



## EU-UKRAINE COOPERATION NEWS

### EU LAUNCHES NEW WASTE GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE IN ZAKARPATTIA

**Uzhhorod, Sept. 6, 2011.** An EU-funded regional project aimed at improving waste governance among the eastern members of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI East) formally began project activities in Ukraine's pilot region, Zakarpattia Oblast.

The project called "Waste Governance – ENPI East" assists partner countries in cooperating to reduce the risks attached to improper waste governance, including the impact of environmental pollution on communities and natural resources in the region. This ambitious four-year project with a €5.9 million budget is an important component of the EU's ENPI Eastern Regional Indicative Programme (2007–2010) and will be implemented in all countries of the ENPI Eastern Region—Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine—and the Russian Federation.

The programme improves waste management by promoting higher standards at waste facilities, more effective waste prevention initiatives, increasing capacities for waste collection and sorting and by increasing re-use, recovery, and safe disposal of waste. In Zakarpattia Oblast, the project will complete inventories of existing illegal/non-compliant waste disposal sites within the Oblast and will develop a 15-year, integrated, waste management strategy. The Ukrainian project partner is the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

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### EU DELEGATION OFFERS FUNDING FOR NON-STATE ACTORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

**KYIV, Sept. 2.** The EU Delegation to Ukraine organized a meeting with potential applicants to present two ongoing calls for proposals: "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities (NSA&LA) in Development: Actions in partner countries, Ukraine" (EuropeAid/131664/L/ACT/UA) and "European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR): Country-based Support Scheme in Ukraine" (EuropeAid/131662/L/ACT/UA).

Two groups of nearly 100 potential applicants each, representing civil society, local governments and the press, met with EU representatives at the Hotel Khreshchatyk to gain an overview of these two EU thematic grant programmes and to understand their objectives and priorities. The EU representatives described the application, evaluation and implementation procedures and answered questions about the application and post-application process.

The deadlines for submitting concept notes are Sept. 30, 2011 for the NSA&LA call for proposals and Oct. 10, 2011 for the EIDHR call for proposals. A total of €950,000 is available under the NSA&LA programme and €1.2 million under the EIDHR programme.

More information about the two calls, including unofficial Ukrainian translations of the Guidelines for Applicants, is available in the Funding Opportunities section of the EU Delegation's website or at the EuropeAid's website <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>, where each call for proposals can be found by its reference number: 131664 or 131662. The slide presentations used at the information session, as well as Q&A texts can be accessed at the same websites. Note: applications for these calls for proposals must be submitted in English.

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## FIRST FRONTEX ASSISTANCE TO BORDER PROFESSIONALS OUTSIDE EU

**ODESA, Aug. 30, 2011. The European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) and its Ukrainian and Moldovan border-guard partners joined their colleagues from the Warsaw-based EU agency FRONTEX to mark the successful completion of the operational phase of the Coordination Points pilot project.**

The EUBAM-funded Coordination Points project was carried out at the Starokozache and Palanca border crossing points on the Moldova-Ukraine border to improve the exchange of information among border-guard authorities in Ukraine, Moldova and EU Member States. Border personnel are now better able to effectively identify and combat cross-border crime, such as the falsification of documents and vehicle theft.

At a debriefing that same day, all the key stakeholders offered feedback on various aspects of the pilot project. According to the participants, they appreciated the chance to exchange experience and knowledge and to develop mutually beneficial working relations.

This was the first time that FRONTEX, the EU agency that coordinates operational cooperation between EU Member States in border security, delivered such assistance to border professionals outside the territory of the European Union.

A Coordination Points evaluation meeting is now scheduled for Warsaw later in September, to consider whether to expand the project and replicate it in areas outside the EU's external frontier.

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## EU-FUNDED WORKSHOP BUILDS UKRAINIAN PARTICIPATION IN EU RESEARCH

**KYIV, Aug. 29-30, 2011. The EU-funded "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area" held a two-day training session at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine to build the capacity of Ukrainian trainers to increase the involvement of Ukrainian organizations in the EU 7th Framework Programme on Research and Technology Development (FP7).**

Developed by TETALAP, the Hungarian Scientific and Technology Foundation, the Training Programme consists of 21 modules designed to familiarize trainers with the main aspects of the EU FP7. Each module includes presentations and practical exercises.

In 2011, a network of FP7 National Contact Points was established in Ukraine and TETALAP's experienced specialists brought them and JSO-ERA Regional Focal Points this training session. Participants are now equipped with modern training techniques to deliver this information to Ukrainian organizations interested in participating in FP7.

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## EU AWARDS VOLUNTEERS OF CAMPAIGNS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**KOMSOMOLSK, Poltava, Aug. 26, 2011.** "Communicating Women's and Children's Rights in Ukraine," an EU-funded project, held a closing ceremony for "Stay Human," a 3-month public awareness campaign against domestic violence. During the ceremony, local officials and the Rodis Center, a local civil society organisation (CSO), awarded the most active volunteers in the campaign. Altogether, volunteers distributed more than 8,000 campaign bracelets, as well as 3,500 tip cards with practical advice for victims of domestic violence in the Komsomolsk area.

Alina Kulyk, one of the volunteers, noted that many people were not prepared to say whether or not they or their relatives had ever faced domestic violence when volunteers handed out the bracelets in the streets of their town. This made the tip cards with hotline numbers all the more useful.

During three months various activities were organized in Komsomolsk: a citywide teen photo contest called "I'm against domestic violence!", a regional teen song contest called "Young people against domestic violence!", and a municipal teen festival called "Magenta Bracelet." In addition, street theatre was performed, and posters with hotline numbers and information on how to prevent domestic violence were hung in elevators and building entrances.

Komsomolsk Mayor, Serhiy Suprun, addressed the volunteers at the event, praising the social activism of young Komsomolsk residents and their determination to change public attitudes on this issue. While summing up the results of the citywide public awareness campaign against domestic violence, he also noted the significant contribution of the local press to the success of the campaign.

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## CBA-II TRAINS LOCAL COORDINATORS TO MANAGE KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORK

**KYIV, Aug. 9-12, 2011.** The EU-funded and UNDP-implemented project "Community Based Approach to Local Development, Phase II" (CBA-II) brought together CBA Regional Implementation Units Coordinators from across Ukraine for a special workshop on CBA-II implementation. UNDP Resident Representative Olivier Adam and CBA Coordinator from the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers, Tetiana Matyichyk, welcomed participants to the event.

Project management personnel presented the CBA-II implementation methodology to their regional colleagues, with a particular emphasis on two new components: (1) economic development through support for agricultural and service cooperatives and (2) larger-scale projects in alternative or renewable energy. The project team also discussed a support strategy to further replicate the community-based approach in non-pilot areas.

Regional coordinators learnt the latest trends in knowledge management and ways to broadcast the results of CBA. In particular, the workshop focused on communicating in real time and using social networks to disseminate results and the impact of partner activities. In conclusion, the Facebook CBA page was launched: <http://www.facebook.com/cbaproject>.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 16-17 SEPTEMBER, SEVASTOPOL

1st International Sevastopol Investment Forum with participation of the Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine José Manuel PintoTeixeira

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### 15-17 SEPTEMBER, YALTA

8th Yalta Annual Meeting entitled "Ukraine and the World: Common Challenges, Common Future" with participation of the European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Stefan Füle

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