



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EUROPEAN UNION PRESENTS THE JEAN MONNET PROGRAMME TO UKRAINIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Kyiv, 7 May – Around 40 representatives of higher education institutions and civil society across Ukraine attended a seminar on the EU-funded Jean Monnet Programme, which stimulates teaching, research and reflection in the field of European integration at higher education institutions within and outside the EU.

The event was hosted by the National Tempus Office in Ukraine and organised in cooperation with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission and the Institute of Higher Education, National Academy of Pedagogical Science of Ukraine.

The main types of actions eligible for funding, award and selection criteria, as well as concrete priorities were presented. The meeting evolved with an extensive Q&A session covering aspects of application procedures, conditions of budgeting, co-financing rules, and eligible activities. After discussing lessons learned, the seminar concluded with a quantitative and qualitative overview of Ukrainian universities' participation in the Jean Monnet Programme.



For further information: <http://www.tempus.org.ua/>

FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS TO IMPROVE UKRAINIAN SYSTEM OF PUBLIC ORDER PROTECTION

Kyiv, 4 May – The Main Directorate of Internal Troops of the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs hosted the first Steering Committee within the EU-funded Twinning project "Contribution to improvement of the system of public order protection by the Interior Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine".

The €1.55 million project aims to improve the efficiency of Ukrainian law-enforcement agencies in public order protection. It will help safeguard the rights and freedoms of citizens, as well as adjust Interior Troops' functioning in accordance with public order protection norms and standards of law-enforcement agencies in EU Member States. The Twinning project is implemented by the French and Romanian Ministries of Interior, in close cooperation with Ministry of Interior of Ukraine.

In addition to presenting the main achievements, the project experts screened a newly produced film Twinning project.



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

NEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN UKRAINE

Kyiv, 27 April – The EU Delegation to Ukraine organised an information meeting to present and answer questions on the Call for Proposals on EU-funded Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility 2011 and Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development 2012 (NSA-LA). More than 150 participants representing Ukrainian civil society organisations were informed about the rules applicable to this Call for Proposals, application and evaluation procedures, implementation as well as payment of EU-funded grants.

The Civil Society Facility is intended to develop capacities of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), including lobbying power, monitoring capacities, and advocacy and legal drafting skills both nationally and regionally – as well as to support the creation of new organisations active in this field. The NSA-LA programme shall be used to finance specific projects in which CSOs, together with local authorities, improve the delivery of administrative services to the population in very concrete terms.

This Call for Proposals pools 2 million available under the Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility and €950,000 available under the Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development budget. The deadline for submission of Concept Notes is 21 May 2012.

For further information: <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/>, Funding Opportunities Section



COOPERATION WITH POLISH POLICE SERVICE TO STRENGTHEN EUBAM PARTNERS

Odessa, 27 April – The EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) signed a first Joint Statement on Cooperation with a police service of an EU Member State. The signatories to the Statement were the EUBAM Head of Mission, Udo Burkholder, and the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation of the Polish National Police Headquarters, Adam Maruszczak.

For the duration of cooperation – until 30 November 2015 – both parties have agreed to engage in cooperative initiatives including training courses, particularly those dedicated to organised crime prevention, and training focusing on EU best practices and the Polish experience in fighting organised crime.

The parties will also conduct study visits to one another's headquarters, and step up the exchange of operational information. The cooperation, said the Statement, will help also to "strengthen the capacities of EUBAM partners to counteract transnational organised crime".

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



EAST-INVEST, ONE YEAR ON...

Kyiv, 25–26 April – The members of the East Alliance – the consortium of 84 partners from the EU, Turkey and Eastern Partnership countries implementing the EU-funded East Invest programme – met to take stock of the first year of activities and plan ahead. The participants discussed the role of business-support organisations in the public-private dialogue and in investment promotion in the six Eastern Partnership countries.

The event was organised back to back with a seminar of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on SME policy assessment in Eastern Partnership countries. The European Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry EUROCHAMBRES presented the results of the Trade Barriers Survey it has conducted with small and medium enterprises in the Eastern Partnership countries.

The East Invest programme is an 8.75 million EU-funded regional initiative to boost trade and investment in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood region through support to small and medium size enterprises. It was launched in 2011.

