



## EU AND UKRAINE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

**The EU is aiming for a significant cut in the amount of rubbish generated, both in the 27 Member States and in third countries. The European Union's approach to waste management is based on three principles:**

**Waste prevention:** This is closely linked with improving manufacturing methods and influencing consumers to demand greener products and less packaging.

**Recycling and reuse:** EU directives now require Member States to introduce legislation on waste collection, reuse, recycling and disposal of these waste streams. Several EU countries are already managing to recycle over 50% of packaging waste.

**Improving final disposal and monitoring:** Where possible, waste that cannot be recycled or reused should be safely incinerated, with landfill only used as a last resort. The EU has recently approved a directive setting strict guidelines for landfill management. It bans certain types of waste, such as used tyres, and sets targets for reducing quantities of biodegradable rubbish.

Over 50 million cubic meters of waste products are generated in Ukraine annually. Among them only 3% are recycled. The rest is placed on landfills which do not meet environmental requirements (no lining, rare leachate treatment). Over the past ten years, the volume of household waste products per a person, on average, increased by 40%. In Ukraine there is also a problem with waste collection in rural areas (rates as low as 50%) as well as the issue of opaque agreements between waste collectors and clients.

From 2005 the EU funded a €1.58-million, 2½-year project entitled "Capacity building in Donetsk Oblast for Waste Management". The project developed a waste management plan for the oblast as well as introducing a new collection approach (collecting glass, plastic and metal separately) and informing local citizens about the new method. The project also provided €300,000 worth of equipment, including garbage trucks, waste compressors and recycling bins. The project was a successor to the €2 million "Improvement of solid domestic waste management in Donetsk Oblast of Ukraine" project.

The EU has also funded innovative environmental projects in the field of waste management, in the ENPI East region through the LIFE Programme (EU's Financial Instrument of for the Environment): <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>

The EU has recently launched a new project for the ENPI East region, entitled "Waste Governance – ENPI East". This four-year, €5.9-million project includes pilot activities in Zakarpattya oblast (see below).



## EU LAUNCHES NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE IN ZAKARPATTYA OBLAST

**On 6 September a new EU-funded regional project aimed at improving waste governance within the Eastern European countries of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI East) formally launched its project activities in Ukraine's pilot region – Zakarpattya oblast.**

The project called "Waste Governance – ENPI East" aims to assist the partner countries in their efforts to reduce the risks arising from inappropriate management of wastes, that thereby create environmental pollution hazards to the community and to natural resources, through co-operation with, and amongst, partner states in the region. This ambitious four-year project (€5.9 million till the end of 2013) will be implemented in all countries of the ENPI Eastern Region, namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine as well as the Russian Federation.

In Ukraine the project intends to conduct inventories of existing illegal/non-compliant waste disposal sites within the Zakarpattya oblast and develop a 15-year, integrated, waste management strategy for Zakarpattya. The Project Partner in Ukraine is the Ministry of Environmental Protection. According to preliminary assessments, the activities in the pilot area in Ukraine will be focused mainly on communal waste, including management of PET bottles, which have proven to be a problem for this mountainous region.



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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### EU-FUNDED PROJECT ADVANCES EU-UKRAINE COOPERATION IN SPACE AREA

On 2-3 September the EU-funded project "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area (JSO-ERA)" in cooperation with the National Space Agency of Ukraine (NSAU) held an Information Day on EU-Ukraine cooperation opportunities in the space industry. The 2-day event was organised within the framework of the 10th Ukrainian Conference on Space Research in the Crimean city of Yevpatoriya. The event was attended by more than 70 leading researchers working for the Ukrainian space industry.

The space policy of Ukraine is oriented towards closer bilateral cooperation with the European Space Agency, the Member States' space agencies, as well as within the EU 7th Framework Programme on Research and Technology Development (FP7). The EU supports Ukraine's participation in the FP7 through the EU-funded Twining project "Boosting Ukrainian Space Co-operation with the EU" (2009-2010). As a result, three successful FP7 projects were presented during the event in Yevpatoriya.

EU experts from Germany, France and Poland and their Ukrainian partners familiar with FP7 rules, procedures and good practice held 10 individual consultations for research organisations interested in the participation or intensification of their involvement in FP7 projects. Practical recommendations were provided concerning the search method for potential partners and for creation international consortia, making competitive project proposals in the space research field.

