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"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 over 100 publications and videos on different environmental issues, 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
- Ukrainian stakeholder platform "Organic Initiative"
- 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

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:

-  YouTube
-  Facebook
-  Twitter
-  LinkedIn

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Our main directions of activity

Transformation

We continue initiated in last year 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;
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ Providing input to various policy papers produced in cooperation with partner organisations on the issues of climate change, EGD, green transformation, environmental policy and its implementation to other policies and regional strategies;
- ✓ Participating in advocacy and action to support passing and adoption of the bills regarding environment protection in Ukraine;
- ✓ More than 200 publications for Ukrainian readers on our webs, social networks and media on those items;
- ✓ Participation in developing new climate goals for Ukraine.

Climate

We follow all climate related activities in the world, which is very significant this year; special focus - connection between EGD and climate issues in agri-food issues, new Ukrainian NDC and agri-food.

Activities:

- ✓ Adaptation of the most important international news for Ukrainian readers,
- ✓ Collecting good practices of climate friendly life style and production from Ukraine and worldwide,
- ✓ Analysing of possible Ukrainian approaches to climate friendly technologies,
- ✓ Investigation and promotion in Ukraine issue of Climate finance,
- ✓ Participating in regional event for the governments of six Eastern Partnership countries on Climate Finance (EU4Climate program), and reporting to our readers,

- ✓ Participating in preparation of the online course for agro producers Climate change and small agro-business established by the Ukrainian Fruit and Vegetable Business Development Project (UHBDP) is funded by the Ministry of International Affairs of Canada, co-financed and implemented by the Mennonite Association for Economic Development (MEDA) – link to the course <https://uhbdp.org/en/course/zmina-klimatu-ta-malyi-ahrobiznes>.
- ✓ Support and promotion of NDC2, advocating and discussions.

(The publications are here: <https://www.dossier.org.ua/library/>)

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.

Participating in review/ analysing/ policy papers preparing on implementation of AA, in international meetings, task force and working groups; Tamara Malkova coordinates the WG 5 of the Ukrainian side of EU-UA Civil Society Platform; participating 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 again), in online database of EaP CSF experts, representing the Forum at high level international meetings, input in developing of a new EaP policy after 2020, and into Eastern Partnership Index 2021 in the part of environment and climate change. 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. Tamara Malkova is a member of the Supervisory Board of the project "Support to activities UNP EaP SCF".

Activities:

- ✓ Participation in the meetings of the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform, and in preparation process;
- ✓ Contribution to national processes of Eurointegration;
- ✓ Meetings with Ukrainian Parliament committee on eurointegration, attending the committee's work;
- ✓ Participation in DAG UA meetings, preparing joint statement, preparing and participation in Civil Society Forum on Trade and Sustainable Development,
- ✓ Participation in EaP CSF Annual Assembly, and in preparation process;
- ✓ Contribution to international and national processes of creating program documents for future of Eastern Partnership; Participation in international WG3 meetings;
- ✓ Working for implementation EGD approaches in Ukraine



- ✓ Consultations to different structures (Political Implications of Promoting Environmental Sustainability in the Context of the EU's Green Deal in Ukraine; consultations with EU Delegation, UN in Ukraine etc.)
- ✓ Participation in preparation of Ukraine Reform Conference (URC)-21 in Vilnius ([position paper](#) and round table)
- ✓ Participation in public discussion "Priorities of the Ministry of environment for years 2021 - 2022: expectations of public"
- ✓ Discussions in the frame of the Ministry of regions and U-LEAD events on implementation of the environmental policy in regions
- ✓ [Assessment](#) of Ukraine's real prospects to achieve environmental and climate resilience, in cooperation with WG3 members of UNP (Eastern Partnership CSF)
- ✓ [Assessment](#) of implementation of the national environmental policy in regional and local strategies – the initiative on SEA assistance, in cooperation with WG3 members of UNP (Eastern Partnership CSF)

Aarhus Convention

meetings this year were mainly virtual. Nevertheless, we participated all main meetings and discussions, including 7th Session MoP to the Aarhus Convention. During the year there was an active virtual discussion on the current ECO-Forum structure that engages on Aarhus. One of the hottest issues – situation with Belorussian NGO "Ecohome", which was dissolving by Supreme Court, and adopting by MoP a new instrument to protect environmental activists from persecution - **rapid response mechanism**. [More...](#)

Sustainable development, consumption and production

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.

