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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 about 80 projects, produced more than 40 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:

- 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](#)
-  [Green Dossier Photos](#)
-  [Green Dossier in Facebook](#)
-  [Green Dossier in Twitter](#)

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Overview of the Projects Implemented in 2017

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

Agriculture

First international congress "Organic Ukraine 2017" (January 26 – 28, Kyiv) was organised by «Organic Ukraine», «Organic Standard», «QueS», Information center «Green Dossier» in partnership with the project «Organic Market Development in Ukraine», financed by the Swiss Confederation through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) implemented by the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Company «GRANOSA». This wide-format event welcomed more than 450 participants from 9 countries at different grounds (forum sessions, six thematic conferences); 36 companies presented their production at the exhibition, which was visited by more than 3000 people. Green Dossier was also responsible for media work.

Ukrainian National Pavilion was organized at the biggest international organic fair BioFach 2017 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>.



Creation of 3 short **video clips about organic**. Target group – consumers care about their health and interested in information about food products; active users of social networks, students of specialized educational institutions, organic shops consumers, participants and visitors of the fairs and conferences, other stakeholders. The clips are disseminated via Internet. Printed poster, social advertising, reflects the main idea of clips and has links to clip placement in Internet and the new web for consumers are placed in the subway

and attract attention to the subject and to the clips.

Available in YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/OrganicInfo> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/GreenDossierFilms>.

New web resource for consumers with background information about organic, sector events, news etc. is developed by Green Dossier <http://organicinfo.ua>.

Photo contest "Organic family" arranged by Green Dossier (01.05-17.09.2017); the winner of it with the best photo and six lucky ones were rewarded with baskets filled with exclusively organic certified products from Ukrainian producers. The awarding of the winners took place within the **9th All-Ukrainian Organic Open-Air Market-Fair** (23.09.2017, Kyiv city, 35 exhibitors). More information and results: <http://organicinfo.ua/ocontentsts.html>.



Project "Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation"; lead partner of national project; European Program Initiative Civil Synergy, 2017 – 2018. More information <http://www.dossier.org.ua/adaptation>.



International Conference "Improving Integrity of Organic Supply Chains" took place on 22-23.09.2017 in Odesa gathered together 170 participants from 14 countries at the. More information at <https://afi.biofach.com.ua>.

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

Input to developing of Ukrainian transport strategy; cooperation with the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP).

Urbanism

An issue group in FB was arranged as one of the results of **Smart Living Challenge** in Ukraine. The group is active and discusses relevant item and initiatives.

Smart Living Challenge was initiated by Swedish Institute and Munktell Science Park in 2014, an open, international innovation competition designed to generate business opportunities and ideas to promote sustainable lifestyles in cities. Three creative workshops were arranged in Ukraine by Swedish Embassy and Green Dossier in years 2014 – 16.

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 partner organization assisting in arrangement of granting program for CSO organizational development, study visit of Ukrainian CSOs to Estonia, input into developing and dissemination of Green Steps Pack (series of trainings in Ukrainian regions), participation in REC monitoring missions.

More information: <http://www.dossier.org.ua/krok-za-krokom-innovaciyni-metodi-osviti-dlya-stalogo-rozvitku>; <http://link-ukraine.rec.org>.



Energy efficiency

- 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".

Carpathian Initiatives

Our organization is working in the Carpathian region during 15 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.

Main activities in 2017:

- Ukrainian Parliament adopted joining the Protocol on sustainable tourism for the Carpathian convention – it's our common achievement. Ukraine signed agreement on organizing a point of common platform in the frame of the Carpathian tourism strategy.
- Participation in the 9th Meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism (Brasov, Romania, 12 - 14 September).
- Consultation on the draft of the Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Protocol.
- Participation and speaking at the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention, 10 - 12 October 2017, Lillafüred, Hungary.
- Carpathian school (winter session, Kosiv, Ivano-Frankivsk region) on sustainable development of Carpathian region and international cooperation.
- Input into International conference on 15th anniversary of Hutsulshyna national park.

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 and continue its' activities. Results and recommendations of our project were taken into account by newly arranged authorities (decentralisation process), our experts were

invited to coach the process. The SD Center *Heksada* initiated new activities on analysing of energy safety of their school, other regional schools join the initiative.

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 in **Eastern Partnership Panel on Environment and Climate Change.** Workshop on Education for Sustainable Development (Brussels, 14-15 December 2017).

Environmental policy and eurointegration

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

- 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;
 - o 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;
 - o participation in Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and to the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers as a part of European EcoForum (September 2017, Budva, Montenegro); input into EcoForum documents and statements.
- Consultations/ participation in developing a new environmental strategy of Ukraine.
- Recommendations for national plans and strategies (e.t. governmental plan of priority actions, draft strategy of sustainable development till 2030, governmental action plan for AA implementation).
- Participation in EaP SCF annual assembly (October, Tallinn), work at common SCF statement and plans for year 2018 of international WG 3.
- Participation in online database of experts launched by the EaP CSF Secretariat for priority areas indicated in the new EaP architecture.
- 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.
- Projects' implementation in the frame of European Program Initiative Civil Synergy:
 - o "Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation"; Green Dossier is a lead partner of national project; 2017 – 2018. In year 2017 an investigation and comparing of EU and Ukraine legislation in the field of agriculture was done; it was discussed at the experts' round table; draft publications were prepared and tested at the first training, in Kyiv.
 - o "Monitoring and assessment of implementation by Ukraine of the Luxembourg Declaration's environmental governance matters"; Green Dossier is a partner for media work and investigation of environmental issue in Ukrainian media. Provided investigation on coverage of environmental policy (and other environmental issues) in mass media, produced a bulletin. Lead partner – Mama86.



