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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 60 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:

- Build Ukraine Back Better international network
- IFOAM Organics Europe
- 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:

- Supporting the fight against russian invaders, strengthening the resilience of Ukrainians and overcoming the consequences of russian aggression
- Eurointegration and European Green Deal in Ukraine
- Implementation of Sustainable Development and education for SD
- Implementation of two UN conventions: Aarhus Convention and the Carpathian Convention

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Our main directions of activity

2022 is a year of the big war, which changed our lives, brought changes to our activities, but didn't change our main principles and directions.

- **Information**

From the beginning of the large-scale Russian aggression we started to collect and disseminate information which was helpful at that moment for Ukraine and Ukrainians, in cooperation with colleagues from Ukraine and the world. Regularly news was posted on our web heading "Chronicles of war". Main topics: [Environment](#), [Food Security](#), [Assistance to Ukrainians and International support](#), [Lessons of the war](#). Special issue – the [role of UN](#) and its' conventions in fighting against Russian aggression.

In the same time we documented the country and people in war in different parts of Ukraine, assisted foreign journalists in their work in Ukraine.

From the first days of the war we are researching and documenting mass movement of self-organized local citizen initiatives that emerged in Ukraine under the attack of Russian Federation. These are providing all the critical services that the government, business...even NGOs are often incapable of providing. During this war, people have spontaneously created new civil society models and networks– within and outside of the country.

Today, this movement is playing a crucial role in providing emergency response to the war shocks: evacuation of civilians from the war zones, humanitarian aid, employment and business opportunities for internally displaced people, supporting vulnerable people, giving access to education for millions of Ukrainian children and training for adults, empowering women's leadership, supporting veterans and the injured, promoting resilience and mental health.

We collected more than 100 interviews with its' participants and experts. The main questions for our research are:

- How is this movement rooted in Ukrainian history and its culture of self-organization, mutual cooperation and freedom?
- How can it be incorporated into the future Ukraine and in the modern world?
- Can this self-organization movement in Ukraine survive the war and help rebuild and transform Ukrainian society – in a new post-war reality?
- Could this self-organized movement be the most important phenomenon of Ukrainian society's reaction to the attack of the Russian Federation?

We have to make sure that this movement will become a driving force for the process of recovery and rebuilding the country. As the principal pillar for this process should be its participatory character on every stage, from development to implementation, ensuring that local communities and civil society will benefit the most from the recovery.

- **Support to territorial defending**

At the beginning of March, on request of the village of Vyshcha Dubechnia, located in the Vyshgorod district of the Kyiv region, we started collecting funds to support the community and its territorial defence. The village is a kind of outpost, because it is located only 30 km from Kyiv along the Chernihiv highway and 20 km from the dam of the Kyiv Water Reserve. During the first weeks of the war roadblocks were built in the village, a defence line was set up, and a territorial defence unit was formed. Since the beginning of fundraising, about 52,000 UAH have been deposited into our organization's accounts. Military uniforms, equipment and power banks were purchased and handed over to the community of the village of Vyshcha Dubechnia to ensure its territorial defence.



- **Support to organic farmers**



In the frame of Organic Initiative activities, we support organic producers on the domestic market through the Grant Program "Support of the organic sector in Ukraine" (administrative team consists of representatives of Green Dossier and Ecoterra NGO): developed and implemented the effective system of small grants in the organic sector, over 100 organic operators were supported

for a total amount equivalent to USD 367,000. Simultaneously, organic products were purchased from organic producers with further distribution among internally displaced persons. 10 357 kg of organic products were purchased from 10 organic operators to support over 900 internally displaced persons. 11 partners from 9 countries were involved in support of the Grant Program. (More information: <https://www.dossier.org.ua/en/projects/organic-sector-support/>)

- **Green recovery**

Discussions about the post-war recovery of Ukraine began shortly after liberation from the Russian occupation in the northern regions. Several versions immediately



appeared — from economists, politicians, public activists, both Ukrainian and international communities. Ideas and suggestions became a basis for the great movement to create a National recovery plan, in which the government officials of all levels and branches have been joined by several thousand experts and representatives of civil society. Green Dossier participated the agrarian working group developing National recovery plan.

