



NEW TEMPUS PROJECT CO-ORDINATORS MEET FOR FIRST TIME

KYIV, Sept. 20. As recommended by the Ukraine's Ministry of Education, Science, Youth and Sports, the EU-funded National Tempus Office (NTO) in Ukraine held a meeting for coordinators of Ukrainian and regional Tempus IV projects (4th call for proposals). After being congratulated for their project award, the nine Tempus teams were able to network and receive advice and recommendations on project implementation and communication, from experts and Tempus staff.

More than 40 individuals representing 24 Ukrainian institutions of higher learning and 15 community and non-government organizations met with representatives of the EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) and EU Delegation to Ukraine. During the meeting, the participants presented and discussed the Tempus projects and prospects for implementation in Ukraine, as well as the nature of Tempus projects and the best approach to implementing them under current conditions. The meeting focused on project registration, communication, management, monitoring, and visibility.



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LOW-CARBON TECHNOLOGY TO STABILIZE CLIMATE SYSTEMS

DONETSK, Sept. 14-15. The EU-funded grant project "Low-carbon opportunities for the industrial regions of Ukraine" held a workshop on low-carbon technologies for climate system stabilization. Supported by the Donetsk Oblast Administration, the event drew representatives of local administrations, energy companies, and educational and research institutes from five eastern oblasts: Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, and Kharkiv.

The first day of the workshop was organized and coordinated by the General Directorate of Industrial and Infrastructural Development of the Donetsk Oblast State Administration and focused on the impact of energy, industry and transport on the climate and on an analysis of technological opportunities to mitigate climate change. The second day of the workshop was organized and coordinated by the State Administration for Environmental Protection in Donetsk Oblast and focused on the impact of climate change on the environment, biodiversity and humans, and on an assessment of the prospects for adapting to climate change.

Participants underlined that low-carbon technologies offer a future to fossil fuels, especially coal, in ensuring Ukraine's energy security.

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EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT ON GAS SECTOR REGULATION SUMS UP RESULTS

KYIV, Sept. 14. The EU-funded Twinning Project "Regulatory and Legal Capacity Strengthening of Natural Gas Regulation in the National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine (NERC)" held its closing conference. The project helped develop and implement new approaches to gas sector regulation based on international practice, the internal EU market, and the *acquis communautaire*.

Ukrainian officials gave the project high marks and affirmed that NERC management and staff had gained technical knowledge, adaptive skills and regulatory capabilities in the gas sector. These new capacities will enable incentive-based tariffs, quality of service regulation, and ensure the protection of vulnerable customers during the transition to cost-reflective tariffs.

The project staff assessed current Ukrainian gas legislation, identified provisions that were not compliant with the *acquis communautaire* of the internal EU energy market, and prepared proposals for greater harmonization with EU legislation. In addition, NERC developed a draft Annual Monitoring Report in accordance with the provisions of Art. 25 of Directive 2003/55/EC, known as the Gas Directive, and reflecting best practice among EU regulators.

If the recommendations for Ukraine's natural gas sector developed by the project are implemented, consumers will be able to enjoy reliable, safe and efficient services at affordable prices.

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ONLINE GAME LAUNCHED TO TEACH TEENS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

KYIV, Sept. 9. An on-line game to draw attention to the issue of domestic violence was launched at Public School #187 by the EU-funded project "Communicating Women's and Children's Rights in Ukraine." Aimed at young people and hosted on vKontakte and Facebook, the game puts players in a variety of virtual situations in which violence occurs and asks them to choose the most appropriate behavior. The game encourages young people to think about violence in their lives in a stimulating, non-threatening way, and to emulate positive behavior in the real world.

"Although it's designed to be appealing and stimulating, the game has a very serious message: that there are always alternatives to choosing or condoning violence," says Rick Flint, team leader of the EU Project running the campaign. "Playing the game puts you in the role of witness, aggressor or victim in a series of virtual situations in which violence is taking place, and you have to choose which way to behave in each case. This not only gets you thinking about violence, but also about how you as an individual can influence or act in real life situations to reduce violence and conflict."

