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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 70 projects, produced more than 30 publications on different environmental issues and filmed about 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:

- MKI (Milieukontakt International Network)
- Science for the Carpathians (S4C)
- Baltic Sea Region Network for Education for Sustainable Development
- NGO Working Group on climate change
- National Platform of Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership
- EU-UA Civil Society Platform
- Citizen Platform "New Country"
- Social media networks on sustainable development, environment and energy

*Our nowadays priority issues are implementation of two UN conventions: Aarhus Convention and the Carpathian Convention, implementation of Sustainable Development and education for SD.*

***We are in social networks:***

-  [Green Dossier Films](#)
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## Overview of the Projects Implemented in 2016

The main activities of the year were focused at sustainable development issues, in particular in the field of community and rural development, organic agriculture, transport, energy and climate, smart cities, as well as at general policy issues in promoting and implementation of SD principles and education for SD.

### Agriculture



At the beginning of 2016 the **Press Conference "Presentation of the state Ukrainian logo for the labeling of organic products"** (05/02/2016, Kyiv city) took place, where the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine presented the official logo which will denote the Ukrainian organic products.

**The National Pavilion of Ukraine** was organized at the biggest international organic fair BioFach 2016 in Nuremberg (Germany) which contributed to strengthening the cooperation between international buyers and Ukrainian SMEs as well as improving the image and European integration of Ukraine. Green Dossier is a member of Consortium who organised National Pavilion together with organic certification body Organic Standard Ltd and independent organic information and consultancy company QueS LLC. More information <http://www.biofach.com.ua>.



**The Second National Forum "Organic Ukraine 2016: Strategic Planning of Organic Market Development in Ukraine"** implemented a fruitful dialog among producers, processing units, trade organisations, NGO, policy makers (03/03/2016, Kyiv city, 197 participants of the forum, 30 participants of the exhibition). Green Dossier becomes a co-organiser of the Forum.



**Organic Crop Conference** took place (25/03/2016, Kyiv city, 149 participants), at which well-known Ukrainian experts of the organic sector of Ukraine and international specialists from Switzerland and Germany shared their experience regarding organic production and market with the participants. Green Dossier becomes a co-organiser of the Conference.

**Two days international forum "Development of livestock in Ukraine: a thorny path to ecological responsibility"** was aimed to highlight problems of the negative impact on the environment of livestock complexes in Ukraine, to develop concrete ways of solving problems and to provide the authorities with suggestions that must be implemented to stop the destruction of the environment, depletion of natural resources and minimization risks to the environment and public health. Organised in partnership with NGOs "Environment. People. Law" and "BER", more than 100 participants from all regions of Ukraine (December 2016).

Green Dossier supported other organic events, exhibitions and festivals in cooperation with organic stakeholders during a year and is a member of the Working group on the **improvement of laws and regulatory acts in the field of organic production** within the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine.



## **Transport**

Cooperation with the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (**THE PEP**) that was established in 2002 by the Member States of the UNECE and WHO/Europe. THE PEP aims to support healthier and more environmentally friendly transport in the Pan-European region through the implementation of integrated policy actions involving the transport, health and environment sectors on an equal footing.

## **Urbanism**

The Swedish Institute and Munktell Science Park initiated the **Smart Living Challenge** in 2014, an open, international innovation competition designed to generate business opportunities and ideas to promote sustainable lifestyles in cities. With support from the Swedish Institute and SISP, the results of the process organized in 17 countries on five continents around the world, including Ukraine, were presented in Paris during the COP21, United Nations Conference on Climate Change, in December 2015. **"How we eat can change the world"** – the next Ukrainian creative workshop was organized in Poltava (May 30 – 31, 2016) in cooperation with the Institute of City Development in the city Palace of Culture. It was welcomed by the Poltava city administration and the Swedish Embassy in Ukraine. Swedish experts described the project tasks, methodology and Swedish/ Danish experience. Green Dossier together with local partner Ecoltava prepared a map with 4 routes in the city center, where participants should investigate presence of local food, promotion and visibility of good local products, as well as waste management there. All these data were analysed at the next day of the workshop, suggestions and solutions were prepared based on SLC methodology, together with experts. Open presentation of the workshop results was arranged in city Palace of Culture.

More information at: <http://www.dossier.org.ua/smart-living-challenge-2016-globalniy-poshuk-innovaciy-dlya-stalogo-rozvitku>.

