



## TOP NEWS & EVENTS

### EU HELPS SAVE LIVES ON THE ROADS OF UKRAINE

**ODESSA, Nov. 15.** Noisily rattling plastic clappers with road signs on speed restrictions, students of three secondary schools participated in the "I Go Home" event. Highlighting the importance of traffic rules, the event concluded a pilot project on road safety managed by the Odessa Regional Council and the EU through the Transport project "Integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Network".

Two information campaigns in the Odessa region urging drivers to wear seat belts and reduce speed, decreased road accident deaths by 30%. A relatively small investment (€ 20,000) in the information dissemination effort on social media networks enabled this important outcome. The campaign was echoed by a robust action of the Ukrainian traffic police, who disseminated information leaflets on causes and numbers of deaths on the roads to the traffic offenders.



A documentary film on road safety "20 Minutes about Life and Death" was also premiered in the Odessa Film Studio. After a short lecture on traffic rules delivered by the Odessa traffic police officers, pupils of the partner schools took home information brochures on road safety produced by the project to discuss the importance of traffic rules with their parents.

Road safety remains a pressing issue in Ukraine. Some 140,000 people were killed in the road accidents since the country's independence. Another 900,000 were wounded or handicapped. Although the rate of the accidents has gradually decreased over the last four years, over 4,600 people were killed in car accidents last year (274 in Odessa County). This means that approximately 12 human lives are lost and 274 persons are maimed daily on the streets and roads of Ukraine.

**For more information: Daiva Vilkelyte, Senior Expert to Support to the Integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T, Tel: +3706 55 15 233 or +3806 343 99 553 [www.ten-t.org.ua](http://www.ten-t.org.ua).**

### UNDP & EU AWARD BEST YOUNG FILM MAKERS

**KYIV, Nov. 12.** The GenderFilmFest, organised by UNDP with the support of the European Union, celebrated its young winners. Authors of the best short films on gender issues were awarded with valuable prizes in an evening of performance, art and show.

Cinema producer Dmytro Tuajlov and artist Evgeniya Gapchynska were among the celebrities who joined Ricarda Rieger, UNDP Country Director in Ukraine, and Andrew Rasbash, Head of Operations of the EU Delegation, to present the young cinema makers with their awards. The GenderFilmFest also screened the best video films and held performances of gender-inspired theatre, the youth musical «Comme il faut» and hip-hop from «MC Afghan».



The GenderFilmFest was the final event of the short films Contest "Gene of Equality", which aimed to raise awareness on gender issues. Over four months, young people filmed short videos trying to convey inequality between women and men and domestic violence. The jury received over 50 films, all viewed and voted on GenderTube. The Contest was conducted by Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights in Ukraine Programme. A dedicated Summer Camp facilitated exchange between students and professionals on 1) gender questions of equal rights and opportunities between women and men and on 2) film-making, including script-writing, film directing, shooting and editing.

**For more information: (044) 584 34 64; e-mail: [press@gender.org.ua](mailto:press@gender.org.ua)**



## EU NAMES BEST FIRMS IN NON-DISCRIMINATION, WORK/FAMILY BALANCE

**KYIV, Nov. 10. More than 60 Ukrainian businesses took part in the "Equal opportunities: Best Employer 2011" competition to demonstrate practices that ensure equality for employees. The competition groups companies by the number of employees, with the winners this year being SKF Ukraine, the British Council Ukraine, Ernst & Young Ukraine and Water Maze [Vodniy Labirynt].**

The winning companies had to demonstrate a number of key policies in practice: equal representation of men and women in top management, flexible hours for employees with children, financial support for children's medical treatment, insurance and special events for the families of staff, in-house day-care centres, programs to prevent workplace sexual harassment, and the removal of discriminatory conditions in the hiring process.

"The overall purpose of this competition is to stimulate Ukrainian companies to ensure equality of women and men at work," said Rick Flint, the team leader of the EU project. "We want to be able to say that a company's success doesn't depend on gender. Both women and men want and have a right to spend time with their children and realize themselves in their personal lives."

