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**International Charitable Organisation "Information Centre
"Green Dossier"** officially registered in September 1994, since 2006 operates as
International organisation.

Our mission is:

- to engage as many people as possible in addressing problems of environment and sustainable development
- to encourage public participation in decision making on these matters at different levels.

"Green Dossier" promotes the principles of sustainable development in society, integrating them into national policies and government programs by disseminating objective environmental and social information to the media, local communities, government and business, involving them to practical action.

Since 1994 "Green Dossier" implemented more than 80 projects, produced about 50 publications on different environmental issues and filmed more than 20 TV-documentaries and trills, organised about 100 events and direct actions.

We participate in relevant international movements, UNEP activities including intergovernmental global and European processes, international networks.

Green Dossier is a member of public coalitions and networks:

- Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership
- EU-UA Civil Society Platform
- MKI (Milieukontakt International Network)
- Carpathian Convention network
- Baltic Sea Region Network for Education for Sustainable Development
- Citizen Platform "New Country"
- Social media networks on sustainable development, environment and energy

In December 2020 we left Ukrainian Climate Network

Our nowadays priorities:

- European Green Deal in Ukraine
- Eurointegration
- Implementation of Sustainable Development and education for SD
- Implementation of two UN conventions: Aarhus Convention and the Carpathian Convention

We are in social networks:



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Our main directions of activity

Transformation

Our world is changing fast today. The usual way of life disappears, reliable businesses are closed, schedules have to be rebuilt, other rhythms and meanings have to be sought. Health and survival are paramount. And these concepts are followed by a long chain of interconnected needs, conditions, tasks - which change everything in everyday life and in the global sense.

We initiated a new direction in our activity called TRANSFORMATION, caused by current pandemic situation, but also connected with general need of transformation which became more visible and understandable for people because of pandemic.

We monitor global trends and changes in different countries - in terms of the environment and climate change and the relationship of these phenomena with health and quality of life. Climate issues became the central topic linking with all other issues because of global changes, European Green Deal ambitions and creating a new climate policy in Ukraine.

Activities:

- Support and dissemination in Ukraine of the most important international documents, statements in connection with COVID pandemic (example: the [Club of Rome open letter to global leaders](#));
- Study of the topics of healthy eating, farming in modern conditions, sustainable development of rural areas;
- Analyzing Green Deal and its influence on agricultural sector of Ukraine with a specific focus on organic agriculture;
- Providing input to The policy paper "European Green Deal: Opportunities and Threats to Ukraine";
- Organization of the webinar "Farm to Fork" Strategy and perspectives of Organic Agriculture in Ukraine";
- About 30 publications for Ukrainian readers on our web;
- Participation in developing new climate goals for Ukraine and public vision of the Road map.

Eurointegration, Eastern Partnership and good environmental governance

Implementation of Association Agreement between EU and Ukraine is an important task in which different actors and stakeholders are involved. We work in environmental and agricultural spheres. Main focus – European Green Deal, which Ukraine declared to join.

Participate in review/ analysing/ policy papers preparing on implementation of AA, in international meetings, task force and working groups; active in WG 5 of EU-UA Civil Society Platform, including national annual conferences. Our representative is a member of the Council on Trade and Sustainable Development (consultative and advisory body of the Cabinet of Ministries of Ukraine) and of Ukrainian Advisory group for the Council.

We participate in the WG 3 of the National Platforms of Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership at both national and international level, including EaP SCF annual assembly (virtual this time), in online database of EaP CSF experts, representing the Forum at high level international meetings, Tamara Malkova was elected to the Supervisory Board of the project "Support to activities UNP EaP SCF

Discussions on the Green New Deal and its implementation within the EaP policy after 2020 was in a high priority of EaP SCF, we contributed to prepare civil society input to DG NEAR.

Activities:

- ✓ Participation in the WG on developing organic legislation - the documents were approved by the Parliament;
- ✓ Investigation and comparing of EGD approaches and Ukraine legislation in the field of agriculture, including environmental topics deal with agriculture;
- ✓ Contribution to international and national processes of creating programming documents for future of Eastern Partnership;
- ✓ Participation in international WG3 meetings;
- ✓ Contribution to national processes of Eurointegration;
- ✓ Advocacy for restoration of the Ministry of Environment, which was united with energy ministry in 2019 with damage for environmental governance; in cooperation with European platforms
- ✓ **Assessment** of Ukraine's real prospects to achieve environmental and climate resilience, in cooperation with WG3 members of UNP (Eastern Partnership CSF)