## **Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine - Link**

The Link project aims to strengthen local capacities to diversify sources and options for a resource-efficient economy by bringing together policy makers, businesses and civil society at local level to enable positive change in Ukraine. The project promotes good governance, energy efficiency and EU integration processes. The project goal is to improve local and participatory governance on energy planning and sustainable development issues. Green Dossier is a partnership organization assisting in arrangement of 2 5-days intensive training courses for CSOs' organizational development, self-assessment for the project participants, networking conference, energy summer camp, assisting granting program and input into developing of Citizen Pack (Green Steps). In total more than 100 people from about 30 Ukrainian NGOs took part in educational and capacity building programs. More information <http://link-ukraine.rec.org>.

## **Energy efficiency**

- **Energy (R)Evolution for Ukraine** - well known *Greenpeace* initiative is starting for Ukraine and Belarus with support of Heinrich Boll foundation. Background materials prepared by experts were discussed at the first expert meeting. Green Dossier developed the communication strategy for the campaign.
- Cooperation with UNIDO - GEF Project – "Improving energy efficiency and promoting of renewable energy use in the agri-food and other small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine".



## **Education for sustainable development**



Green Dossier is a member of the **Baltic Sea Region Network on Education for Sustainable Development (BALTESD)**, moderates a special thematic network, ESD in Ukraine, which includes about 50 participants, deals with traditional educational structures, but also is aimed to the lifelong education and education for all. Participants of ESD in Ukraine have possibilities for integration to *BALTESD* and other international ESD networks, attend international events and information recourses, as well as cooperate in relevant events and projects inside of Ukraine. Here is a good connection between NGOs, teachers, scientists and governmental institutions.

The BALTESD coalition project, with support of the CBSS Project Support Facility, **“Local Research and Education Hubs – Key for Sustainability Education”** was implemented by consortium: SWEDESD (Sweden), Charity Information Center “Green Dossier” (Ukraine), Statera (Estonia), Centre for Lifelong Learning (Finland), UNESCO chair at Daugavpils University (Latvia), LAPAS (Latvia). The main aim of the project is to promote capacities of individuals in development by institutionalizing sustainable multi-stakeholder network by responding to changing development environment and capacity building needs of all stakeholders involved at all levels. The main activities are analysis of institutional environment, needs assessment and development of strategy, introductory support phase for stakeholders to join institutional setting by establishment of local hubs and publication of best practice. Local ESD hub was successfully established in Berdychiv district of Zhytomyr region. We arranged a research of the situation in the pilot area in cooperation with Berdychiv regional NGO “Dobra Sprava” and young researches from local school; the research results were presented at the stakeholders meeting. The recommendations of the project are prepared as an input to the regional sustainable development strategy; they are taken into account by the authority. The young researchers were so interested in the project, and decided to create a SD Center called *Heksada* (as there are 6 villages involved). We arranged a study tour for the most active participants to 2 well developed villages in a neighbour Ukrainian region. The project experience was presented at the Summer School on SD at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

### More information:

<http://www.dossier.org.ua/osvita-dlya-stalogo-rozvitku-v-krayinah-baltiyskogo-regionu>

<http://lapas.lv/en/our-works/sustainable-education-project>

<https://picasaweb.google.com/101723320886785627341/6295966382588652337>

Participation and teaching at **Summer School** on SD “Geo-environment aspects of sustainable development” at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

## **Environmental policy**

Active participation and lobbying of environmental issues at governmental and international level:

- Carpathian Convention:
  - o Lobbying the protocol on sustainable tourism in Ukraine
- Aarhus Convention:
  - o following and lobbying a draft law on environmental impact assessment in the Parliament – to comply Aarhus and Espoo conventions;
  - o participation and speaking at the Aarhus Convention Task Forces on Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Information, Aarhus EcoForum NGO strategy meeting;

- developing a concept of national information portal with open environment data with support of Environment Agency Austria (EAA), and discussing with the environment ministry of Ukraine.
- Consultations/ participation in developing a new environmental strategy of Ukraine.
- **Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**; Batumi on 8-10 June, 2016. Assisting to UNEP in organizing a Media Workshop for journalists from the six EaP GREEN countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.
- **EaP CSF Re-granting Scheme 2016: partner in the project** "DCFTAs' enshrined Geographic Indications/GIs for non-wine food products: A boost for partnerships' based rural development in EaP" developed by Ecological Movement of Moldova, Kakheti Regional Development Foundation, ICO "Information Center "Green Dossier", NGO «Ecohome». The project aimed to contribute to the effective and praxis oriented simplification of the food GIs registration process in AAs countries (MD/GEO/UKR) in order to make them more accessible for the grass-root, self-organizations of the local/regional food producers and hence: rendering to the rural communities of the 3 AAs EaP a tangible benefit of the EU approximation.
- Participation in conference "How to achieve good environmental governance in Ukraine (November 1-2, Kyiv).
- Activities in the frame of the WG 3 of the National Platforms of Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership and WG 5 of EU-UA Civil Society Platform, including national annual conferences.

