



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

LIV SCIENTIFIC CENTRE SHARES EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPING PROJECTS TO SUPPORT INNOVATIONS IN CRIMEA

Simferopol, 12 April: Representatives of Crimean public organisations, business associations, scientific circles and ministries attended the workshop "Peculiarities for designing projects aimed at supporting innovations at the regional level" organised by the newly launched EU-UNDP project "Support to the Regional Development of Crimea". The project will assist five Crimean administrative units design projects for regional development in innovative ways.

Ivan Kulchitskiy, Deputy Director of the Lviv Centre of Scientific, Technical and Economic Information spoke about best Ukrainian innovative practices in designing projects. He provided brief information on the main EU funded programmes which are supporting innovations. He noted that Crimea is a pilot region for the EU funded project "Support to scientific intensive enterprises and technology transfer in Ukraine", which will provide practical support and business development assistance to the Ukrainian innovation infrastructure to refocus and restructure its activities in line with international best practice.



For further information: <http://www.undp.crimea.ua/>

EU-UNDP PROJECT EXPERTS PROMOTE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN CRIMEA

Simferopol, 10 April: As part of its work on strategic planning development in Crimea, the EU-UNDP Project "Support to the Regional Development of Crimea" helped promote the report on the adaptation of Millennium Development Goal (MDGs) in Crimea. The report has been introduced to Crimean NGOs and scientific circles and recommendations made to the Public Council of the Crimean Government.

MDGs' have already been "localised" in some Ukrainian regions such as Lviv and Donetsk. The EU-UNDP Project initiated the adaptation of the MDGs and is building the relevant platform for dialogue and cooperation between the public sector, governments and international organisations. The Project team organized 32 focus groups to discuss the relevance of MDGs and to provide recommendations for achieving them in Crimea - with the public organisations, ministries and committees, territorial communities of the Autonomous Region of Crimea. 115 people participated in designing this document. All opinions, comments and suggestions were taken into consideration and were reflected in the document.

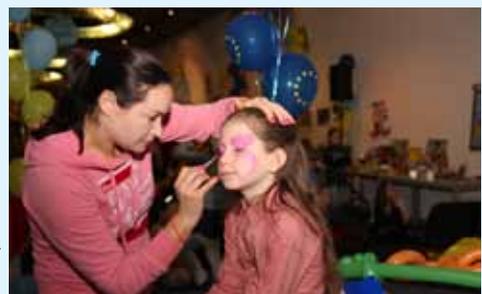


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EU AND UKRAINE INVEST IN CREATING NEW ENERGY SAVING OUTLOOK AND BEHAVIOUR AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Kyiv, 6 April: More than 2,500 children all over Ukraine participated in this year's creativity contest "Children for Clean Energy". The contest organised by the State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine (SAEE) aims to create a completely new energy saving outlook and behaviour among young people and children.

Continuing cooperation with Ukraine in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, the European Union provided financial support to organise at Ukrainian House the exhibition of the best children's works and an award ceremony for winners. The award ceremony gathered more than 35 winners from different regions of Ukraine, from both regular and boarding schools.



"Our future, the future of Ukraine is with these non-indifferent, creative and active children," stated Mykola Pashkevych, the Head of the SAEE, opening last year's award ceremony. The event is supported by the European Union within the framework of the Project "Capacity Building to the State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine (SAEE)".

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EUROPEAN AGENCIES SHARE EXPERIENCE ON BORDER SECURITY FOR EURO 2012 HOSTS

Kyiv, 4 April: Representatives from the border-guard, customs and law-enforcement services of Ukraine, their counterparts from Poland, Germany, Hungary and Austria, as well as EU and diplomatic representatives presented priorities and challenges ahead of EURO 2012 at a border-security conference co-hosted by the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM).

The conference served as a forum for Ukrainian participants to be briefed on the experience of countries that have planned for such events in the past, and reflect on the state of their preparation with the beginning of the tournament just weeks away.

EUBAM and SBGS wanted to use the conference as a final opportunity for its border-management partners in Ukraine, and international partners, to come together, share knowledge, and review priorities in the sphere of border security.

"EURO 2012 presents a unique challenge for our partner services, and EUBAM is honoured to be in a position to contribute to their preparation for the tournament. It is a unique challenge, but also a unique opportunity. I am also delighted that representatives from our counterparts in EU Member States, who have past experience of organising such events, are here this week," said Udo Burkholder, Head of EUBAM.

For further information: <http://eubam.org/>



EUROPEAN COMMISSION LAUNCHES NEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN UKRAINE

Kyiv, 30 March: The European Commission published a call for proposals for civil society organisations and local authorities in Ukraine. The call for proposals (reference number EuropeAid/132701/L/ACT/UA) is launched under the EU's Non-State Actors and Local Authorities programme and the Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility.

The global objective of this call for proposals is (i) to strengthen capacities of non-state actors and local authorities in Ukraine to ensure the delivery of administrative services in a fair, efficient and transparent manner and (ii) to promote the involvement of civil society in policy dialogue and reform process in Ukraine.

The total budget of the call for proposals is €2.95 million. Individual grants are expected to range from € 80,000 to € 300,000 with the duration between 24 and 36 months.

The deadline for the submission of concept notes in English is 21 May 2012. Detailed information about this call for proposals, application procedures and an information session for applicants planned for 27 April in Kyiv is described in the Guidelines for applicants, available, along with other relevant documents, [here](#).