Aarhus Convention meetings this year were virtual. Nevertheless, we participated all main meetings and discussions Tamara Malkova represents the EaP CSForum in Aarhus events:

- Two meetings of the Aarhus Convention Task Force on Access to Information: statement on behalf of Green Dossier and the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum on how environmental impact assessment digital tools functioned in practice in Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
- Twenty-fourth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention. Statement on communication development between Aarhus community and EaP CSF under agenda item Promotion of the Convention and relevant developments and interlinkages; Statement on Promotion of the Convention's principles in the international trade negotiations;
- Dissemination in Ukraine EcoForum statement and Conclusions of the Aarhus Compliance Committee about limited the public's rights on access to information, public participation and access to justice during the unfortunate COVID-19 pandemic in Europe.

Sustainable development

The topic concerns many spheres of our life. We focus on SD of local communities and rural development, organic agriculture, energy, climate, smart cities, as well as on general policy issues in promoting and implementation of SD principles and education for SD.



Agriculture

We develop and promote sustainable agricultural practices in Ukraine, organic is in priority. This includes different types of activity: work on legal issues and advocating of sustainable decision on governmental/ parliamentary level, awareness raising in general and education for farmers, producers and traders; collecting good practices and dissemination of the best experience in our country and abroad.

For the pandemic lockdown time OrganicInfo.ua suggested new chapters for self-education and partnership possibilities.

Activities:

- Following all international and national events/ publications/ changes in agriculture policy, especially discussions around future Farm to Fork Strategy, and adopting them for Ukrainian audience;
- Regular update of organic news (<https://organicinfo.ua/>) and issuing of organic digest (once a month)
- Distribution information to social media;
- Participation in BioFach-2020 and informing from its' events;
- Conducting and presentation of Organic Market study 2016-2019, survey held by the Organic Standard (Ukraine) in partnership with Green Dossier (Ukraine) with the support of Switzerland;
- Organization of the webinar "Farm to Fork" Strategy and perspectives of Organic Agriculture in Ukraine" organised by "EU Support to Agricultural and Food Policy Implementation in Ukraine" Project in cooperation with Information Center "Green Dossier" and "Lawmaking center" NGO;
- Elaboration of the methodological recommendations on organic agriculture for producers and retail and separate guide on organic labelling;
- Participation in the Ministerial working group working on adaptation of the EU Nitrates Directive (Directive 91/676/EC).

Carpathian Initiatives

Our organization is working in the Carpathian region about 20 years, including active participation in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention. We implemented more than 20 projects, mainly focused on sustainable development of the region. Practical participation and implementation of the Carpathian Convention is in a high priority. Main items are sustainable tourism developing, preservation of cultural heritage, sustainable agriculture.

We are co-organisers of the Carpathian school (Kosiv, Ivano-Frankivsk region), which provided two sessions this year (winter and summer sessions) where our presentations on sustainable tourism and environmental public assessments were presented, and publications were prepared.

Cross cutting issues: education, promotion, communication

According to our mission, we disseminate information on environment and sustainable development using targeted channels relevant to each case. We involve traditional mass media via press events, releases and consultations, using email networks, direct contacts and professional platforms and institutions. We use opportunities of social media to distribute information wider and more regularly. Our activities, as well as relevant action of our colleges are covered by 2 websites (<http://www.dossier.org.ua> and <http://organicinfo.ua>), reflected in FB, LinkedIn, Twitter pages, groups and posts.

During this pandemic year the most of communications went to virtual tools. We focused more at quality of information, online communication and participation in events, more using such professional platform like deadline (<https://www.deadline.com.ua/press-releases?filter=my>)

Activities

- ✓ BioFach 2020 in Nuremberg (Germany) Wide information campaign for BioFach (preparing publications about the exhibition participants, social media, press-events etc.).
- ✓ Issuing thematic news about current situation, EGD, climate, agriculture
- ✓ Promotion of the most important events and reports relevant to our activity goals and tasks; this became more available because of online activity.
- ✓ Articles in "agro/// International Politics and Society on-line magazine.



