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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
- Organic Initiative Public Association
- 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

This year main tasks: approaching victory over the Russian aggressor, Eurointegration, post war green recovery of Ukraine. All three directions are closely linked and synchronized.

Eurointegration, Eastern Partnership and good environmental governance

Ukraine got accession status to EU, so, a lot of new tasks and obligations, including those in the field of environment and climate. European Economic and Social Committee, the EESC, decided to involve representatives from the civil society of EU candidate countries in the advisory work of the Committee by appointing the "Enlargement Candidate Members (ECMs)". The EESC became the first EU institution to take such an initiative and open its doors to the candidate countries, facilitating their progressive and concrete integration into the EU. Members of EU-UA Civil Society Platform from UA side got status ECM and started their work together with EESC colleges (Green Dossier director Tamara Malkova, coordinator of the WG 5 of the Ukrainian side of EU-UA Civil Society Platform, among them). Members of the Ukrainian side of EU-UA SCP established better contacts with Ukrainian governmental structures and Parliament committees, especially with eurointegration structures.

We continue our advocacy work for Ukraine's accession process to EU in the field of assessment and improvement of environment policy, integration it into all strategies and programs, including a lot of activities at both national and international level. In particular, we participated in creating the Updated State Strategy of Regional Development, in commenting Ukraine Facility together with many other CSOs.

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; input and advocating environmental, climate and energy issues in Joint Declarations of EU-UA SCP. Tamara Malkova also participates 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, and close cooperation between WGs of two platforms, acting together at national level and in international events. Tamara Malkova is a member of the Supervisory Board of the project "Support to activities UNP EaP SCF".

Director of "Green Dossier" Tamara Malkova represents EaP CSF at the Regional Workshop on Climate Mainstreaming Activities in the EaP countries in the frame of EU4CLIMATE project (April 2023, UNDP Brussels): preparing and presenting Recommendations for Agriculture on behalf of the EaP CSF.

Project manager of "Green Dossier" Kateryna Shor took part in European Union Visitor Program (March 2023, Brussels-Paris).

Read more:

- [APPEAL](#) to the EU-Ukraine summit participants regarding civil society participation in the processes of European integration of Ukraine
- [Analytical paper](#) "Environmental reforms for post-war recovery and European integration of Ukraine"
- [Assessment](#) of implementation of environmental policy in Ukraine
- News at Green Dossier web: <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/task-to-use-opportunities/>; <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/ua-green-recovery/>
- [Implementation of environmental reforms on the way to the EU: civil society position](#)

Green recovery

A green approach to the post-war recovery of Ukraine is a priority for our activities, as this approach declared and advocating by numerous NGOs is still not taken into account by Ukrainian officials. So, during the year this approach was strongly advocated at all levels, supported by expert researches, policy statements etc. Green Dossier actively participates in a number of common activities and events: coalition [Build Ukraine Back Better](#), Ukraine Green Recovery Conference (Vilnius, online participation, distribution of a Statement of Ukrainian NGOs).

Read more:

- [Report](#) from the Discussion platform presenting the issue
- [Report](#) on visit of EU environmental commissioner to Kyiv
- 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.

Kakhovka HPP

On June 6, 2023, Russian occupiers committed another act of ecocide that causes threats of unprecedented environmental consequences for the South of Ukraine and the whole Black Sea region. Hydropower dams have always been subject to high technological risks. The consequences of this criminal destruction of the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant were huge. We participated in a number of actions, and joined the Kakhovka platform with further discussions and activities.

Read more:

- [Appeal](#) of the environmental civil society movement in Ukraine about the destruction of the Kakhovka HPP



- **STOP ECOCIDE IN UKRAINE! STOP ECOCIDE ON EARTH!** – action in Bonn (Germany) during traditional UN Bonn climate talks, was arranged together by Ukrainian NGOs and activists of Bonn
- Creation of Kakhovka platform - <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/appeal-of-kakhovka-platform/>

Climate

Climate issues are in our focus. First of all, Kakhovka disaster caused by Russian aggressors and its' consequences for the region (see more information above).

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.

Tamara Malkova represents EaP CSF at the Regional Workshop on Climate Mainstreaming Activities in the EaP countries (26 April 2023, UNDP Brussels) in the frame of EU4CLIMATE project: preparing and presenting Recommendations for Agriculture on behalf of the EaP CSF.

