



## THE EU AND UKRAINE: COMBATING ILLEGAL LOGGING AND THE SHADOW FORESTRY BUSINESS

The FLEG – Forest Law Enforcement and Governance – is an international, participatory process of formulation and implementation of policies and practices aimed at ensuring sustainable forest management, combating illegal logging and associated timber trade. This process has evolved into national, regional (EU-Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT), Europe and North Asia (ENA)-FLEG, East Asia FLEG and global (under G8 auspices) initiatives. The FLEG process was initiated in response to the growing need to combat the threats posed to forests by illegal logging, trade, poaching and corruption.

The EU-funded programme “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia” (€6 million) supports governments, civil society, and the private sector in participating countries in the development of sound and sustainable forest management practices, including reducing the incidence of illegal forestry activities.

Despite the generally favourable official statistics in Ukraine on forestry issues, problems related to the use of forests - namely illegal logging and shadow forestry business - have recently grown more acute in the country. There have been attempts by the government to adopt laws which would help resolve existing problems and difficulties, however these did not bring the expected results as numerous violations and related crime still persist.

The national actions of the ENPI-FLEG programme in Ukraine includes: identifying, classification and assessment of law enforcement problems; analysis and improvement of forest and associated legislation; enhancing transparency and information access to governmental bodies; and improving the coordination activities with environmental NGOs and businesses.

For more information see: <http://www.fleg.org.ua/>



## EU PROGRAMME FAMILIARISES UKRAINIAN FORESTRY SPECIALISTS WITH LATVIAN EXPERIENCE

On 27 June-3 July the EU-funded programme “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia” held a study visit to Latvia for a group of Ukrainian forest sector specialists. Among the participants were managers and leading specialists of forest enterprises from Ukrainian regions, Centre for Continuous Education, Regional Forestry Departments as well as representatives from the Science and Information Centre for Forest Management.

The main purpose of this study visit was to learn from the experience of the State Joint Stock Company “Latvia’s State Forests” (LVM) as relates to the forest use practices, accounting of forest products as well as counteracting illegal logging and business. Furthermore, the Ukrainian specialists were interested in the forestry organisational and financial models operating in the Latvian state-owned forests.

During this study visit the Ukrainian specialists met with senior officials from the central and territorial departments of the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture, Forest Service as well as staff at LVM’s head office and all its structural subdivisions. Ukrainian experts returned home with a lot of useful material and knowledge. Reports on the outcomes of this study tour are being processed now and will be published soon.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### EU-FUNDED PROJECTS LAUNCH A NEW CAMPAIGN ON ROAD SAFETY IN LVIV

On 1 August the EU-funded projects "Support to the Integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T" and "Support to Strengthening of Road Freight and Passenger Transport Safety in Ukraine" launched in Lviv a new campaign on road safety, namely the use of seat belts. The campaign is the second part of the Lviv pilot project on road safety, first part being implemented earlier this year on the speed management. The campaign lasted until the end of August this year.

It was accompanied by social advertising on the radio, displaying billboards on the main streets and in the city centre. In addition, a special design was developed for in-car air fresheners, which together with information leaflets were free to distribute among drivers by traffic police inspectors, state inspection posts and by EURO 2012 volunteers at football events in Lviv.

The pilot project on road safety in Ukraine is implemented jointly with Euro 2012 Department of Lviv city council in the framework of the EU-funded projects. The aim is to demonstrate ways to improve road safety by introducing necessary elements to achieve road safety. The initiative aims at strengthening and improving the competence of road authorities of Ukraine, with further implementation of various programmes of public information.

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### EU PROJECT SUPPORTS BOLSTERING CAPACITY OF BORDER GUARD TRAINING CENTRES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

On 3-6 August the EU-funded and International Organisation for Migration-implemented project "Improving Integrated Border Management: Follow-up to Reinforcing the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine's Human Resources Management System (HUREMAS 2)" organised a working visit of three high-level representatives of the SBGS Velyki Mosty Training Centre to the Luban Specialised Training Centre of the Polish Border Guard.

The visit sought to transfer experience from the Luban Specialised Training Centre to Velyki Mosty Training Centre on how to expand and adapt its training portfolio to evolve into an institution of specialised training necessary for EU-compliant border management. The Ukrainian and Polish delegations discussed how the Polish training centre meticulously planned to address numerous human resources and logistical challenges while launching completely new training courses. Furthermore, they talked over the prospects for training reform in the SBGS.



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### EU-FUNDED PROJECT DISTRIBUTES INFORMATION CARDS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On 20 August the EU-funded project "Women and children rights in Ukraine – Communication component" started the distribution of 50,000 information cards for victims of violence in Ukraine. Available at railway and bus stations across the country, the cards provide advice on whom to turn and gives a hotline number – 0800 500 335 – to call for help.

"I had my own personal experience with domestic violence. When I was a little girl, my parents divorced, because my father was beating up my mum all the time. When I grew up, I faced another type of violence in marriage – a psychological one, which is only a step away from physical beating", said Maryna Odolska, a pop-star that supports the campaign.

The cards are part of a wider campaign that includes dissemination of information via billboards and the internet, as well as street events, where volunteers have distributed around 200,000 magenta bracelets with the inscription "I am against violence" as a mark of support against violence. The campaign runs in Kyiv, Lviv, Donetsk, Odesa and Crimea.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2-3 SEPTEMBER, YEVPATORIYA

Information Days on EU-Ukraine cooperation opportunities in space industry organised by the EU-funded National Information Point for EU-Ukraine Co-operation on Science and Technology and the National Space Agency of Ukraine

More information at: <http://www.jso-era.org.ua/>

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### 6 SEPTEMBER, BARVINOK, ZAKARPATTYA OBLAST

Launch of the EU-funded project "Waste Governance – ENPI East" on reduction of environmental risks and pollution, and promotion of more sustainable use of natural resources, with a specific focus on waste management

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### 9-10 SEPTEMBER, ODESA

Seminar on Combating Money Laundering and Financial Crime

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### 10 SEPTEMBER, KYIV

High level seminar on power of energy regulator and unbundling organised by the EU-funded twinning project "Regulatory and Legal Capacity Strengthening of Energy Regulation in the National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine"

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### 16-17 SEPTEMBER, SIMFEROPOL

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### 30 SEPTEMBER, KYIV

Information Day on "Sector Budget Support - a New Form of EU Assistance to Ukraine" organised by the EU-funded project "Complementary Technical Assistance to the EU Funded Budget Support to Ukraine's Energy Strategy Implementation"

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