Projects Implemented in 2020

- "Organic Market Study and Policy Development Support" supported by Switzerland (2019-2020)
- Cooperation with agro projects in Ukraine: EU Support to Agricultural and Food Policy Implementation in Ukraine" (SAFPI) Project; Swiss-Ukrainian Program "Higher Value Added Trade from the Organic and Dairy Sector in Ukraine" is funded by Switzerland and implemented by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL, Switzerland) in partnership with SAFOSO AG (Switzerland), www.qftp.org; The Project German-Ukrainian Cooperation in Organic Agriculture (COA).
- "Eastern Partnership environmental and climate resilience - [Assessment](#) of Ukraine's real prospects". Joint initiative of WG3 of UNP EaP CSF: study of current situation in Ukraine, compare with EGD and EaP new tasks after 2020, discussions, analytical document, presentations.

OrganicInfo.ua

OrganicInfo.ua is a specialized information portal that aims to promote organic production, organic food and sustainability, established in 2015.

Organic agriculture — is one of the most promising activities promoting transformation to sustainable development and green economy. And it's very important for humanity: the agro-industrial sector provides with workplaces almost one-fifth of the world population, but, in the same time it's one of the biggest polluters of environment and drinking water. Organic agriculture helps to restore soil fertility, save biodiversity, reduces a negative impact on water resources. That's why we created the specific project — OrganicInfo.ua.

We publish information about organic production, organic products and participants of the organic market, that can be interesting for a wide range of readers, primarily consumers of organic food. There is a short information about new organic products or opening of new points of sale, also substantial analytic materials, — with a focus on real certified organic.

Follow us at <https://organicinfo.ua>.

Publications in 2020

List of own and/or partners' publications where Green Dossier experts took part:

European Green Deal: Opportunities and Threats for Ukraine. Policy Paper. Executive Summary (April, 2020)



The policy paper "European Green Deal: Opportunities and Threats to Ukraine" aims at analyzing the main tasks and key components of the European Green Deal (EGD) (climate change, energy, transport, industrial strategy, agriculture, zero pollution, biodiversity, finance, trade) in terms of opportunities and threats to Ukraine. The policy paper was prepared with the financial support of the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of the project 'European Green Deal: Opportunities and Threats to Ukraine'. The translation into English was provided with support of the EU funded project EU4USociety.

The study was carried out by experts from the Resource and Analysis Center "Society and Environment" (Andriy Andrusevych, Nataliya Andrusevych, Zoryana Kozak), the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (Vitaliy Kravchuk, Veronica Movchan), DIXI Group (Anastasiia Synytsia), Information Center Green Dossier (Kateryna Shor), Oleksii Khabatiuk (independent expert).

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Європейський зелений курс: Рекомендації для бізнесу. – Ресурсно-аналітичний центр «Суспільство і довкілля» (2020)



Бізнес – одна з основних категорій стейкхолдерів, які повинні враховувати виклики Європейського зеленого курсу у своїй роботі, а також вже зараз вживати заходів, щоб максимально використати можливості та вигоди від нової політики ЄС.

Ми підготували низку рекомендацій для бізнесу, що вони можуть робити вже сьогодні, щоб бути в курсі останніх тенденцій європейського ринку, готуватись до нових викликів і, головне, скористатись запропонованими можливостями Європейського зеленого курсу. Рекомендації є загальними і можуть використовуватись представниками різних бізнес-спільнот: від великих експортерів сталі чи сільськогосподарської продукції до невеликих бізнес-проектів у сфері зеленого туризму.

Ці рекомендації підготовлено в рамках реалізації проєкту «Європейський зелений курс: можливості та загрози для України» Ресурсно-аналітичного центру «Суспільство та довкілля» у співпраці з Інститутом економічних досліджень та політичних консультацій і аналітичним центром DIXI Group.

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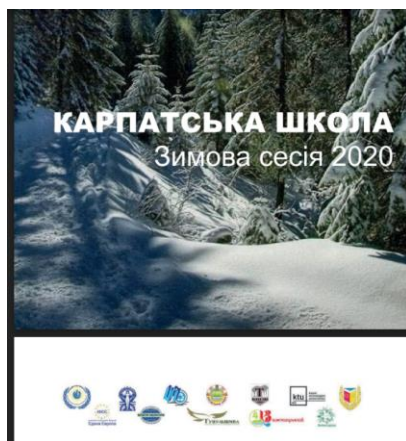


Analytical document "Environmental and Climate Sustainability of the Eastern Partnership – Assessment of Prospects for Achievement in Ukraine"



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Collection of materials for the winter session of Carpathian School 2020



ГРОМАДСЬКИЙ МОНІТОРИНГ ІМПЛЕМЕНТАЦІЇ ПРОЦЕДУР ЕКОЛОГІЧНИХ ОЦІНОК

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Стратегічна екологічна оцінка (CEO) та оцінка впливу на довкілля (ОВД) входять до основних пріоритетів програмного документу «Східне партнерство - 20 очікуваних досягнень до 2020 року». Це амбітне завдання – впровадити їх відповідно до директив та стандартів ЄС та згідно з вимогами відповідних міжнародних конвенцій (конвенція Еспо та Протокол CEO до неї, Організація конвенція), і зробити застосовними у всіх секторах. Ці документи забезпечують процедурні вимоги до оцінки впливу на навколишнє середовище стратегічних планів та програм (CEO) та формують процедуру (ОВД) щодо економічно запланованих проектів і, таким чином, сприяють кращому врядуванню для сталого розвитку.