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.
- Informing about the Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and to the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.
- Issuing Carpathian news, sending out through Carpathian network, webs etc. (Ratification of Sustainable tourism Protocol to the Carpathian convention and entering into force in Ukraine, news from COP5, join campaign of Ukrainian NGOs against building of huge new ski resort in Carpathians, Svydovets).
- Organising promotion and information campaign for the First international congress "Organic Ukraine 2017".
- Wide information campaign for BioFach-2017 (preparing publications about the exhibition participants, social media, press-events etc.).
- Promotional activities on raising awareness about organic agriculture (supporting events, organising press events etc.).
- Video – clips on organic agriculture producing and disseminating.
- Preparing articles for REC magazine, SWEDES at Uppsala University Newsletter (education for SD), for EEB The Switch Newsletter (global policy and sustainability), Digest on the European Integration, the EU and the Eastern Partnership.

Publications/videos in 2017

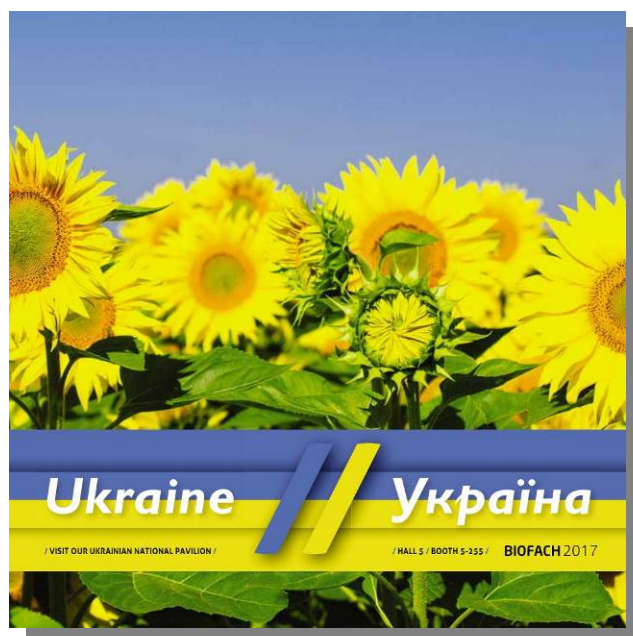
⇒ Video clips about organics and social posters (see page 4 for links)



Органічне виробництво – чесно

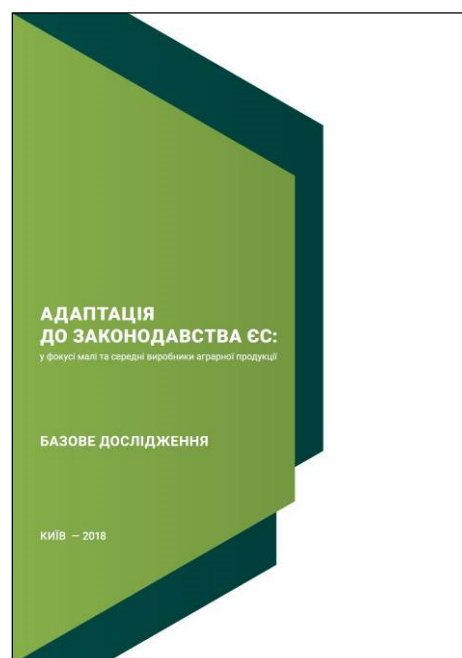


Органічні продукти – смачного!



⇒ BioFach 2017: Official brochure of the Ukrainian National Pavilion
<https://2017.biofach.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/biofach2017-brochure-final.pdf>

⇒ Baseline study about adaptation to EU legislation for small and medium agricultural producers
<http://www.dossier.org.ua/adaptaciya-do-zakonodavstva-ies-u-fokusi-mali-ta-seredni-virobniki-agrarnoyi-produkciyi>



⇒ Bulletin 1 issued in the frame of the project "Monitoring and assessment of implementation by Ukraine of the Luxembourg Declaration's environmental governance matters"



Other activities

Participation in...

- Regional Multi-stakeholder consultations (RCM) for Europe in preparation for the 2017 UN Environment Assembly, 9-10 November 2017, Regional Environmental Center (REC), Szentendre, Hungary.
- Civil society environmental forum arranged by EPL (December 12 – 14, Lviv).

Support / Partnership

- o Carpathian Convention Interim Secretariat (UNEP – Vienna)
- o 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"
- o Embassy of Sweden in Ukraine
- o Living Cities, Sweden
- o FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, Switzerland)
- o Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
- o Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- o Ministry of environment of Ukraine
- o Swedish International Center of Education for Sustainable Development, Campus Gotland, Uppsala University
- o Baltic University
- o Daugavpils University
- o Tallinn University
- o Development Policy Foundation (Poland)
- o Public Association "Ecohome" (Belarus)
- o EcoContact (Moldova)
- o Internews - Ukraine
- o Citizen Platform "New Country"
- o NGO "Teachers for democracy and partnership"
- o "Organic Ukraine" organic producers Public Union
- o Aarhus Center at the Environment Ministry of Ukraine
- o NGO "MAMA 86"
- o Private Company "Ecoprom"
- o Certification body "Organic Standard"
- o Urban Space 100, Ivano-Frankivsk
- o Warm City citizen platform, Ivano-Frankivsk
- o ICO "Environment. People. Law."
- o New Country national platform
- o NGO "Ecoltava" (Poltava)
- o NGO "Good deal" (Berdychiv)

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

Maria Osipova – financial issues.

Olena Korus – publications and design.

Eugen Kovalenko – video production.

Vladyslava Tsaryk – intern, student of journalism, Posnan university (Poland).

Marta Ruda – lawyer, responsible for the agro legislation investigation in the project "Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation".

Olena Berezovska – partner in the project Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation.