Players can join the game at <http://game.vsirivni.com.ua/game>, where they can also use their accounts on vKontakte and Facebook. Points are awarded according to the type of behavior chosen to resolve each conflict. All players will get a prize, while the top 100 will get a memory stick.

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CRIMEAN ORGANISATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN BLACK SEA BASIN

SIMFEROPOL, Sept. 8-10. The EU-funded Regional Development Agency of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea held a workshop designed for all stakeholders interested in receiving funds through the ENPI Cross-border Co-operation (CBC) Black Sea Basin Programme (2nd call for proposals, 2007-2013). This call for project proposals is a great opportunity for Crimean organizations to receive EU funding for projects to contribute to stronger, more sustainable economic and social development in the Black Sea Basin.

During the three-day workshop, participants learned about cross-border projects implemented in Ukraine under the Black Sea Basin Programme. Participants were also informed about the objectives and priorities of the Programme and the requirements for submitting grant applications. They were introduced to the basic principles and techniques of project-cycle management.

A significant part of the workshop was dedicated to drafting proposals for cross-border cooperation projects. Participants were familiarized with application guidelines and the details of the Grant Application Form. They were shown how to prepare project budgets and were introduced to the basic principles of monitoring and reporting on projects.

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CRIMEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPEMENT AGENCY DRAWS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

SIMFEROPOL, Sept. 7. The EU-funded Regional Development Agency (RDA) of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea hosted a workshop on how to attract international technical assistance resources to address socio-economic development issues. The event was held under the aegis of Ms Ekaterina Yurchenko, Crimea's Vice Premier and Minister for Economic Development and Trade. International experts trained officials and specialists from ministries, agencies and local governments to prepare and implement international technical assistance projects.

The workshop focused on various aspects of EU funding. Among them was the participation of local authorities and territorial communities in EU projects and programmes, as well as the experience of Ukraine's regions in attracting EU funding for development projects at the local and regional level in partnership with various EU agencies and organizations.

The experts presented an online investment promotion tool called FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) Intelligence, which is an international internet resource that gathers information about investors from all over the world. Crimea's RDA now has access to FDI Intelligence, which allows the Agency to search for potential investors and propose cooperation and investment projects to them. Through this database, Crimea will also be able to present its current investment sites internationally.

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30 UKRAINE EMPLOYERS READY TO SHOW EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ACTION

KYIV, Sept.. More than 30 Ukrainian businesses have already applied to participate in the EU-funded contest "Equal Opportunities: Best Employer 2011" announced in June 2011 under the EU-funded project "Women and Children's Rights in Ukraine – Communication component." They include industrial enterprises (Elektrotyazhmash, SKF Ukraine, the Kyiv Vitamin Plant, ArcelorMittal Kryviy Rih), media (TRK Ukraina), and consultancies (The Civil Defense Lawyer National Ukrainian Legal Assistance Center).

Other businesses interested in participating can still fill in a brief application form at <http://rivnist.in.ua/> until Oct. 15, describing equal opportunities that they actually provide to their employees.

"In order to participate, a business has to provide examples of helping employees to combine work and family, such as flexi-time and remote work, or equal opportunities for career development regardless of the employee's gender, such as profiled training," says Ms Anastasia Trotska, who represents the contest organizer and is the project PR manager. "The main award for winners will be an annual membership program in the European Business Association and business workshops."

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POLAND-BELARUS-UKRAINE CBC PROGRAMME HOLDS THIRD PARTNER SEARCH FORUM

LUBLIN, Aug. 30. The ENPI Cross-Border-Cooperation (CBC) Programme for Poland, Belarus and Ukraine held its 3rd Partner Search Forum involving nearly 300 professionals from various institutions in the three countries.

Before the start of individual meetings, the terms and conditions of the call were reviewed, together with practical recommendations on how to build and maintain an effective partnership for Cross-Border Cooperation projects. The Forum was organized by the Joint Technical Secretariat with the help of experts from the EU-funded Regional Capacity Building Initiative.

Workshop topics included identifying common cross-border problems and opportunities, developing objectives and activities, completing a logical framework, and drawing up a budget. The deadline for submitting applications under the second Call for Proposals was September 30. The indicative budget for this Call for Proposals is over EUR 88 million.

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