The question of a green approach to the recovery was raised from the very beginning of the development of the Plan. Soon enough, environmental organizations and experts came together to discuss the topic, to monitor the process of preparing the plan. In early May, a joint position was developed, which was published as a list of the main principles for green recovery. And during the year this approach was strongly advocated at all levels, supported by expert researches, policy statements etc. Green Dossier actively participates in these common activities.

Read more:

- The [Appeal](#) on Environmental Priorities on post-war Reconstruction of Ukraine to the European Parliament and European Commission
- ["The post-war Reconstruction of Ukraine must be Green"](#). UNP Position document
- The analysis paper ["Post-war recovery of Ukraine: rebuilding for a better future"](#) and recommendations were developed as part of the "Green Recovery: Rebuilding for a Better Future" initiative.

Eurointegration, Eastern Partnership and good environmental governance

Ukraine got the candidate status for EU.

It was a great challenge to review Ukraine's readiness to obtain the candidate status. Many people and organisations were working on EU questionnaire during several months, Green Dossier made input into the environmental, climate and agriculture part of it.

In the same time, we continue to work for implementation of Association Agreement between EU and Ukraine, it is still an important task. We keep focus on the European Green Deal, which becoming more important and obligatory because of the candidate status.

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. Tamara Malkova is a member of the Supervisory Board of the project "Support to activities UNP EaP SCF".

Climate

The war exacerbated and manifested climatic challenges, particularly in the agricultural sector. It caused more land degradation, exacerbated problems and exposed weaknesses in the agricultural sector. The war demonstrated high vulnerability of existing food production system/ of intensive production and long supply chains, large livestock complexes etc.

We follow all climate related activities in the world, which is very significant this year; special focus – influence of the Russian aggression, connection between EU requirements to Ukraine as the candidate to the EU, EGD and climate issues in agri-food issues.

Aarhus Convention

We continue our activities in the frame of Aarhus; in particular, participated in Tenth meeting of the Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making under the Aarhus Convention (Geneva, 10-11 October 2022) and presented a statement "Public participation in the national and international movement for the postwar green recovery of Ukraine".

A lot of changes for the worse were done during last years. Firstly, limited access to public participation because of covid pandemic. And the latest ones – caused by the war. They became a subject of hot discussions and resistance from NGOs. In particular, EIA register was closed because of security reasons (later, responding to NGOs' requests, partly opened, still under discussing). Changes to legislation in contradiction with international obligations of Ukraine happened in May 2022, when the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding Priority Measures to Reform the Sector" was adopted for urban planning activity.

In November 2022 two working groups of the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform and the Ukrainian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum approved the Appeal to European institutions regarding the inadmissibility of the adoption of draft law No. 8058 "On accelerated revision of instruments of state regulation of economic activity".

Sustainable development, consumption and production

Ecolabeling

In January we initiated a wide campaign against attempt to provide changes in our legislation which would be in contradiction to EU approach. Thanks to great support of many organisations (in particular, join Appeal of the Ukrainian party of EU-UA Civil Society Platform and Working group 3 of Ukrainian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum) it became possible to



stop this attempt. And, taking into account further decision about Ukraine's candidacy to EU, we need to adopt EU acquis in this field and develop our adequate laws.

Local sustainability

The war demonstrated examples of self-organization in rural communities where locals inspired by sustainability made it a basis for new practices providing improved resilience and self-sufficiency for local residents – such as the use of locally available services, independent from centralized electricity or water supply, local communities sharing food from local small farmers and family gardens, use of sustainable agricultural practices with fewer resources input, etc. We collect such examples and publish stories about them. (Example <https://www.dossier.org.ua/en/news/existing-energy-system-time-to-rebuild>).

Agriculture

We develop and promote sustainable agricultural practices in Ukraine, organic is in priority. 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 – Organics International and IFOAM Organics Europe, FAO, UNEP, UN ECE, OECD, EEB, WWF, and international programs in Ukraine. We joined IFOAM Organics Europe in May 2022 and Kateryna Shor was elected to the IFOAM OE Council on behalf of Ukraine.

Support to organic export from Ukraine includes a number of events: online conference European Organic Congress ¹, 16-17 June 2022, Bordeaux, France; "Organic Export During the War"², 23 June; International trade fair for organic products BIOFACH 2022, 26 -29 July 2022, Nuremberg, Germany; Organic Day in Ukraine, 23 September³; international online event "Organic Export Days 2022 – Ukraine, Albania, Serbia"⁴, 22 November -2 December, 2022.



