



MYKOLAYIV CELEBRATES AS EUROPEAN CAPITAL IN UKRAINE

For the 9th year, Ukraine is celebrating Europe Day all over the country. For the first time, the EU Delegation launched a competition to select one city to partner with in its EU festivities. The winning city of Mykolayiv, known for its shipbuilding industry, was the European Capital in Ukraine on Saturday, 14 May.

Mykolayiv, which only opened to foreign visitors a little over 15 years ago, hosted over 30 EU representatives from over 20 EU countries and institutions, in addition to over 100 Ukrainian young volunteers. Together, they presented Europe to the city's residents, offering food, dance, music, and many opportunities to interact in the central square's "European Village".

Public and student debates involving 14 EU ambassadors and deputies were a central part of the programme. "The answer lies with you," the Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Ambassador Pinto Teixeira, responded to a student of Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University, when she asked "Will Ukraine really become part of the European Union?" "You know yourselves what needs to be reformed...", H.E. Pinto Teixeira elaborated during the public debate: "... to overcome daily obstacles when dealing with public services – to make your daily lives more predictable and more transparent." Sex tourism, foreign investment and media freedom were just a few of the myriad of other topics which interested the citizens of Mykolayiv.

A "EURO art" theatre performance, a medley tour through Europe, with glimpses of Shakespeare, Wagner, Spanish Flamenco and Czech acrobatics – to name a few - provided a very colourful and lively Ukrainian portrayal of Europe. The European show closed with Ukrainian bands and fireworks.



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

HUNGARY-SLOVAKIA-ROMANIA-UKRAINE CROSS BORDER COOPERATION (CBC) PROGRAMME ATTRACTS OVER 170 PROJECT PROPOSALS

The total amount of financing requested under the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine CBC Programme 2007-2013, in its second Call for Proposals, is approaching €100 million – seven times more than the funds available through the first Call.

Institutional co-operation has attracted the highest number of project proposals (78), followed by small scale "People to people" cooperation" (49) and Harmonised development of tourism (47).

In terms of requested funding, the greatest share (29%) is represented by applications in the field of environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources.

The Joint Monitoring Committee will select the highest quality project proposals and set the amount granted to them in June-July 2011.

The next Call for proposals of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme will be launched in the summer 2011.

More information at: http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=25123&id_type=1&lang_id=450





EUBAM SUMMER SCHOOL 'BORDERS OF EUROPE' 2011

The European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine announces Summer School 'Borders of Europe' 2011 starting 18 July 2011.

The Summer School will share knowledge about the European Union, EU core values and current EU developments, with a focus on border management. Students will also participate in training sessions on project management, leadership and public relations.

The classes will take place from 9:00 to 15:00, Mon – Fri, at the EUBAM HQ in Odessa.

The Summer School is open to 3rd -6th year students with a background in International Relations, International Law, European Studies, Political or Social Science or related fields from one of the following universities: Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov University, National University "Odessa Law Academy", Odessa State Economic University, Odessa State University of Internal Affairs, Odessa Regional Institute of Public Administration of the National Academy of Public Administration, Office of the President of Ukraine.

For information on how to apply: <http://www.eubam.org/press/news/1219>

Deadline for applications: 6 June 2011.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECT ADVISES HOW TO PROTECT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN TERRITORY PLANNING

The EU-funded Community Planning Project held its final event, a conference "Protection of social and economic rights during territory is planning process of village communities' development" in Ternopil on 27 April.

Implemented by CCC Creative Center, in partnership with Civil Society Institute, the Project provided 1500 free consultations, trained 238 persons from the rural area, provided grants to 6 local public organizations, and produced methodology manuals and textbooks. The activities took place in the Ternopil, Khmelnytskyi, and Odessa regions.

About 100 persons participated in the conference. Attracting people interested in rural territories' development and social-economic rights protection of rural people, the conference included government body and civil society representatives.

Topics covered the design and implementation of government policy in spatial planning, government, public and private interests in the process of village communities' territory planning.

Best practices were also exchanged in the promotion of social and economic rights of citizens in the process of territory planning in rural areas (4 villages).

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UKRAINIAN PRESS OFFICERS GET INVALUABLE GUIDANCE AHEAD OF EURO 2012

On 27 April 2011 press officers from the Ukrainian State Border Guard Service, State Customs Service, and Ministry of the Interior, returned from a successful study visit. The study mission was organised by the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine and included presentations delivered by Austrian press officers involved in Euro 2008, and by German press officers involved in World Cup 2006.

The idea behind the visit was to help guide Ukrainian press officers to develop a public-information strategy ahead of next year's Euro 2012, to be hosted jointly by Ukraine and Poland.

Press officers at the German Federal Police, Austrian Ministry of the Interior, and ministries of Finance (customs) of both countries, outlined the main public-information priorities for their units ahead of the major international football tournaments that they hosted. The press officers were also treated to a tour of the Ernst Happel Stadium in Vienna, where Spain defeated Germany in the final of Euro 2008.

The added value for the Ukrainian press officers was in visiting two countries with experience of hosting two different major football events, thereby allowing them to observe slight variations in approach to the development of public-information strategies. Participants can now move forward and build on those ideas that best fit specific Ukrainian requirements.

EUBAM's PR Unit will be organising two follow-up workshops with the same Ukrainian press officers over the coming months.

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EUBAM SIGNS JOINT ACTION PLAN WITH THE SECURITY SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SSU)

On 27 April 2011, a Joint Action Plan for Phase 8 was signed in Kyiv by the First Deputy of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU), Mr Vladimir Khimey, and EUBAM's Deputy Head of Mission, Mr Slawomir Pichor, on the premises of SSU HQ.

The Joint Action Plan aims to implement joint activities targeting a reduction in security threats at the Moldova-Ukraine border, such as the smuggling of goods, armaments, munitions, drugs and precursors, illegal migration, and trafficking in human beings.

The previous Phase (Phase 7) showed enhanced cooperation and interaction with the SSU, which is reflected by the increased number of activities and events that EUBAM supports.

The quality and quantity of activities as well as output increased significantly in 2010 and this trend has continued in 2011.

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UKRAINIAN PARTICIPATION IN EU RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME TO INCREASE

On April 18-19, 2011 a two-day Workshop and Consultations for the Ukrainian intermediaries were held in Kiev aimed at expanding the Ukrainian participation in the EU 7th Framework Programme on Research and Technology Development (FP7) and using the multiplying effect of intermediaries' involvement. Ukrainian institutions, companies and researchers are all concerned.

The workshop and consultations were organized by the EU-funded project "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area (JSO-ERA)" in cooperation with the FP7 National Information Point Ukraine (NIP).

About 50 participants from Kyiv and regions attended the event.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

26-27 MAY 2011, DONETSK

Workshop on FP7 Energy and involvement of SMEs in FP7

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27 MAY 2011, ODESSA

Information Seminar and Consultations "Cooperation, Mobility & ERC Grant Schemes opportunities for young scientists in Biotechnology"

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26 MAY – 1 JUNE, KYIV

Opening of European Film Festival, Kyiv

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