



## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME HOLDS A PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

On 16-17 November the EU-funded Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation (CBC) Programme organised a Project Management Training in Ukraine for the Beneficiaries and Partners of the projects awarded under the 1st Call for Proposals.

The objective of the training was to develop a better understanding of what is needed to launch and implement CBC projects, including how to successfully implement a project and what are the programme's requirements and rules. The training session presentations and other up-to-date information on awarded projects are available on the programme's website <http://www.interreghsu.com>.

The overall objective of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme is to intensify and deepen the co-operation in an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable way between the Zakarpatska, Ivano-Frankivska and Chernivetska regions of Ukraine and eligible and adjacent regions of Hungary, Romania and Slovakia.

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### EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS

On 16-17 November the EU-funded project "Harmonization of Competition and Public Procurement Systems in Ukraine with EU standards" conducted an International Conference on current challenges for the public procurement system in Ukraine. The conference focused on the currently pending draft amendments proposals for the new Ukrainian law on public procurement, e-procurement as well as training strategies for public procurement.

The currently pending draft amendments for the procurement law were originally proposed by the EU project, as well as other international advisors, in August 2010, very shortly after the coming into effect of the new law. Mr Vasyly Tsushko, the Minister of Economy, explained that the revised proposal would now be submitted to the Ukrainian parliament.

During the round table on e-procurement, the importance of using e-communication as a support for both efficiency and transparency in public procurement was underlined. During the round table on training, the need for further educational support was stressed out, including the possible certification of procurement officers.

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## EUBAM SUPPORTS UKRAINIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MAJOR HASHISH SEIZURE

On 22 November the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) announced the breakup of an international drug trafficking ring in the Odessa Region by the Security Service of Ukraine. 700 blocks of hashish worth over \$20 million on the retail market were also seized on a ship registered in Panama at Odessa port. Two suspects have been detained in Ukraine. The perpetrators face 8 to 15 years in prison. German law enforcement authorities from the airport of Frankfurt am Main recently detained the owner of the cargo, a citizen of Canada.

Experts from the EUBAM provided on-the-job advice during the examination in which the drugs were seized. The Mission also assisted the anti-smuggling unit in the south customs in providing information on the consignors involved in transporting the hashish. Mission experts helped the Ukrainian services in assessing the risks related to the containers and consignments, as well as on their origin and route.

"This case marks another major success in battling with international organised crime by the Ukrainian law enforcement agencies," said Udo Burkholder, Head of EUBAM. "It follows a series of record cocaine seizures in June and July this year and we warmly congratulate our partners on this major achievement."

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## EU PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CRIMEA

On 25 November the EU-funded and UNDP-implemented project "Support to the Regional Development Agency (RDA) of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea" held the launching event in Simferopol. The RDA, set up by the Government of Crimea to co-ordinate development efforts and promote the region amongst investors, is benefiting, since August 2010, from the support of a two years project financed by the EU.

The overall objective of the project is to build the institutional capacity of the RDA, so it is able to effectively co-ordinate and contribute to the sustainable regional development of the peninsula. Project experts will provide training and coaching to RDA Governing Board, Agency's management, specialists and staff. They will also deal with assistance to RDA operational and administrative processes as well as procedures, and partnership mechanisms.

It is expected that by the end of August 2012, the RDA will be in a position to effectively ensure the coordination of all development actions in the peninsula, to establish and maintain strong partnerships with Crimea's various development agencies at republican, district, and municipal levels, and to be capable of successfully promoting the region to foreign investors, thereby attracting to Crimea by itself no less than \$100 million annually.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT DISCUSSES THE REFORM OF THE UKRAINIAN TECHNICAL REGULATION SYSTEM

On 25 November the EU-funded project "Technical Assistance to Ukrainian Quality Infrastructure" held the final conference, entitled "New Technical Regulation: The Road towards Safe Goods and Free Trade." The event was delivered in the context of the finalisation of the project, which aimed at further developing and improving the institutional and technical aspects of the system of technical regulations and standards in Ukraine.

More than 120 participants of the conference discussed the current developments related to the reform of the Ukrainian technical regulation system, as well as the project's contribution towards the realisation of these reforms. Implementation of the reforms would result in improving product safety, creating a conducive environment for enterprises and innovation as well as facilitating the integration of the Ukrainian economy into the EU and world economy.

The key speakers from the European Commission, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Regional Development and Construction, as well as project experts held presentations on the EU system of technical regulation, reform of the technical regulation system in Ukraine, introduction of Eurocodes in construction design, the alignment of technical legislation, building a modern system of standardisation in Ukraine.

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## FIFTH COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARDS CEREMONY TAKES PLACE IN KYIV

On 2nd December, on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Mission in Ukraine honoured individuals and organisations that have made outstanding efforts to combat human trafficking in Ukraine. The Fifth Combating Human Trafficking Awards Ceremony took place at the Kyiv Academic Puppet Theatre.

The Head of Operations of the EU Delegation Laura Garagnani, who presented the award for assisting victims of trafficking, said: "The European Union is happy to support efforts of the Ukrainian Government and society in their fight against trafficking in people. I am proud and applaud nongovernmental organisations of Ukraine for their shown devotion to combating this phenomenon."

During the Ceremony the awards were presented to Ukrainian law-enforcement and government officials, civil-society organisations and private enterprises that had shown particular dedication in fighting human trafficking last year. Awardees were honoured among other by the Minister of Family, Youth and Sports Ravil Safiullin, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Vasyl Farynnyk, US Ambassador John Tefft and the Ambassador of Denmark Michael Borg-Hansen.

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## EU PROGRAMME HOLDS AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN LVIV

On 2-3 December EU-funded programme "Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia" held in Lviv an International Scientific Conference on "Ecological, economic and social problems of inefficient and unsustainable methods of forest management and illegal logging in Ukraine".

The participants of the conference exchanged information and summarised the research results on the problems of inefficient and unsustainable methods of forest management and illegal logging in Ukraine as well as harmonisation of relations between government, business and local communities towards sustainable forest management.

They discussed the ecological, economic and social problems of inefficient and unsustainable methods of forest management; problems of illegal felling in Ukraine, their causes and consequences; role of forestry in providing well-being (economic, environmental, social and cultural) of forest dependent communities; ways of transition from unsustainable to sustainable methods of forest management taking into account the interests of local communities.



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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 9 DECEMBER, KYIV

"Best Employer: Gender Equality" Competition

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### 14-15 DECEMBER, LVIV

2nd Partner Search Forum and Cross-border Journalist Forum within the EU-funded Poland-Belarus-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme

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### 15 DECEMBER, KYIV

All-Ukrainian Tempus InfoDay

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### 15 DECEMBER, KYIV

Final conference OSCE project "Assistance in Further Strengthening the Election Process in Ukraine"

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### 16 DECEMBER, KIEV

End of project conference "Support to the development of mid term strategy for the development of social benefit reform system" within the Tacis AP 2005 for Ukraine

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