Sustainable Public Procurement, SPP, and Ecolabeling became a hot issue because of EGD implementation and great attention of UN and other international structures to the green transformation. Green Public Procurement is one of the World Bank initiatives in Ukraine - we participated a number of consultations, joined the Ukrainian consulting group. In the same time, the issue was actively promoted by the GGKP (Green Growth Knowledge Platform (organised by Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and World Bank Group), which we joined and participated in a number of events, including speaking. Close cooperation with UNEP, one of leading organisations in the issue developing, brought us a unique experience and knowledge, in particular in developing SPP in Central Asia and Eastern Europe countries.

We attend UNEA 5 (5th UN Environment Assembly) Major Groups and Stakeholders consultations, online.

Activities:

- ✓ Participating in number of virtual educational events, discussions and presentations

- ✓ Consulting for international programs
- ✓ Organising the 2nd Pan-European Regional Workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement in cooperation with UNEP
- ✓ Preparing the background paper and infographics "Promotion of Sustainable Public Procurement and Eco-labelling in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" (under supervision of the UNEP)

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.

We work and implement our projects in close cooperation with Ukrainian agri-food organisations, governmental and parliamentary structures, as well as with international organisations like IFOAM, FAO, UNEP, UN ECE, OECD, EEB, WWF, and international programs in Ukraine.

Activities:

- ✓ Following all international and national events/ publications/ changes in agriculture policy, especially discussions around *Farm to Fork* Strategy, adopting them for Ukrainian audience, and publish news on Green Dossier website;
- ✓ Participation in FAO Food System Assessment – preparation to Global Food Summit;
- ✓ Issuing monthly news digest *Ukrainian green way from farm to fork: step by step*, sending out to 190 addresses around Ukraine;
- ✓ Organising meetings on the Discussion place on the most difficult and problematic issues, experts' consultations – more than 400 participants;
- ✓ Producing a road map and analytics on *Ukrainian green way from farm to fork*, and its' presentation with participation of partners from Ukrainian and international organisations;
- ✓ Regular update of organic news (<https://organicinfo.ua/>) and issuing of organic digest (once a month);
- ✓ Distribution information to social media;
- ✓ Participation in BioFach-2021 and informing from its' events;
- ✓ Conducting and presentation of Organic Market study 2016-2020, survey held by the Organic Standard (Ukraine) in partnership with Green Dossier (Ukraine) with the support of Switzerland;
- ✓ Participation in the Organic World Congress (online) organised by IFOAM – Organics International;
- ✓ Participation in the Ministerial working group working on organic agriculture;



- ✓ Participation in the Ministerial working group working on adaptation of the EU Nitrates Directive (Directive 91/676/EC);
- ✓ Participation in developing education course of UHBDP "CLIMATE CHANGE AND SMALL AGRO-BUSINESS", starts on November 29th, 2021;
- ✓ Advocacy for green transformation in agriculture in cooperation with WWF – Ukraine;
- ✓ Input to Policy paper "Mapping of strategic targets of Ukraine and the EU in the context of the European Green Deal: development vectors and flagship initiatives";
- ✓ Starting cooperation with IFOAM – Organics International within the *Organic Trade 4 Development in Eastern Europe (OT4D) Program*.

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, and education for SD. We are co-founders of the Carpathian school (Kosiv, Ivano-Frankivsk region).

Activities:

- ✓ Presentation of EGD for the Carpathian School session;
- ✓ Participation in the 6th Forum Carpaticum 2021 (Linking the Environmental, Political and Societal Aspects for Carpathian Sustainability", provided space to discuss ways towards integrating Education for Sustainable Development into the Carpathian Convention activities);
- ✓ Participation in the ESD Workshop "Towards the Carpathian ESD Expert Network: Integrating Education for Sustainable Development into the activities of the Carpathian Convention";
- ✓ Joining the newly organized ESD Expert Network - shall be an open multi-actor network, open to all interested and active experts and Carpathian Convention partners and stakeholders, working in different fields of sustainable development
- ✓ Preparing a case study FAO/UNEP publication, which presents local initiatives in the region and focuses on their potential for sustainable tourism.