For further information: <http://www.east-invest.eu/>

TWINNING PROJECT ON SUPPORT TO CIVIL SERVICE DEVELOPMENT SUMS UP FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS

Kyiv, 25 April – The National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service (NAUCS) hosted the first meeting of the Steering Committee for the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to Civil Service Development in Ukraine". The €1.5 million project contributes to the building of a modern, democratic, professional, merit-based, ethical, politically neutral and sustainable civil service in Ukraine in accordance with the best European practices. This project is being implemented by a consortium of the United Kingdom's National School for Government and the Polish National School of Public Administration.

The participants reviewed progress during the first three project months: 1) experts advised NAUCS on their work to develop sub-laws and regulations to implement the new Law on Civil Service in the specific areas of recruitment in the civil service, performance appraisal, career management and the development of competence-based job descriptions. 2) development of Terms of Reference for organisational review of NAUCS, complemented by a comparative analysis of European human resource management systems in four countries.

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PROPOSALS FROM EU-FUNDED FORESTRY PROJECT CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

Kyiv, 25 April – An Ukraine's State Forest Resources Agency has agreed to allow experts from the EU-funded ENPI Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) programme to help develop regulatory documents for the country's 2012 National Action Plan (NAP) to implement the Programme for Economic Reforms for 2010–2014.

Section 190 in the NAP deals with forestry sector issues. Part of this section is dedicated to the so-called "long-term temporary use of forests", which is based on a proposal by FLEG experts. The development of a National Forestry Policy and a law on legal origins of timber are key suggestions for additional NAP paragraphs which the FLEG experts have proposed. They have also developed rules on biodiversity conservation in forestry management, and rules on trade in rough timber by forestry enterprises, and submitted them for the consideration of the Cabinet of Ministers. Although the work on these documents is not currently integrated into the NAP, the programme has produced several proposals which will be discussed with different stakeholders in the near future.

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



EU PROVIDES EXPERTISE ON FINANCIAL CRIMES TO UKRAINIAN REGIONAL OFFICIALS

Sevastopol, 19–20 April – The State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine held a workshop on Financial Crimes – Cooperation between Law Enforcement Agencies and the Financial Sector. Representatives of the regional administrations of Crimea, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Tax Service, State Customs Service, as well as central authorities attended the event organised by means of the European Commission's Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument (TAIEX).

EU experts presented experience in financial crimes investigations and cooperation between financial investigation units of different countries. Experts from Lithuania, Estonia and Belgium talked about financial schemes of money laundering, phishing (password harvesting) frauds aimed to get bank account password, and schemes of the frauds with the carbon dioxide trade. Participants had an opportunity to resolve several tasks linked to financial frauds schemes.

The State Financial Monitoring Service has organised such TAIEX workshops in Odessa, Lviv, Dnepropetrovsk and other cities of Ukraine.

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



EU-FUNDED PROJECT SHARES GOOD PRACTICES OF USING ART FOR PROMOTION OF CULTURE

6 April, Odessa – The development of effective systems for identifying and sharing good practices of using art for the promotion of culture and historic heritage in the southern Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia is one of the goals of the "New Breath of Culture: Fill Heritage with Life of Arts" project funded by the European Union under the Eastern Partnership Culture Programme.

The project experts held a number of pre-monitoring visits to museums and organisations of Odessa and Izmail that have submitted applications to participate in the project.

The €12 million Eastern Partnership Culture Programme aims to assist the Partner Countries in their cultural policy reform at government level, as well as capacity building and improving professionalism of cultural operators in the region. It seeks to strengthen regional cultural links and dialogue within the Eastern Partnership region, and between the EU and European Neighbourhood and Partnership (ENP) Eastern countries' cultural networks and actors.

For further information: <http://www.euroeastculture.eu/>





EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

18 MAY, KYIV

First Steering Committee of the Twinning project on "Supporting Enhancement of the Regulatory and Legal Competence of the National Commission for Communications Regulation of Ukraine regarding Telecommunications Sector Regulation"

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24-25 MAY, KYIV

Workshop on Early and Later Retirement and best practices in EU Member States for officials of the Ministry of Social Policy, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, National Commissions for Financial Service Markets Regulation and social partners

For further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox/>

30 MAY, KHARKIV

Round table discussion "Public Administration and European integration processes: values dimension" within the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme

For further information: <http://www.tempus.org.ua/>

31 MAY-1 JUNE, IRPIN

Workshop on Combating Tax Crimes for personnel from the Ukrainian State Tax Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecution Office, State Financial Monitoring Service, State Customs Service and Tax Authorities of Russia, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia and Israel

For further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taiox/>