Crimea is one of 7 focal points in the €3.5 million "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration in EU Research Area" project as part of the EU's Joint Co-operation Initiative in Crimea.

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### TRACECA PERMANENT SECRETARIAT DISCUSSES FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

On 3 September the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA held a meeting in Kyiv. Participants include the Secretary General Zhantoro Satybaldyev, permanent representatives of the EU-funded Transport Programme and experts from the Secretariat, as well as representatives of the European Commission.

TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia) is an international transport cooperation programme between the EU and its Partner Countries in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. The cooperation framework covers the areas of maritime transport, aviation, road and rail, transport security, and transport infrastructure.

Among the key issues for discussion at the meeting was the implementation of the IGC TRACECA Strategy for development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia international transport corridor for the period up to 2015, aimed at the creation of a sustainable infrastructure chain ensuring multi-modal transport with step-by-step integration of the corridor into the Trans-European Transport Networks (TENS).

Other issues involved programme budgeting, as well as preparations for TRACECA Investment Forum to be held on 12 October 2010, in Brussels.

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## EU SUPPORTS UKRAINE IN COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCIAL CRIME

**On 9-10 September the Technical Assistance Information Exchange (TAIEX) Instrument of the European Commission in co-operation with the State Committee for Financial Monitoring of Ukraine (SCFM) held in Odesa the second in a series international workshop on combating money laundering and financial crime.**

The event gathered representatives of the European Commission and Financial Investigation Units from EU Member States (Germany, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom) and Partner Countries (Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine). The participants discussed and shared experience on the investigation of corruption crimes and crimes related to money laundering.

The first international workshop on combating money laundering and financial crimes under TAIEX instrument was held in Kyiv on 8-9 July. The next workshops will be organised on 7-8 October in Lviv, on 28-29 October in Lutsk, on 4-5 November in Kharkiv, and on 2-3 December in Dnipropetrovsk.

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## EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT SUPPORTS ELECTRICITY REGULATOR OF UKRAINE

**On 10 September the EU-funded Twinning project "Regulatory and Legal Strengthening of Natural Gas Regulation in the National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine (NERC)" held a seminar on "Energy regulation: European area and bilateral, multilateral co-operation". The participants included representatives of the EU Delegation, NERC, Ministry of Fuel and Energy, Ministry of Economy, relevant public companies and organisations, as well as members of parliament.**

The seminar was held by the President of Italian Energy Regulator AEEG Alessandro Ortis and covered three main subjects: regulatory issues including unbundling; role and independence of regulators; and various forms of international co-operation including Twinning.

The discussion was related to the Unbundling and Social Protection Schemes: both extremely critical issues which Ukraine must implement in the coming months. The Twinning project supports NERC's work, including but not limited to Gas Law drafting/amending; secondary legislation drafting/amending; market rules and network code drafting/amending; assisting in the preparation of a Social Protection Scheme.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 16-17 SEPTEMBER, SIMFEROPOL

Information Days on EU-Ukraine cooperation opportunities in research area organised by the EU-funded project "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area (JSO-ERA)"

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### 17 SEPTEMBER, ART CAFÉ KHUDGRAPH, KYIV

Press Launch for Photo Competition for Responsible Parenthood within the EU-funded project "Women and children rights in Ukraine – Communication component"

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### 21-23 SEPTEMBER, LVIV

International Conference on the European Commission's initiative "Covenant of Mayors" and its Implementation in Ukraine

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### 21-24 SEPTEMBER, FOREST PARK, DONETSK REGION

Capacity development event within the EU-funded Coal Sector Policy Support Programme in Ukraine

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### 24 SEPTEMBER, 19, GENERALA RODIMTSEVA STR., KYIV

Workshop on "Improvement of Access to Information and Participation of Public in the Forestry Management" within the EU-funded programme "Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia"

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### 24 SEPTEMBER, HOTEL RIVIERA, KYIV

Press Launch for Industry Award on Gender Equality within the EU-funded project "Women and children rights in Ukraine – Communication component"

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### 27 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER, DONETSK REGION

Seminar on Social Development Fund issues within the EU-funded Coal Sector Policy Support Programme in Ukraine

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