Cross cutting issues: education, promotion, communication

Investigation of sharing our information: questions, answers, google research, results.

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

- ✓ Issuing monthly news digest *Ukrainian green way from farm to fork: step by step*, sending out to 190 addresses around Ukraine;
- ✓ BioFach 2021 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.
- ✓ Participation in developing education course of UHBDP "CLIMATE CHANGE AND SMALL AGRO-BUSINESS"



Projects Implemented in 2021

- ✿ *Ukrainian green way from farm to fork: step by step.* The project is focused on the impact of EGD on agricultural sector and rural communities in Ukraine, implemented with the support of the European Union and the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of the EU4USociety project.
- ✿ *SEA of community development strategies as a tool for their sustainable development* - implemented within the project "Support of the Ukrainian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum 2021-2023", administered by the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, funded by the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum and the European Commission. The analytical document and recommendations regarding the activities of strategic planning of community development were developed within the initiative.
- ✿ United Nations Development Account funded project "Enhancing sustainable public procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)" project (UNDA SPP project).¹ The UNDA SPP project, led by the *United Nations Environment Programme* with support from the *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe* and *Green Growth Knowledge Platform*, aims to strengthen the capacity of selected countries in the EECCA region on SPP and strengthen the capacity of businesses to respond to public tenders with sustainability criteria. The key beneficiary countries of the UNDA SPP project are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.
- ✿ *Eastern Partnership environmental and climate resilience* – Assessment of Ukraine's real prospects, part 2. 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.
- ✿ *Organic Trade 4 Development in Eastern Europe (OT4D) Program* supported by the Switzerland implemented by IFOAM – Organics International in consortium with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). The Program aimed to increase and enhance jobs in the organic sector, particularly for youth and women, and to contribute to the multiple positive effects of organic farming in terms of economic growth, innovation and natural environment.
- ✿ 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);
 - Ukrainian Fruit and Vegetable Business Development Project (UHBDP) is funded by the Ministry of International Affairs of Canada, co-financed and implemented by the Mennonite Association for Economic Development (MEDA).

¹ UNDA SPP project: <https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/united-nations-development-account-project-sustainable-public-procurement-0>

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>.



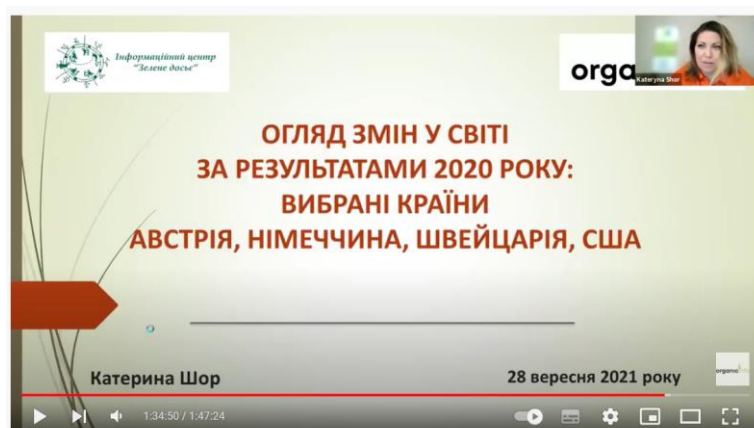
Major events organized in 2021

Discussion platform "Ukrainian Green Way from Farm to Fork: organic agriculture" -

Video recording (EN version) of the event available by link <https://youtu.be/ZQ9vhBVjoYI>

