



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EUROPEAN UNION BORDER ASSISTANCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE LAUNCHES "MY EUROPE"- DRAWING COMPETITION

On 11th March 2011, in the framework of the annual Europe Day celebrations, EUBAM mission is pleased to launch 'My Europe' drawing competition for children from Odessa or Odessa region aged between 8 and 16 years.

All artworks should be developed with the following themes in mind:

- How do you see Europe?
- What are your biggest impressions about Europe?

Competition calendar:

- Deadline for submission of drawings: 22 April 2011
- Meeting of the jury panel: 27 April 2011
- Informing the participants via e-mail about jury's decision: 6 May 2011
- Opening of the exhibition and awarding the winners: 20 May 2011

There are some conditions for participation:

- Participants should be attending school in Odessa or Odessa region, Ukraine;
- Drawings should be focused on one of the themes of the competition, using any artistic technique (watercolours, oil painting, drawing, graphics etc.);
- Size of works will be: minimum 21cm x 29.7cm, maximum 29,7cm x 42cm;

A jury composed of one chairperson and four members will select the 12 winners (4 winners per each age category participating in the competition). No appeal on the organization or on the results of the competition will be accepted. The jury's decision will be final.

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TRAINING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS FROM DONETSK AND LUHANSK OBLASTS TAKES PLACE WITH THE SUPPORT OF EU FUNDED PROJECT

On 14-16 March and 4-6 April 2011 civil society organisations from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts participated in the trainings within the EU-funded project "The Citizen and the State: Developing Partnership for Good Governance in Ukraine".

The trainings focused on the need for cooperation between local authorities and NGOs for the local community development and looked at the instruments of engaging citizens into the policy-making process at local level.

Training sessions covered the conceptual background of policy making process and the role of civil society, policy cycle, ways and mechanisms of civil engagement into the decision-making process, as well as the best practice of NGOs and local authorities' cooperation for the benefit of local community.

During the training NGOs representatives learnt about modern approaches to understanding what policy means, how to identify a problem in policy making, how to identify stakeholders and prepare a project proposal.

The participants looked at the provisions of Ukrainian legislation on the civil society and local authorities' cooperation and analysed the examples of successful campaigning and lobbying.

As a result, the participants designed a number of mini-projects aiming to solve specific social, educational and infrastructure problems in their regions.

The trainings for NGOs will be followed by the trainings for local authorities to discuss the framework for strategy and policy development in the region and link it to the Citizen Participation Strategy.

**More information at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/uk/ukraine-projects-citizen-and-state.htm>
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FUTURE POLICE OFFICERS GET INSIGHT INTO ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING TECHNIQUES PROVIDED BY EUBAM EXPERT

On 23rd March 2011 more than 300 students of Odessa State Institute of Internal Affairs attended a lecture on EU methods of counteracting drug trafficking. The lecture was a first initiative within the framework of cooperation between the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) and the Institute.

The lecture was delivered by the Head of EUBAM's Odessa Field Office Mr Malcolm Pells, a former senior British customs officer with more than 35 years of professional experience. It covered various techniques that European law enforcement agencies use in counteracting trafficking of drugs, such as risk analysis, detection, and investigation. Students also had an opportunity to study the effectiveness of the modern risk analysis approach by examining the record seizures of cocaine and cannabis at Odessa and Ilyichevsk sea ports in 2010.

During a meeting with the rector of the Institute of Internal Affairs Major General Dr Anatoliy Voloshuk that followed the lecture, Mr Pells highlighted the importance EUBAM's senior management were placing on partnerships with universities and the younger generation in general. For his part Dr Voloshuk noted that such lectures allow future police officers to learn of best EU practices and expressed his readiness to continue cooperation with the Mission.

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RESIDENT REPRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK GROUP IN UKRAINE OPENED

On 25th March 2011, the European Investment Bank (EIB) opened its Resident Representation in Ukraine. This is the first EIB representation in the region of the Eastern Partner Countries.

EIB Vice-President Eva Srejber commented: "The main task of the EIB Resident Representation in Kiev is to strengthen relations with Ukraine by supporting EU policy and to extend loans to projects of common interest. It will work towards further developing contacts with Ukraine's government, regions and municipalities and strengthening relations with public promoters, partner banks and other IFIs as well as representatives of the private sector".