### **Social media and journalism**

**Environment and mass media (EMM)** network: is operating more than 10 years and unites more than 60 environmental journalists from different regions of Ukraine (moderated by Green Dossier). The network activities include regular informing about environmental issues, invitations and announcements for journalists, regular counselling for journalists via phone, e-mail, etc. The network is a good tool for involving journalists into important events, items, processes, which are very important but not on a top of national priorities. Environmental news are placed at the web-site regularly.

Social networks are in use for the same aims, including FB Green Dossier page.

**FaceBook issue groups and pages** are being developed as a part of e-democracy in Ukraine. Green Dossier participates, moderates some of them, trying to build relevant linkage between them:

- E-expert supervisory board at the Ministry of Environment (299 members, created in February 2014)
- Networking of energy experts (11 thematic groups in FB with different focus and specialization – new technologies, education for public, policy discussions)
- Ecology. New Country
- New Country program of environment protection
- Information and coordination eco-portal concept (New Country)
- Project incubator of New Country
- Sustainable energy (New Country)
- Environmental communication platform (New Country)
- Green Economy (New Country)

### **Information campaigns**

- Promoting Public assessment of environmental policy – via internet, social media, meetings.
- Issuing Carpathian news, sending out through Carpathian network and webs.
- Organising promotion campaign for State logo for organic food products in Ukraine in cooperation with Organic Ukraine Public Union and support of Swiss-Ukrainian



Project "Organic Market Development in Ukraine" and other promotional activities on raising awareness about organic agriculture (supporting events, organising press events etc.).

- Organising a round table for UNIDO 50 years jubilee, producing information bulletin about achievements of UNIDO – GEF project "Improving energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy in the agro-food and other small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine.
- Cooperation with UA national agency *UkrInform*.
- Preparing articles for SWEDES at Uppsala University Newsletter (education for SD), for EEB The Switch Newsletter (global policy and sustainability).

### **Carpathian Initiatives**

Our organization is working in the Carpathian region more than 10 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. There are several issues we worked at: we follow all information and activities under the Convention and inform Ukrainian organisations through the network called "Carpathian Convention" (moderated by Green Dossier); developing of the Carpathian trade-mark through participation and assisting in relevant exhibitions, fairs, promoting them and presenting Carpathian products at international events. Main items are sustainable tourism developing, preservation of cultural heritage, sustainable agriculture.



## Publications/videos in 2016

⇒ UNIDO  
newsletter

project



**ПРОЕКТ «ПІДВИЩЕННЯ  
ЕНЕРГОЕФЕКТИВНОСТІ ТА СТИМУЛЮВАННЯ  
ВИКОРИСТАННЯ ВІДНОВЛЮВАНОЇ ЕНЕРГІЇ  
В АГРО-ХАРЧОВИХ ТА ІНШИХ МАЛИХ ТА  
СЕРЕДНІХ ПІДПРИЄМСТВАХ (МСП) УКРАЇНИ»**

⇒ Smart Living Challenge  
information materials

**SMART LIVING CHALLENGE**  
HOW ON EARTH CAN WE EAT SMARTER?

Smart Living Challenge 2016  
coming to Poltava

**JOIN  
THE CREATIVE  
WORKSHOP**

May 30, Monday  
May 31, Tuesday  
Apply by  
May 23, 2016  
[www.smartlivingchallenge.com](http://www.smartlivingchallenge.com)

**WHEN?**  
May 30, Monday  
May 31, Tuesday  
9:00 – 18:00

**WHERE?**  
City House of Culture (press center)  
5 Hecatechneist Malaya, Poltava

**WHAT?**  
About Smart Living Challenge  
The Swedish Institute and Munkitell Science Park initiated the Smart Living Challenge in 2014, as an open international innovation competition designed to generate business opportunities and ideas to promote sustainable lifestyles in cities. The Smart Living Challenge in 2015 will focus on ideas to making it happen, having the same 3 topics to work at – LIVE, MOVE, EAT. With support from the Swedish Institute and SISF, the results of the process organized in 17 countries on five continents around the world, including Ukraine, were presented in Paris during the COP21, United Nations Conference on Climate Change, in December 2015.