The competition is part of the EU-funded "Women and Children's Rights in Ukraine" project and supported by Ukraine's Ministry of Social Policy, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the European Business Association (EBA).

**For more information: Anastasia Trotska, (+38095) 139-9352, pr@cwrights.com.ua**



## EUBAM PARTNERS' FIRST VISIT TO POLISH ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU

**WARSAW, Nov. 7-10. Seven senior officers from EUBAM's border guard and customs partners in Moldova and Ukraine were hosted by the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau of the Republic of Poland for a study visit designed to pass on knowledge and best practice in fighting corruption, based on the Polish bureau's own experience combating corruption.**

EUBAM participants were given comprehensive presentations on anti-corruption work in Poland by the analysis and operation-investigational departments of four key Polish agencies: the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Excise Control and Gambling Control Department of the Ministry of Finance, the Internal Investigation Unit of the Border Guard Service, and the Department of Organised Crime and Corruption under the Prosecutor General's Office.

Cooperation between EUBAM's Anti-Corruption Cell and the Polish counterpart agency has intensified over recent months, with both parties preparing to formalise their working relationship in early December with the signing of a Joint Statement of Cooperation in Warsaw.

In September, EUBAM signed a Joint Statement of Cooperation with the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania, the first time the Mission entered into formal cooperation with an anti-corruption agency of an EU Member State. The Warsaw signing in December will be the second.

**For more information: Maryna Reshetnyak, press@eubam.org, (+38048) 236-5274, <http://www.eubam.org/>**





## LUMBER INDUSTRY DISCUSSES EU BAN OF ILLEGAL TIMBER IMPORT

**KYIV, Nov. 9.** The top managers of large lumber companies met to explore possible directions for cooperation with the ENPI FLEG Programme. During the meeting, ENPI FLEG experts briefed industry representatives on the Programme's activities and achievements and presented the results of surveys among forestry businesses. Another key topic of discussion was the possible implications for Ukraine of the new EU Regulation №995, which specifically bans the import of illegal timber onto EU territory.

Participants also discussed how to: ensure equal access to wood resources for all consumers; improve methods in the timber trade; intensify and improve the efficiency of how forest resources are used; establish a friendly investment climate for the balanced development of pulp & paper processing in Ukraine; and improve the regulation of the industry.

Concluding recommendations were: to analyse European practice and development to ensure fair competition and take into account the specific opportunities and needs of all players on the lumber market; to address the problem of verifying the legal origin for the entire range of wood products, including highly processed wood products and furniture, exported by Ukrainian producers to European markets, at the national level; and to modify Ukrainian rules for determining the quality and size of timber products through approximation to EU standards.

**For more information: Oleh Lystopad, [oleg.lystopad@enpi-fleg.org](mailto:oleg.lystopad@enpi-fleg.org), <http://www.enpi-fleg.org/>**



## CITY OF KYIV JOINS EU COVENANT OF MAYORS

**KYIV, Nov.8.** The Head of Kyiv City State Administration Oleksandr Popov on behalf of the City of Kyiv signed the Covenant of Mayors, a voluntary commitment to meet and exceed the EU 20% CO2 reduction objective. Thus, Kyiv joined 3070 cities, which have committed to increased energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources on the municipal level. The Deputy Head of the EU Delegation, Maria Jurikova, congratulated this decision and said "I am convinced that Kyiv will greatly benefit from being a signatory of Covenant of Mayors".

The Covenant of Majors is strongly supported by the EU and aims to facilitate sustainable development of local capacities in harmony with the environment. Joining this big and friendly team means access to best practices and experience, collected over the years by the oldest and most honoured members. Every city also commits to the very first steps to:

- prepare an emissions inventory;
- develop a Sustainable Energy Action Plan;
- meet - or exceed – the objective of 20% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2020

**For more information: Gabriel Blanc, Sector Manager at the EU Delegation, [Gabriel.Blanc@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Gabriel.Blanc@eeas.europa.eu), (+38044) 390-80-10. ext. 387**





## UKRAINE HOSTED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS-FORUM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

**KYIV, Nov. 8. The second annual Forum and Exhibition "Energy Efficiency 2011" was held by the Ukrainian State Agency for Energy Efficiency. At the opening Deputy Head of the EU Delegation Maria Jurikova congratulated the city of Kyiv for joining the Covenant of Mayors and emphasized the great potential of energy efficiency measures which could be introduced by municipalities in every city in Ukraine.**

Mr. Jurikova also stated that "the Energy Community, which Ukraine joined on February 1 2010, provides the suitable framework to adopt and implement the EU energy acquis - in particular for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy." The EU is supporting Ukraine with € 70 million in budget support, which is under implementation.