The EIB – the European Union's Bank – finances projects in Ukraine on the basis of an EU Council and European Parliament mandate for the Eastern Partner Countries of € 3.7 billion for the period 2007–2013. This provides for the financing of projects that are of significant interest to both the EU and Ukraine in the transport, energy, telecommunications and environmental infrastructure sectors, as well as SMEs.

The EIB has so far provided loans in Ukraine in total € 465.5 million. It has financed projects in the road and energy sectors, the upgrading of water infrastructure and – indirectly through commercial banks – the small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

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EU-FUNDED EAST INVEST INITIATIVE LAUNCHED IN UKRAINE

East Invest programme, the new regional tool for the economic development of the Eastern Partnership region, was launched on March 31st 2011 by the 85 partners of this EU-funded project during a conference in Brussels.

The Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy, Stefan Füle describes this programme as “one of several concrete programs that will accompany and support the Eastern Partnership Countries on the road of economic transformation towards economic integration with the EU”.

The main objective of this meeting was to promote and offer the audience an insight into the overall working background, the different project activities that will be implemented and the provisional time frame.

A € 8.75 million project, East-Invest is a new regional investment and trade facilitation initiative for the economic development focusing on support to small and medium size enterprises from the Eastern Partnership region.

The main objectives of East-Invest are to develop business networking and multiply exchanges between public and private organisations from the European Union and Eastern Partnership region through:

- Encouraging public-private dialogue and promoting consultation of private sector in decision making;
- Facilitating exchange of best-practices and supporting creation of partnerships between EU and Eastern Partnership companies;
- Developing the capacity of Eastern Partnership SME support organisations.

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GAS METROLOGY IN UKRAINE IMPROVED WITH HELP FROM EU PROJECT

With help from the EU-funded INOGATE Programme, the Boyarka Gas Metrology Centre has been developed to achieve a high level of gas measurement accuracy.

The project entitled “Validation, Certification and Subsequent Commercialisation of the Eastern Europe Regional Centre for Gas Metrology in Boyarka,” aimed to integrate the Boyarka Gas Metrology Centre into the European gas transportation network. The Dutch Metrology Institute VSL, which managed the project in cooperation with ECORYS Netherlands and Ukrainian partners, presented the results of the project to the conference on perspectives for development of the Boyarka Metrological Centre of Naftogaz of Ukraine.

The project has also helped in the development of a market-based business plan to make Boyarka Metrology Centre operational, and in the promotion of the centre’s services among potential clients in the EU Eastern countries and ENP countries, including the development of a website.

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"READ THE SIGNS!" – NEW AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WARNS KYIV RESIDENTS ABOUT DANGERS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Since 5th April, 2011 passengers of the Kyiv metro, travelers at Kyiv Boryspil Airport as well as local residents have got the chance to learn more about the dangers of human trafficking while commuting to work or waiting for their flights.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) launches a new information campaign against sexual and labour exploitation, as well as child trafficking, which will run for the entire month of April 2011.

"The basic message of the campaign 'Read the Signs' calls on people to pay close attention to what may be behind seemingly easy work opportunities abroad and to follow the rules of safe migration," explains Manfred Profazi, Chief of Mission of IOM Ukraine. The Organization has been fighting human trafficking in Ukraine for the last ten years, assisting more than 7,300 victims of this crime to return to a normal life.

To reach a broader audience, the campaign against child begging will be complimented by posters displayed on the streets of Kyiv and in other regions of Ukraine in cooperation with the Service for Family and Youth and local civil society organizations. The posters were produced in the framework of the Danish Programme against Human Trafficking in Eastern and Southeastern Europe funded by the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Human trafficking remains a problem in Ukraine, a country of origin, transit and increasingly a destination for modern day slavery.

In the last two years alone, close to 200 child victims have been identified in five regions of Ukraine, pointing to a large number of unassisted minors. Co-operation between the IOM and Social Services for Children will further enhance coordination and referral of children who may have fallen victims to trafficking in persons.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

27 APRIL 2011, TERNOPIL

Final conference "Protection of social and economic rights during territory is planning process of village communities' development"

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