**HOW?**  
Please, apply before May 23, 2016  
at: <http://pea-qj/term/fcbv12u2d>  
Limited number of participants!

**HOW ON EARTH CAN WE EAT SMARTER?**  
Food production – from field to fork – requires large amounts of energy and affects the environment in a variety of way. This category focuses on things like innovative solutions for smart food, smarter food production and consumption, solutions to reduce food waste and increase importance of good local traditions. This could involve smart catering and innovative restaurant services, unconventional raw materials, urban gardening, distribution methods, green eco-cycle solutions, or low-resource cooking technologies. It could also involve smart packaging materials, or services that help consumers to choose smart food.

**Who are the participants of Smart Living Challenge Creative Workshop?**  
Ukrainian and Swedish experts, professionals and creative minds, urban developing activities and innovators from Poltava and other Ukrainian cities, representatives of tourism, agriculture and catering businesses, regional government and all interested in the issue. Registration is open at: <http://pea-qj/term/fcbv12u2d>

**Working languages – Ukrainian and English.**

Logos: SI, EMBASSY OF SWEDEN, MUNKITELL SCIENCE PARK, POLSKA, EKOATBGA, CITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF Poltava City Council

⇒ Recommendations and road map for sustainable development strategy of Berdychiv district (Zhytomyr region).

International project "Local Research and Education Hubs- key for sustainability education" (No.CBSSPSE/SC042015/4) is implemented with the support of the CBSS Project Support Facility

**PROJECT SUPPORT FACILITY**

**BALT-ESD**  
BALTIC SEA REGION BETTER WORK ON EDUCATION

**COUNCIL OF THE  
BALTIC SEA STATES**

**SUSTAINABLE  
& PROSPEROUS  
REGION**

**REGIONAL  
IDENTITY**

**РЕКОМЕНДАЦІЇ**  
учасників проекту

«Місцеві центри досліджень та просвіти – основа освіти для сталого розвитку»  
до стратегії сталого розвитку Бердичівського району



⇒ BioFach 2016: Official brochure of the Ukrainian National Pavilion and promotional video

<https://www.biofach.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/biofach2016-webOK-1.pdf>

<https://youtu.be/pT5iiQYE4gE>

(UA version) and

<https://youtu.be/rWxQleSnFDk>

(EN version)



## Other activities

### Participation in...

- CEE Bankwatch Network and the Independent Accountability Mechanisms of six International Development Banks have the pleasure to invite you to attend a workshop with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) "**Citizens' Driven Accountability of International Financial Institutions**", November 2016, Kyiv.
- Environmental NGO consultation meeting with Policy officers of DG Environment Mr. Andrzej Janushevsky and Mr. Patrick Wegerdt (Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation).

## Support / Partnership

- Carpathian Convention Interim Secretariat (UNEP – Vienna)
- UNIDO - GEF Project - Improving energy efficiency and promoting of renewable energy use in the agri-food and other small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine"
- Embassy of Sweden in Ukraine
- Living Cities, Sweden
- FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, Switzerland)
- Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Swedish International Center of Education for Sustainable Development, Campus Gotland, Uppsala University
- Baltic University
- Development Bulb
- Daugavpils University
- Tallinn University
- University of Applied Sciences (Krems, Austria).
- Ecopsychology Association, Poland
- Development Policy Foundation (Poland)
- Public Association "Ecohome" (Belarus)
- Ecological Movement of Moldova
- Citizen Platform "New Country"
- NGO "Teachers for democracy and partnership"
- Aarhus Center at the Environment Ministry of Ukraine
- NGO "MAMA 86"
- Private Company "Ecoprom"
- Lviv regional cluster of energy efficiency and renewables
- Certification body "Organic Standard"
- Urban Space 100, Ivano-Frankivsk
- Warm City citizen platform, Ivano-Frankivsk
- ICO "Environment. People. Law."
- New Country national platform
- NGO "Ecoltava" (Poltava)
- NGO "Good deal" (Berdychiv)

## Projects' activists and experts

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

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

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

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

Maria Osipova – financial issues.

Olena Korus – publications and design.

Eugen Kovalenko – video production.



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