Mr. Pashkevich, the Head of the State Energy Efficiency Agency, stated the high importance of cooperation with the EU, in particular: 1) Twinning, training at adapting the EU directives in the field of energy efficiency, 2) technical assistance to build the Agency's capacities and 3) budget support. Finally, Ms. Jurikova passed the "clear and simple message, the EU would like to deliver to everyone":

- Save energy everywhere it is possible
- Use energy more efficiently in each sector
- Simply be pragmatic, which means:
- Control and measure systematically the energy you use
- Whenever possible choose the most sustainable energy sources
- Invest today for lower energy bills tomorrow.

**For more information: Gabriel Blanc, Sector Manager at the EU Delegation, [Gabriel.Blanc@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Gabriel.Blanc@eeas.europa.eu), (+38044) 390-80-10. ext. 387**



## STRENGTHENING DATA PROTECTION IN UKRAINE THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS

**KYIV, Nov. 3. The European Union, the Council of Europe and Ukraine's State Service for the Protection of Personal Data announced that they were joining efforts to enhance personal data protection in line with EU standards. Reinforcing data protection in Ukraine is the key to future cooperation in a number of fields, including the EU-Ukraine Visa Liberalisation Action Plan.**

Numerous data protection expert activities will take place throughout 2012, through the Joint "Promoting European Standards in Ukraine's Media Environment" Programme.

The EU-Council of Europe media programme has already successfully supported Ukraine in implementing the recently adopted law on access to public information. Building on this experience, the joint programme will help enhance Ukraine's legal framework in data protection. The two laws will be reviewed for consistency.

Another key measure is to improve existing legal provisions. A cycle of expert seminars and workshops will be organised on the effective protection of personal data in the civil service, healthcare, banking, education, and so on. Finally, sectoral guidelines will be developed on how to comply with data protection regulations and will be made available on-line.

**For more information: Olga Sedova, Project Officer, (+38044) 425-3370, [olga.sedova@coe.int](mailto:olga.sedova@coe.int), <http://jp.coe.int>**





## EU-UNDP SUPPORTED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LOOKS AT CRIMEA

**Armyansk, Krasnoperekopsk, November 3.** The Development Agency and the EU-UNDP project "Support to the Regional Development Agency of ARC" (RDA) met with the leaders of Armyansk and Krasnoperekopsk city councils. This meeting is aimed to introduce RDA activities to Crimea sub regions, to establish cooperation and to learn opportunities for mutual work.

Participants discussed future the development of Armyansk and Krasnoperekopsk territories, including the most attractive investment properties and sites, opportunities for territorial development, and local government planning.

Taras Filipchuk, Mayor of Krasnoperekopsk city, said: "This is a long-expected visit of the Regional Development Agency. I am very pleased that this meeting was quite productive and efficient. We are ready to cooperate further with the RDA. "

**For more information:** Daniel Sepic [dsepic@undp.crimea.ua](mailto:dsepic@undp.crimea.ua), +380 652 248001, [www.undp.crimea.ua](http://www.undp.crimea.ua), <http://www.ard.crimea.ua>



## EU-FUNDED GUIDED TOUR HIGHLIGHTS AVANT-GARDE HERITAGE IN KYIV

**KYIV, Nov. 2.** The EU-funded CIUDAD project, RKM Save Urban Heritage, has started a series of guided tours around Constructivist and Avant-garde architecture in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv. The tour is designed to highlight the relationship between urban space and avant-garde architecture in order to reveal the potential of these often-abandoned spaces, whose existence is now at risk.

