditions are right".

The main goals of the summit were to discuss up-to-date issues and trends in development of ecological responsibility in Ukraine and abroad and to draw attention of the business community and authorities to the problems of global climate change.

Participants discussed consequences and the results of the Copenhagen Summit, the principles of doing business in climate change conditions, application of innovation nature-protection business models, state stimulation of ecological responsibility of business, the need for private and public partnership, environmentally-friendly technologies and effective use of resources.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

26-27 MARCH, HOTEL BRATISLAVA, KYIV

The EU-funded project "Safe bridges for migrant workers: pilot initiatives in Moldova and Ukraine" will organise a seminar on labour migration.

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30 MARCH, MAIN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE OF UKRAINE, KYIV

The EU-funded project "Support to the development and improvement of the civil servants training system in Ukraine" will organise a roundtable "Defining new strategic framework for the civil servants training policy"

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The EU-funded project "Capacity Building and Technical Support to Ukrainian Authorities to Effectively Respond to Irregular Transit-Migration" will organise the opening of a Screening Centre for irregular migrants in Kharkiv.

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