



EU-UKRAINE COOPERATION NEWS

POLAND-BELARUS-UKRAINE COOPERATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY EU

On 14 July, Ukrainian applicants in Rivne attended the ninth and last Information Session for the Cross-Border-Cooperation (CBC) Programme between Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. Organised by the Programme's Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS), the workshop trained applicants how to apply to the second Call for Proposals for the 2007-2013 period. It follows eight workshops which began on 29 June and took place in Uzhgorod, Vynohradiv, Lviv, Stryj, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Kovel and Lutsk.

The workshops trained grant applicants and partners from Ukraine how to develop an activities based budget, define objectively verifiable indicators and other elements of project management. Experts also supported the applicants in the identification of cross border problems and opportunities; the development of a logical project structure; action planning; and in working with partners to prepare projects.

The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine has a budget of €202.9 million for 2007-2013. The programme offers grants to regional and local authorities, non-governmental and non-profit organisations from Poland, Belarus and Ukraine for the implementation of non-commercial projects supporting cross-border development processes.

More information at: <http://www.pl-by-ua.eu/>



EUBAM MAKES A SPECIAL COUNTER-CRIME DEMONSTRATION FOR UKRAINIAN AND MOLDOVAN STUDENTS

On 5 July, 25 Ukrainian and Moldovan students were treated to a special counter-crime demonstration at the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs. The students were participating in an International Youth Camp organised by the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), with a visit to a police training institute. The students chosen to attend the youth camp, "Borders of Europe", come from EUBAM's partner universities, five of which are in Odessa, and two in Chisinau, Moldova.

Police trainees and professionals at the State University of Internal Affairs showed the students methods of detaining armed criminals in urban areas, as well as shooting techniques in the institutions shooting range, which all the students were fascinated by.

As part of the youth camp programme the students were presented with all aspects of border management by EUBAM experts. They also visited a border crossing point at Kuchurgan, the astronomic observatory in Odessa, met with the Head of EUBAM, and received presentations in subjects such as leadership, combating organised crime, diplomatic protocol, and the Treaty of Lisbon. As a final task they also delivered their own presentation on EUBAM.

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REGIONAL MOTORWAYS OF THE SEAS LAUNCHED IN KYIV

On 4-6 July, a new EU-funded TRACECA Regional Transport project "Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea II" (LOGMOS) was launched in Kyiv. The LOGMOS project will help sustainably develop the logistics infrastructure and multimodal transport along the Transport Corridor Europe Central Asia (TRACECA). With its regional office in Kyiv, it will also help establish intermodal integrated transport and logistics chains, by enhancing the development and implementation of related strategies.

During the opening meeting in Kyiv, representatives of the transport authorities, shipping companies, ports, railways, customs, road transport, freight forwarders and real estate owners from the Black Sea region exchanged first-hand information on pilot initiatives development plans. The participants elaborated development plans of the Black Sea ports of Samsun, Trabzon, Hopa, Constanza, Burgas, Illychevsk, Danube port of Guirguilesti, as well as new logistics sector trends in Turkey relevant for unlocking potential for improved trade and international cooperation in the Black Sea region.

The discussions also focused on roll-on/roll-off, containerisation trends, logistics initiatives, hinterland connections and interactions with TRACECA countries.

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THREE UKRAINIAN PUPILS ENTER FINALS OF EU INTERNATIONAL DRAWING COMPETITION

On 29 June the European Commission announced the results of the International Drawing Competition on Gender Equality. Marianna Bartoshevskya from Lviv region, Natalia Makogon from Donetsk region and Evangelina But from Kherson region entered the finals of the competition. Their drawings will be published in a special booklet about the competition and they will receive small prizes from the EU Delegation to Ukraine.

Over 40,000 children between eight and ten years old sent in their visions of how to make the world a fairer and more equal place. Ukraine had one of the highest numbers of participants, with more than 2,500 drawings submitted. Children from Kosovo and Russia were the top winners in the European category, receiving the main prize of €1,000.

One of the finalists, nine year old Marianna Bartoshevskya from Zolochiv city in Lviv region explains the idea of her winning drawing: "Even at this moment there's a war somewhere on the Earth. Hence Lesia and Andriyko decided to help the people who live in war states. With a plea for peace and understanding they fly to the governments of these states. Thereby Lesia and Andriyko try to make world better, and they will make it kinder and more humane".

More information at: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/gender/>





EU AND UKRAINE CELEBRATE DANUBE DAY

On 25 June, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Hungary celebrated their international cooperation in the Tisza Basin at this year's Danube Day. Senior government representatives from five countries and the EU Delegation travelled high into the Carpathian Mountains to the source of the Tisza River, a major Danube tributary, to place stone plaques highlighting the significance of joint responsibilities in sustainable water management.

The decision about the installation of plates was taken in April at the Tisza Basin Ministerial conference following Ukraine's initiative. During the celebrations, Hans Rhein, Head of Infrastructure and Environment Section of the EU Delegation to Ukraine presented the EU-funded international programmes to protect the Tisza Basin.

The next day's Children's festival "Tisza – Younger Sister of the Danube" included children's talent shows devoted to protection of environment, children's performance "Ecological advertisement", and an all-Danube competition "Danube Art Master". For the first time, the children of all three Ukrainian sub-basins (Danube delta, Prut and Tisza) have united at the festival.

Both events were supported by the EU-funded project "Enhanced support to the Ukrainian authorities responsible for implementation of the Danube and Ramsar Conventions".

More information at: <http://www.danubeday.org/>

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BORDER GUARD OFFICERS TRAINED UNDER EU-FUNDED REGIONAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME

On 21 June, through the EU-funded Regional Protection Programme, UNHCR co-organised with the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and IOM a training for border guard officers of Western Regional Department in Chop, Zakarpattia. Some 30 border guard officers from Border Detachments of Chop, Mukachevo, Lviv, Mostyska and Chernivtsi attended the training.

UNHCR delivered presentations on who a refugee is and main international refugee and human rights instruments, guidelines on detention, expulsion and extradition of asylum-seekers and refugees, and key refugee documentation issued in Ukraine on Somali and Afghanistan.

IOM spoke about human rights and freedoms, standards of treatment with detainees and 20 Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Forced Return. The State Border Guard Service stressed the need for continuation of such training in other regions. Participants recommended a particular focus on readmission, COI and national legislation. The next trainings in Kharkiv and Crimea are planned in August.

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EU-UKRAINE COOPERATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

20 July, Uzhgorod, Verhovinskaya St. 38

Workshop and round table discussions "Innovation, Research and Development in Food and Health sectors"

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