The tour covered the most interesting avant-garde buildings in the area around Prospect Peremohy, with highlights including avant-garde buildings of the late 1920s and 1930s.

The "Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue" (CIUDAD) programme aims to help local governments in the ENPI region build their capacity to plan for sustainable, integrated and long-term urban development following good governance principles.

RKM Save Urban Heritage is an initiative to preserve cultural and architectural heritage in the cities of Kyiv and Moscow dating from the avant-garde movement in these cities in 1920s and 1930s.

**For more information:** Tatiana Ladan, [info.kiev@saveurbanheritage.eu](mailto:info.kiev@saveurbanheritage.eu), <http://www.saveurbanheritage.eu/>





## ANNUAL TEMPUS INFORMATION DAY HELD AT ODESA MARITIME ACADEMY

**ODESA, Oct. 27. The National Tempus Office in Ukraine (NTO) and the Odesa National Maritime Academy jointly held the Annual Tempus Information Day, with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, Youth and Sports, the EU Delegation to Ukraine and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.**

In his opening speech, ONMA Vice Rector Vadym Zakharchenko urged participants to explore the opportunities offered by EU educational programmes to modernize higher education in Ukraine.

NTO Director Svitlana Shytikova presented the basic features of the Tempus IV Programme and its national priorities, as well as new developments, selection criteria and partnership requirements for its fifth Call. NTO Coordinator Svitlana Batsyukova reported on the results of 4th Call and described the e-form.



The European representative Anton Shkaruba, senior researcher at the Central European University in Budapest, reported on the implementation of Tempus projects with the participation of Ukrainian universities under the "Environmental Governance for Environmental Curricula (Belarus, Russia, Ukraine)" (2008-2011) and "Improvement of Education on Environmental Management" (2010-2013) projects. He also discussed the achievements and challenges in modernizing curricula, developing infrastructure and increasing academic mobility at partner universities.

All in all, some 70 participants from 29 public and private post-secondary institutions took part in Tempus Information Day: rectors, vice rectors, deans, heads of departments, teachers and researchers, graduate and PhD students, and staff from international relations departments.

**For further information: Zhanna Talanova, [tempus@ilid.org.ua](mailto:tempus@ilid.org.ua), <http://tempus.org.ua/>**

## UKRAINIAN KIDS LEARN ABOUT RESPECT, TOLERANCE AND NON-VIOLENCE

**KYIV, Oct. 26–28. More than 100 Ukrainian children were acquainted with their rights, the concepts of mutual respect and tolerance, family values and responsible parenthood through play during this three-day event. Such "schools" engaged children from various social groups and different types of education in Donetsk, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Sevastopol under the slogan "We're different—and that's what's so interesting about being together!"**

"The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child covers 40 children's rights," was how individual youngsters began summing up the workshops in the five cities. "An ordinary conference would have a famous host instead of me, but this is about children's rights. As one of the participants, I'm going to exercise my rights and help explain what we've learned for these three days..."



Using theatrical performances, creative activities and discussions, children learned about their rights and responsibilities and gained information on how to protect themselves against various types of violence, as well as how to themselves behave tolerantly and non-violently. The youngsters also learned about how to plan for their own family in the future, family values, gender parity in the family, and responsible parenthood.

"Tolerance towards the others starts with tolerance towards yourself," said Genevieve Delaunoy, the EU Project communication expert. "This is a very problematic issue for all people in Ukraine."

**For further information: Anastasia Trotska, (+38095) 139-9352, [pr@cwrights.com.ua](mailto:pr@cwrights.com.ua)**



## BORDER OFFICERS LEARN TO SPEAK A "COMMON LANGUAGE" FOR EURO 2012

**ODESA, Oct. 24. Organized by EUBAM, an English-language week-long intensive called "Common Border, Common language: On the Threshold of Euro 2012" ended Oct. 24 in Odessa. The event was part of the extensive capacity-building support EUBAM is delivering to its partners in Moldova and Ukraine.**

The workshop brought together 25 officers from the border guard and customs services of Moldova and Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Centre for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption of the Republic of Moldova, and one officer from the Polish Border Guard Service. It also involved nine trainers and six guest speakers. Participants included officers who will be based at key Border Crossing Points and airports during Euro 2012.