Країни, які підписали Угоду про асоціацію з ЄС (Україна та Молдова), та Білорусь, яка не має такої угоди, знаходяться в дуже різних умовах, – це цікаво порівняти й проаналізувати задля подальшого розвитку екологічних прав людини та екологічної демократії. Наш проект «Спостереження за екологічною оцінкою (впровадження інструментів стратегічної екологічної оцінки та оцінки впливу на довкілля)» досліджує ситуацію в трьох країнах Східного партнерства та в одній

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країні ЄС (Болгарії), збираючи позитивні та негативні приклади і роблячи їх відомими на міжнародному рівні. Наші експерти навчаються один в одного, щоб знайти найкращі рішення для моніторингу процесу впровадження та зробити його максимально видимим для громадянського суспільства. Ми створюємо модельну систему для громадського моніторингу CEO та ОВД (Спостереження за екологічною оцінкою) та поширюватимемо цей досвід до інших країн Східного партнерства [1-4].

Команда проекту проаналізувала прогрес впровадження CEO та ОВД на національному рівні. Слід зазначити, що процедура CEO є досить новим досвідом для всіх трьох країн, оскільки в Республіці Молдова вона набула чинності лише в березні 2018 року, а в Україні – у жовтні 2018 року, тоді як в Білорусі вона діє з січня 2017 року, але почала працювати лише з 2018 року. У зведеній доповіді представлений аналіз прогресу впровадження CEO та ОВД у країнах Східного партнерства у порівнянні з досвідом ЄС та міжнародним досвідом, а також рекомендації щодо подальших кроків, необхідних для ефективного використання процедур CEO та ОВД у країнах Східного партнерства.

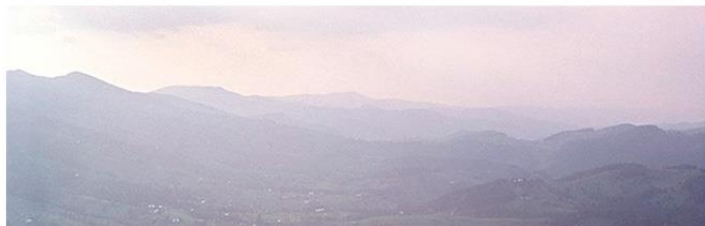


Article prepared for summer session of Carpathian School 2020 "Who owns the Carpathian cultural heritage?"

Кому належить карпатська культурна спадщина?

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Карпатська конвенція (Рамкова Конвенція про охорону та сталий розвиток Карпат) охоплює весь спектр гірського життя. І хоча розроблена й підпорядкована вона екологічним відомствам в усіх семи країнах (Сторони конвенції: Чеська Республіка, Угорщина, Польща, Румунія, Сербія, Словачька Республіка й Україна), але не менше стосується і численних інших державних та недержавних структур. Дійсно, сталим розвитком Карпат мають опікуватись не лише екологічні відомства, адже йдеться і про енергетику, і про транспорт, промисловість та сільське господарство, а не тільки про питання біорізноманіття, ліси, ландшафти та водойми, що знаходяться безпосередньо у підпорядкуванні міністерств охорони довкілля. Тобто, інтеграція екологічних засад до інших галузевих політик є цілком логічною. Втім, саме цей інтеграційний, сталий підхід зіграв і доволі негативну роль у справі впровадження конвенції.



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- Ministry of Economy of Ukraine
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Ministry of environment of Ukraine
- Public Association “Ecohome” (Belarus)
- EcoContact (Moldova)
- Organic Ukraine NGO
- Lawmaking center” NGO
- Aarhus Center at the Environment Ministry of Ukraine
- Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment"
- Private Company “Ecoprom”
- Certification body “Organic Standard”
- NECU
- ICO “Environment. People. Law.”
- NGO “Good deal” (Berdychiv)