Participation in over 35 meetings of the Ministerial working group on organic production development throughout the year.

¹ Event program and results <https://www.europeanorganiccongress.bio>.

² Event program and recording: https://imp.export.gov.ua/news/3864-join_the_online_event_organic_export_during_the_war.

³ Event results: <https://organicinfo.ua/en/news/organic-day-2022/>.

⁴ Event results: <https://minagro.gov.ua/en/news/export-and-effective-cooperation-ministry-agrarian-policy-and-food-ukraine-ukrainian-organic-sector-stakeholders-and-international-partners-will-save-organic-market-ukraine>.

And in June 2022 active work on harmonizing the Ukrainian legislation with the new Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2018/848⁵ on organic production and labelling of organic products which has been applied since 1 January 2022 began. The work is ongoing.

Together with the partners the Organic Initiative prepared the publication “The Ukrainian Organic Sector Analysis. 8 months since the full-scale war in Ukraine”⁶.

Following all international and national events/ publications/ changes in agriculture policy, adopting them for Ukrainian audience, and publish news on Green Dossier website.

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), participate in ESD Expert Network, support FreeSvydovets campaign.

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 year we focused at the war issues, obtaining candidate status to EU, green post-war recovery of Ukraine.

A new online course “Ecopractices for agriculture” was developed by Ecoaction CSO in cooperation with Green Dossier experts Olga Ignatenko and Kateryna Shor. It is available on **PROMETHEUS**.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/oj>

⁶ Analysis of Ukrainian organic sector: <https://organicinitiative.org.ua/en/news/ukrainian-organic-sector-analysis-8-months-since-the-full-scale-war-in-ukraine/>.



Projects Implemented in 2022

- ✿ 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).⁷ 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.
- ✿ Grant Program “Support of the organic sector in Ukraine”: in the frame of Organic Initiative activities support to organic producers on the domestic market; developed and implemented *the effective system of small grants in the organic sector, over 100 organic operators were supported* for a total amount equivalent to **USD 367,000**.
- ✿ “Green Recovery: Rebuilding for a Better Future” initiative - implemented in partnership with WG3 members, led by Green Dossier (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). Detailed study of numerous materials on the post-war recovery of Ukraine: the vision of various experts and organizations, government structures and the public, international advisory and financial institutions, interparliamentary and intergovernmental coalitions. Analyzed new laws and legal acts, publications, statements and public speeches from the point of view of their compliance with the principles of sustainable development. Publication of the conclusions and recommendations, advocating common approach at various events.

More:

<https://www.dossier.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/post-war-reconstruction-UA.pdf>

<https://www.dossier.org.ua/en/library/post-war-reconstruction-ua/>

<https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/369122>

<http://eap-csf.org.ua/en/category/news/page/2/>

⁷ UNDA SPP project: <https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/initiatives/united-nations-development-account-project-sustainable-public-procurement-0>

🌱 *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 is 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 Institutional and Policy Reform for Smallholder Agriculture (IPRSA) 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);

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>.



Projects' activists and experts

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

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

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

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

Maria Osipova – financial issues.

Kateryna Shcherbak – web publications.



Support / Partnership

- EU Support to Agricultural and Food Policy Implementation in Ukraine” (SAFPI)
- German-Ukrainian Cooperation in Organic Agriculture (COA)
- Swiss-Ukrainian Program “Higher Value Added Trade from the Organic and Dairy Sector in Ukraine” (QFTP)
- Organic Trade 4 Development in Eastern Europe (OT4D) Program
- IFOAM – Organics International
- IFOAM Organics Europe
- FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, Switzerland)
- Ukrainian Fruit and Vegetable Business Development Project (UHBDP) Ministry of Economy of Ukraine
- Carpathian Convention Interim Secretariat (UNEP – Vienna)
- Ministry of environment of Ukraine
- Ukrainian stakeholder platform “Organic Initiative”
- Certification body “Organic Standard”
- Organic Ukraine, NGO
- Ecoterra, NGO
- Entrepreneur and Export Promotion office of Ukraine, Governmental body
- Resource & Analysis Center “Society and Environment”
- NECU
- ICO “Environment. People. Law.”