The intensive workshop was intended to increase English-language competence in specific topics, using both theoretical and interactive sessions. These aspects included human rights, official meetings, profiling at BCPs, crowd management, the Schengen Border Code, corruption and smuggling, and law enforcement and the press.

This was the latest in a series of initiatives EUBAM has developed in anticipation of Euro 2012.

**For more information: Maryna Reshetnyak, [press@eubam.org](mailto:press@eubam.org), (+38048) 236-5274, <http://www.eubam.org/>**



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### EU SUPPORTS LOCAL UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES AND NON STATE ACTORS THE EUROPEAN UNION IS LAUNCHING THE FOLLOWING CALLS FOR PROPOSALS INVOLVING UKRAINE

1) Capacity-building among non-state actors, with Lot 5 targeting regional networks and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). The Call aims to strengthen regional, continental and global civil society representative networks, such as platforms and unions that are active in development cooperation in partner countries, and multi-country actions led by such platforms to tackle issues of global concern. With a total budget of over € 10 million, Ukrainian non-state actors (NSAs) may apply for grants worth € 200,000-1,000,000. The deadline for submitting Concept Notes is Feb. 1, 2012. The Guidelines for applicants and the application package are available on the EuropeAid website.

2) Local authorities: The Call aims to support multi-country actions proposed and implemented by Local Authorities (LA) and Associations of Local Authorities (ALA) from EU Member States and partner countries, in order to empower LA and ALA in public policy-making, in line with international development commitments. It also promotes and supports regular, structured, inclusive dialogue with their communities and within multi-stakeholder forums. The total budget is over € 16 million. The deadline for submitting Concept Notes is Feb. 1, 2012. The Guidelines for applicants and the application package are available on the EuropeAid website.

3) Protecting and promoting women's rights and empowering women socially and economically. The indicative budget for ENPI countries is € 16.49 million. Ukrainian NSAs and public or parastatal bodies below the central government level may apply for grants worth € 200,000-1,500,000. The deadline for submitting Concept Notes is Jan. 26, 2012. The Guidelines for applicants and the application package are available on the EuropeAid website.



## 8 DECEMBER, KYIV

Closing workshop for Sustainable Regional Development Project.

Contact person - Tanja Zabukovec Kovacic, +38 (044) 494 1898, +38 (063) 995 0588, [www.ssrđ.org.ua](http://www.ssrđ.org.ua)

## 9 DECEMBER, KYIV

Road Safety Seminar/Visibility event.

Contact person - Daiva Vilkelyste, [Daiva.Vilkelyte@takas.lt](mailto:Daiva.Vilkelyte@takas.lt)

## 12 DECEMBER, KYIV

Closing Conference of INOGATE Project on Expansion of Boyarka Gas Metrology Centre.

Contact person - Anna Surovitskaya, +38 (044) 481 2121, [A.Surovitskaya@tebodin.ua](mailto:A.Surovitskaya@tebodin.ua)

## 12 DECEMBER, KYIV

Opening of Twinning project on Statistics.

Contact person - Irina Bernstein, + 38 (050) 187 1374, [irb@dst.dk](mailto:irb@dst.dk)

## 14 DECEMBER, KYIV

Opening of Twining project for National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine.

Contact person - Nadiya Buchovska, +38 (044) 286 6284, +38 (044) 286 0750, [HBBerridge@aol.com](mailto:HBBerridge@aol.com)

## 15 DECEMBER, KYIV

Conference on Transport Policy of Ukraine / Closing of "Support to the Integration of Ukraine in the Trans-European Transport Network".

Contact person - Daiva Vilkelyste, [Daiva.Vilkelyte@takas.lt](mailto:Daiva.Vilkelyte@takas.lt)

## 21 DECEMBER, KYIV

All-Ukrainian Tempus Info Days.

Contact person - Zhanna Talanova, +38 (044) 286 6668, +38 (044) 332 2645, [tempus@ilid.org.ua](mailto:tempus@ilid.org.ua)