We follow climate related activities in the world. And participate in concrete events, like International **Climate BarCamp**, arranged in Poland by Czech NGO NESEHNUTÍ, where Olga Ignatenko provided educational lecture.

Our publications about climate and agriculture [here](#).

Aarhus Convention

We continue our activities in the frame of Aarhus. In particular, participated in the eighth meeting of the Task Force on Access to Information and international workshop "Advancing public access to environment-related product information: challenges and opportunities" (Geneva, 9 - 10 November 2023): presentation about Ukrainian organic logo, statement on greenwashing.

We continue cooperation with European EcoForum and EEB network in the frame of Aarhus convention activities, taking part in negotiations and preparatory processes for certain Aarhus meeting.

In cooperation with colleges we continue to monitor changes and limitations provided in Ukraine on Aarhus convention, prepare and distribute joint statement/ letters to support environmental rights, even in the war time.

Read more:

- https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Aarhus_PP_8TFAI_API_workshop
- <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/information-about-green-claims-greenwashing/>
- <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/statement-on-inadmissibility-of-narrowing-of-environmental-rights/>

Ecolabeling and green claims

We follow the issue of ecolabelling in EU and other countries in order to be ready for changes connected with eurointegration of Ukraine. Lessons from other countries, information collected by our colleges are very important for the accession process of Ukraine. We cooperate in this issue with IFOAM – Europe and EEB. The issue was presented at Aarhus Convention meeting.

News at Green Dossier web:

- <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/legal-actions-towards-ecolabelling>
- <https://www.dossier.org.ua/news/information-about-green-claims-greenwashing>

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 parliamentarian 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.

Kateryna participated in:

- "Sustainable and Resilient Agri-Food Systems in the Mediterranean in the Current Geopolitical Context" event in the European Parliament (February 8, 2023, Brussels);
- meeting at IFOAM OE with Ukrainian policy delegation within the informational trip "Potential of sustainable development of agriculture and rural areas of Ukraine in the context of European integration" (organized by "German-Ukrainian agro-political dialogue", April 13, 2012, Brussels);
- Civil Dialogue Group meeting DG Agri on Organic farming (May 12, 2023);
- 2 Council meetings of IFOAM OE (June and November 2023) and IFOAM OE General Assembly (June 20-21, 2023, Brussels);
- International trade fair for organic products BIOFACH 2023 (February, 2023, Nuremberg);
- Organic Day in Ukraine (September 23, 2023, Kyiv).

We are participating in the meetings of the Ministerial working group on organic production development throughout the year which is actively working on harmonizing the Ukrainian legislation with the new Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

- ***Support to organic farmers***



In the frame of Organic Initiative activities, we supported 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 120 organic operators were supported](#) for a total amount equivalent to USD 440,000. (More information: <https://www.dossier.org.ua/en/projects/organic-sector-support>).

Carpathian Initiatives

This year we celebrate 20 years of the Carpathian Convention. The [7th Conference of the Parties](#), CC COP7, which took place in Belgrade (Serbia, October) turned to the tasks of integration of all parts of the Convention, to better cooperation with other international activities, assessed the progress made during the last 20 years of implementation, focusing the challenges of the triple planetary crisis, and aiming to achieve the [Carpathian Vision 2050](#). Special attention was given to Ukraine: strong support, arranging special programs, discussions about further assistance.

Our organization is active in implementation on the Carpathian Convention during all these years. 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.

Other issues

- We participated in a number of anti-russian actions in Bonn and Brussels

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.

Projects Implemented in 2023

- ❁ 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 120 organic operators were supported** for a total amount equivalent to **USD 440,000**.
- ❁ Join **initiative** Assessment of implementation of environmental policy in Ukraine - implemented in partnership with WG3 members 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.

Read more:

Assessment of implementation of environmental policy in Ukraine
<https://www.dossier.org.ua/en/library/post-war-reconstruction-ua>

- ❁ *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.
- ❁ *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.

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 Malkova and Olena Korus – CMM, publications.



Support / Partnership

- 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)
- Carpathian Convention Interim Secretariat (UNEP – Vienna)
- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Entrepreneur and Export Promotion office of Ukraine
- Organic Initiative Public Association
- Certification body “Organic Standard”
- Ecoterra, NGO
- Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment"
- National Ecological Center of Ukraine
- ICO “Environment. People. Law.”
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