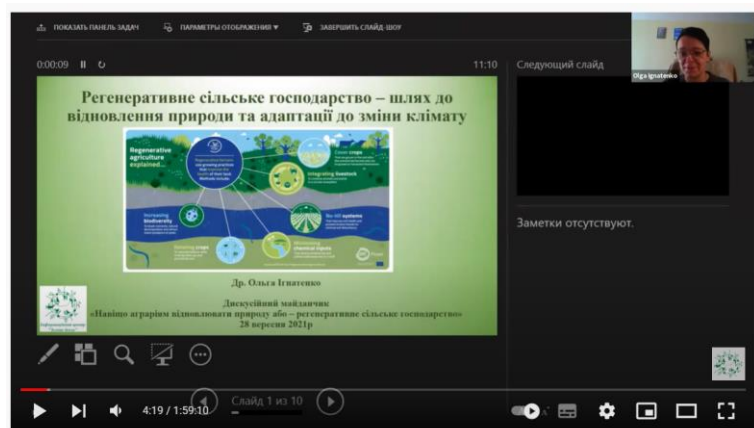


Online event: Organic export from Ukraine - Video recording (UA version) of the event available by link https://youtu.be/B_xpDuGhEII



Discussion platform: Why should farmers restore nature or regenerative agriculture

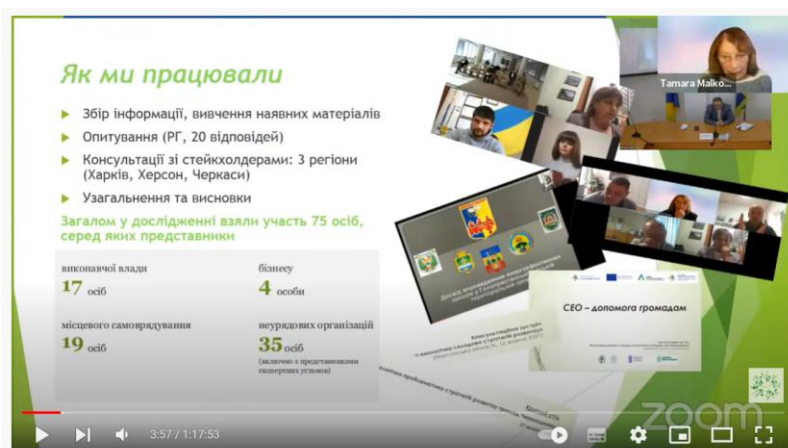
- Video recording (UA version) of the event available by link <https://youtu.be/7daPmiSq0DU>



2nd Pan-European Regional workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement - Video recording (EN version) of the event available by link <https://youtu.be/NGhEo7-8cwg>



Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of community development strategies: ways to overcome problems - Video recording (UA version) of the event available by link <https://youtu.be/FiTQjdkRNUI>

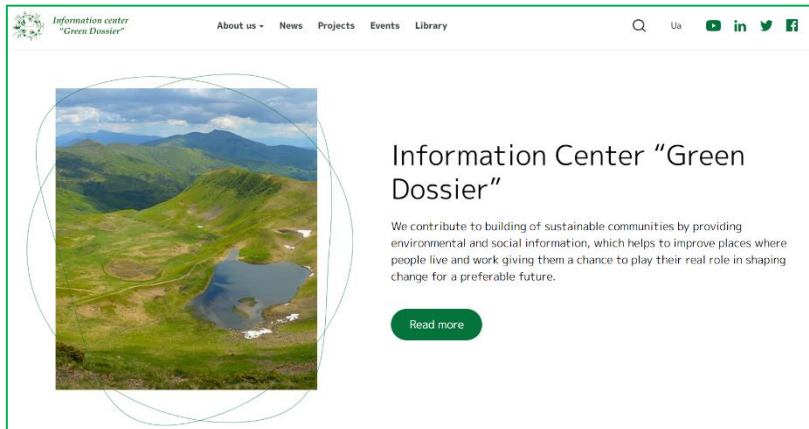


Ukrainian green path from the farm to fork: step by step (presentation of the project results) - Video recording (EN version) of the event available by link <https://youtu.be/PFJ0UKiEo10>



Publications in 2021

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



At the beginning of the year, we updated the website www.dossier.org.ua.

