



## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### EU CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME OPENS A BRANCH OFFICE IN LVIV

On 28 September the EU-funded Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Cross-Border Cooperation Programme opened a Branch Office of the Programme's Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) in Lviv. The representatives of the Ukrainian regional authorities, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and Ministry of Regional Development of Poland who met at the opening ceremony had an opportunity to discuss the current stage of Programme implementation and tasks of the Branch Office of the JTS.

The opening ceremony was followed by a press briefing, and open hours for the public, during which 38 potential applicants and beneficiaries visited the Branch Office and took advantage of the opportunity to meet its experts and to collect more information about the Programme.

The JTS Branch Office was set up in order to ensure publicity and provide appropriate information to potential applicants and beneficiaries. Its tasks include: implementation of the information and communication plan, support in the organisation of meetings of the Joint Monitoring Committee, trainings and other events as well as collection of data to improve the monitoring of projects.

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### EU-FUNDED PROJECT ALERT CHILDREN TO THE DANGERS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 14 October the EU-funded project "Strengthening and protecting women's and children's rights in Ukraine" held a workshop on human trafficking in Kamianets-Podilskyi. More than 50 teachers and educators from all Ukraine shared their experiences on human trafficking prevention, cyber-crime and other forms of violence. The event was organised in co-operation with the Ministry of Education and Science as well as the Council of Europe.

The project experts presented the guidelines on "Prevention of Human trafficking – Lesson in secondary schools" produced during a series of workshops held to prepare teachers to discuss human trafficking related issues in schools. The guidelines contain various practical advices on such issues as employment or education abroad, marriage to foreigners, safe behaviour on the internet as well as general information on travelling abroad. Already, several schools have included lessons on human trafficking prevention into their programmes in order to allow the children to understand the potential dangers.

"Human trafficking can be prevented," believes Danuta Wisniewska-Cazals from the Council of Europe. "Firstly, we need the political will to tackle the problem. Then we need to raise people's awareness of what they should pay attention to when they go abroad and finally, we need equality between men and women and a serious approach to children's rights protection."

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS THE FIRST VISIBILITY ACTION MEETING IN CHERKASY

On 21-22 October the EU-funded project "SPIN-Energy efficiency & urban development planning" within the Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue (CIUDAD) Programme held its first Visibility Action meeting in Cherkasy. The aim was to present to a wider audience the main objectives of the project, best practices from the EU, IPA and ENPI countries in city planning, energy efficiency (EE), rational use of energy as well as to outline the future activities.

The sustainable development of historic towns has become a major imperative. The building sector accounts for 40% of the energy demand in the EU countries it is therefore essential to reduce the energy consumption and CO2 emissions.

The overall objective of SPINE partnership is to improve planning and integration of the energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy sources (RES) technologies in the development of historical buildings and city centres, while promoting the evolution of a local policy, regulatory framework and expertise. Historical buildings, which are numerous in the Cherkasy region, pose a particular challenge given that the constraints to renovation work make difficult to increase their energy performance.

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## 130 PRACTITIONERS OF CBC PROGRAMMES FROM 30 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MEET IN KYIV

On 21-22 October representatives from more than 30 countries met at the 3rd INTERACT ENPI Annual Conference in Kyiv to discuss current problems and future challenges of ENPI Cross-border Co-operation (CBC) Programmes funded by the EU. 130 practitioners from the CBC programmes across Europe exchanged their knowledge to be able to select and to implement the best projects that should improve understanding and cooperation of the EU Member States with the neighbouring countries.

Plenary sessions and workshops of the conference offered a forum to programmes' managerial bodies, national, regional and local authorities to discuss lessons learned in relation to current problems and further strategic initiatives.

13 CBC Programmes are now being implemented from the Arctic in the North to the Mediterranean in the South, involving in total 20 Member States and 19 Partner countries. They are funded by the European Union in the framework of the European Partnership and Neighbourhood Instrument (ENPI).

A total budget of €1.1 billion is planned for a 7 years period to be spent until 2013. The programmes have received 2 173 applications until now. This high number clearly demonstrates a vital interest among applicants. Partner Countries with 520 lead applicants can compete with Member States representing thus 26% of the total applications.

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## EU-FUNDED SEMINAR ON JEAN MONNET PROGRAMME AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

On 25-26 October the European Commission organised in Kyiv a high-level seminar on the Jean Monnet Programme and the Eastern Partnership. The Deputy Head of the EU Delegation Maria Jurikova, the Director at the Directorate General for Education and Culture of the European Commission Pierre Mairesse, and the First Deputy Minister of Education and Science Boris Zhebrovskiy officially opened the event.

The European Commission's Jean Monnet Programme organises yearly high-level policy conferences on topics of current political importance for the European Union. They stimulate new thinking by bringing together Jean Monnet Professors with policy makers, diplomats, journalists and civil society representatives. The good example is the EU's Neighbourhood Policy which was first announced and developed by the President of the European Commission at a Jean Monnet Conference.

In this tradition, the Kyiv seminar led to a constructive discussion on the present and future of the Eastern Partnership. The seminar benefited from the participation of renowned academics and representatives from a wide range of relevant institutions from all Eastern Partnership partner countries as well as Jean Monnet Professors from a number of EU countries.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 29 OCTOBER, TAURIDA UNIVERSITY, SIMFEROPOL

Tempus Information Day.

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### 2-3 NOVEMBER, ODESA

Conferences organised by the joint EU-Council of Europe regional programme on Combatting ill-treatment and impunity.

### 3 NOVEMBER, 22 HRUSHEVSKOGO ST., KYIV

International conference of the Ukrainian Nuclear Forum Association.

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### 4-5 NOVEMBER, YUNIST HOTEL (22 VARLAMOVA ST.), ODESA

Information event under the EU 7th Framework Programme on Research and Technology Development.

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### 9-10 NOVEMBER, KYIV

Conferences organised by the joint EU-Council of Europe regional programme on Combatting ill-treatment and impunity.

### 9-10 NOVEMBER, KYIV

The EU-Council of Europe programme will conduct a conference on Improvement of the Regulatory Framework, procedures and mechanisms in Ukraine for the effective investigation of ill-treatment complaints in line with European standards.

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### 15 NOVEMBER, KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Tempus Information Day.

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