EU AND UKRAINE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Kyiv, 29 March: The State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine and its European partners launched the EU-funded Twinning Project "Improvement of the Policy Framework in the Sphere of Energy Efficiency and its Approximation to the Requirements of the EU Legislation". Representatives from EU and Ukrainian authorities, media and public learnt of the importance and necessity to improve the legal framework of energy efficiency.

This Twinning project aims to establish an operational system of effective legislation and policy in the sphere of energy efficiency, aligned to the requirements of EU legislation. The overall reduction of energy consumption and wastage, and the consumption of the primary energy resources is the ultimate goal. The project will help harmonise selected national legislation with the relevant EU Acquis and prepare its implementation as per the provisions of the Energy Community Treaty, which Ukraine joined in February 2011. Finally, it will look at EU best practice to strengthen tools and mechanisms to maximize the impact of the new legislative framework.



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MANUAL ON CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR UNAUTHORISED LOGGING IN UKRAINE PUBLISHED

Kyiv, 28 March: A manual on "Criminal liability for unauthorised logging in Ukraine" has been published by the World Bank under the EU-funded forestry programme ENPI FLEG. The publication was developed by ENPI FLEG Programme expert Oleg Storchous. It will be disseminated among forest practitioners employed in the forestry sector enterprises ("lishosp") under the State Agency of Forest Resources in Ukraine.

The book contains methodological recommendations on the practical application of criminal legislation as well as related legal issues in the forest sector. It provides advice on documenting criminal violations along with explanations on how to collect and document evidence of violations, instructions on how to deal with specific issues and so on.

The manual also contains practical suggestions on several chapters of the Ukrainian Code on Criminal Violations and an analysis of typical shortcomings and mistakes made by forest guarding service staff when dealing with criminal cases. It is expected that the manual will help increase the level of legal knowledge among the forest guarding service staff as well as make the fight against violations in the forest sector more effective.

For further information: <http://www.enpi-fleg.org/>



EU-FUNDED PROJECT SPREADS KNOWLEDGE ON DISASTER PREVENTION

Kyiv, 28-30 March: A workshop to discuss a regional communication strategy that would help build a culture of safety and preparedness for natural and man-made disasters was held in the framework of the EU-funded programme for the Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made disasters in the ENPI East Region (PPRD East).

The meeting brought together experts from Eastern Partnership countries working with awareness raising and disaster prevention issues. The workshop participants also took part in final discussions on the prevention-aimed regional communication strategy and the action plan for 2012-2014.

The prevention-aimed regional communication strategy and the action plan will aim at improving availability of tools and methodologies to increase the information and awareness of the population in the Eastern Partnership countries on ways of reducing the risk of disasters.

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EU PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINIAN CIVIL SERVICE

Kyiv, 23 March: The European Union will provide €1.5 million for a Twinning project on support to Ukrainian civil service development. The launching conference of the Twinning project was held at the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service (NAUCS). The project will be implemented during 2 years by the National School of Government (UK) and the National School of Public Administration (Poland).

In the welcome speech NAUCS Head Vyacheslav Tolkovanov emphasised that the project is promoting a modern, democratic, professional, result-oriented, ethical, political neutral and sustainable public service in Ukraine in accordance with EU standards.

The project is building capacities of the NAUCS to reform the public service in a strategic way, linked to state policies, apply the new instruments of the human resources management and promote the public recognition of the civil service in accordance with European principles and best practices.

For further information: <http://twinning.com.ua/>





EU HELPS ENHANCE COMPETENCE OF UKRAINIAN REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Kyiv, 21 March: The National Commission for Communications Regulation of Ukraine (NCCR) will benefit from EU assistance to help enhance the regulatory and legal competences in telecommunications sector regulation – in line with the EU relevant legislation.

The €1.3 million Twinning project will enhance the capacity of the NCCR to take appropriate regulatory measures, enforce its own decisions and all applicable regulations, to guarantee fair competition in the markets. Joint partnership activities include conferences, trainings, seminars, workshops, sharing experience and will last for the following 21 months.

Opening the Twinning project launching conference, NCCR Chairman Petro Yatsuk noted the important role of international cooperation on communications regulation with the relevant regulatory authorities in the field of electronic communications from EU Member States.

For further information: <http://twinning.com.ua/>



UKRAINIAN AND MOLDOVAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS TRAINED ON LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

Dnepropetrovsk, 20–29 March: EUBAM and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) jointly conducted a pioneering Leadership and Management Development Workshop at the Ukraine Customs Academy at Dnepropetrovsk for the Ukrainian and Moldovan customs services.

The nine day workshop consisted of interactive training on strategic management, visioning, people management, change management and promoting integrity. A key and underlying issue was that to be an effective leader you should know yourself, and your impact on others.

EUBAM handed over the training material to the Academy's language training department, to enable them to address learning needs at various levels of proficiency, in particular focusing on technical vocabulary and expression that is critical in aspects of customs work. Improving knowledge of English is a particular challenge for customs officers looking to the future. The expressions of genuine gratitude showed how much the learning material meant to them.

For further information: <http://eubam.org/>



EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

25–27 APRIL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

TAIEX Study Visit for personnel from the State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine on Cross-Border Cooperation in the Fight Against Money Laundering

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

26–27 APRIL, KYIV

TAIEX Expert Mission on Mandatory Pension Systems to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

3–4 MAY, TALLINN, ESTONIA

TAIEX Study Visit for senior officers from the State Department for Financial Monitoring within Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on the supervision of anti-money laundering/counter-terrorism financing measures

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>