During 2021, 10 issues of the information bulletin of the project "Ukrainian Green Way from Farm to Fork" were released

www.dossier.org.ua/library/?library-rubrics=periodicals, as well as 12 monthly issues of the OrganicInfo.ua information digest cutt.ly/7LIphNb



The special issue of the information bulletin of the project "Ukrainian Green Way from Farm to Fork" was devoted to a thorough review of changes in the world's food system www.dossier.org.ua/library/world-food-system-reformatting



Ukrainian Organic Market Study 2019—2020
organicinfo.ua/Market_study_2019-2020_web.pdf

Дослідження
органічного ринку
України
2019–2020

**Environmental and climate sustainability of the
Eastern Partnership - evaluation of the prospects
for achievement in Ukraine – 2**

Analytical paper
eap-csf.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ECR_2021_web-1.pdf

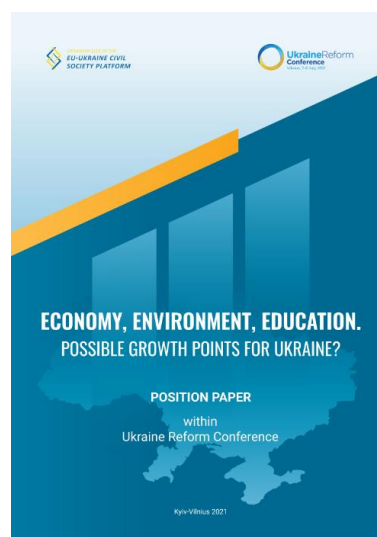


**Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of
community development strategies: ways to
overcome problems**

Research
www.dossier.org.ua/library/seo-for-communities

**ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION.
POSSIBLE GROWTH POINTS FOR UKRAINE?**

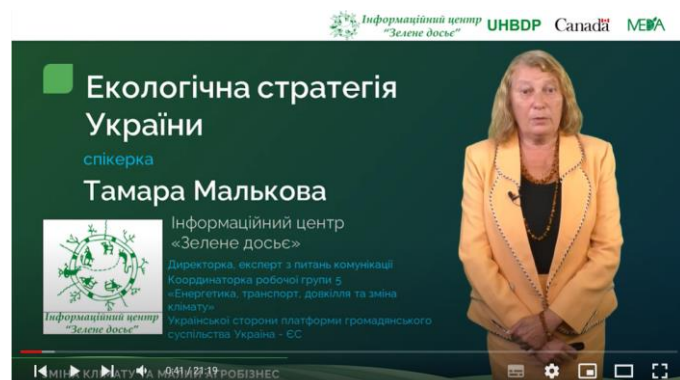
Position paper within Ukraine Reform Conference Kyiv-
Vilnius 2021
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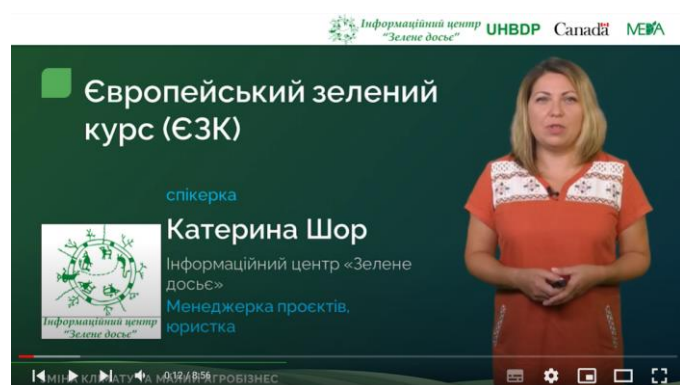
"Climate change and small agro-business" online course – full course available by link (Ukrainian) <https://uhbdp.org/en/course/zmina-klimatu-ta-malyi-ahrobiznes>

Video prepared by "Green Dossier" experts:

Environmental Strategy of Ukraine - www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0TDLOzX1uM&t=876s



European Green Deal - www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpeyXO5vm6g&t=1s



Ukrainian Environmental Legislation - www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxBhxYuGYeo&t=5s



Water sources and conditions of their use in agriculture - youtu.be/mp1XruNhRdM?list=PLLAyJnufC2f4ljScyky4MP1PL4O1zUb-I



Projects' activists and experts

Tamara Malkova – media, Carpathians, environmental policy, general management.

Kateryna Shor – project coordinator (agriculture, food and transport issues).

Olga Ignatenko – researcher, expert (sustainable consumption and environmental management).

Nadia Shevchenko – Carpathians, energy, climate, environmental management and labelling.

Maria Osipova – financial issues.

Sofiia Zabiika - contributor and translator at OrganicInfo.ua

Olena Korus – publications and design.

Eugen Kovalenko – video production.

