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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 50 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:

- Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership
- EU-UA Civil Society Platform
- MKI (Milieukontakt International Network)
- Carpathian Convention network
- Baltic Sea Region Network for Education for Sustainable Development
- Ukrainian Climate Network
- 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 in Facebook
-  Green Dossier in Twitter

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Our main directions of activity

Eurointegration

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. Participate in review/ analysing/ policy papers preparing on implementation of AA, in international meetings, task force and working groups; active in WG 5 of EU-UA Civil Society Platform, including national annual conferences. Our representative is a member 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.

Achievements:

- Participation in the WG on developing organic legislation - ☒ Law of Ukraine «On the Main Principles and Requirements to Organic Production, Circulation and Labelling of Organic Products» adopted by the Parliament in 2018 and applied from August 2, 2019;
- Discussion about possible law on GMO in Ukraine in accordance to EU legislation – ☒ representatives of relevant ministries involved, the draft law is under decision at the Parliament;
- Consultations/ participation in developing a new agricultural strategy of Ukraine and Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Ukraine by 2030 within the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine;
- Investigation and comparing of EU and Ukraine legislation in the field of agriculture, including environmental topics deal with agriculture - ☒ two editions published;
- Popular road map for farmers (pack of infographics) prepared, discussed and published;
- Training, consultations and study (press) tours based on developed publications worked out and provided - ☒ 5 trainings, ☒ 200 people are trained, ☒ 1000 received training materials;
- The research is included into learning programs of ☒ 2 universities;
- Video and presentations from trainings, seminars and study tours were produced and placed.

Eastern Partnership and good environmental governance

Programing document "Eastern Partnership - 20 deliverables for 2020" recognized Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) legislations among key priorities. It is an ambitious task to implement them in accordance to EU directives and standards, in compliance with relevant Conventions (Espoo Convention and the SEA Protocol, Aarhus Convention), and make them applicable across all sectors. Both assessments provide procedural requirements for assessments of the impacts on environment from one procedure (SEA) on the plans and programs and form another procedure (EIA) on economical planned projects, and thus contributing to better governance for sustainable development. So, promotion of environmental assessment and integration of environmental issues into sectoral policies are among our main tasks. We lead international project for achieving these goals, as well as provided activities in Ukraine to integrate environmental policy into other sectors (mainly – agricultural). We participate the WG 3 of the National Platforms of Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership and at the international level, participation in EaP SCF annual assemblies (Tbilisi, Brussels), in online database of EaP CSF experts, representing the Forum at high level international meetings.

Achievements:

- Investigation on coverage of environmental policy (and other environmental issues) in Ukrainian mass media – ☒ research done and published, presented to EaP official panel on environment;
- Promotion in Ukraine main principles and tasks of the Luxembourg Declaration - ☒ a specific bulletin produced and published;
- In the frame of project "Environmental Assessment Watch (Implementation of SEA and EIA: civil society monitoring) partners from Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria analyzed the situation with environmental assessments in their countries and developed ☒ a methodology for public monitoring of environmental assessments. The methodology contains a practical part with a working application that can be used by active citizens and organisations in any EaP countries. It was presented at the high level EaP meetings, including official events for 10th anniversary of EaP.
- EaP SCF and its' environmental activity was included into the Aarhus convention process – presentations at 2 Task Force meetings of the Convention.
- A dialog between two working groups of EaP SCF in Ukraine was established – "Discussion place" where agrarians and environmentalist work together to integrate the environmental policy into agrarian strategy. The resolution of the meeting was suggested to officials from two ministries to discuss; the bilateral ministerial meeting was arranged, problems are listed and put on the further ministerial conclusion.

Sustainable development

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.

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.

Main activities and achievements in 2018 – 2019:

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- Ukrainian National Pavilion was organized at the biggest international organic fair BioFach 2018 in Nuremberg (Germany);
- Organisation of the Processing and Trade conference 2019 in cooperation with Organic Ukraine public union of producers of certified organic products and Organic Standard, 2019;
- Round table “Marketing and Trade of Organic Products”, 2019;
- Round table “The implementation of the law “On the Main Principles and Requirements towards Organic Production, Circulation and Labelling of Organic Products” №2496-VIII: The review of the implementation of the new organic law. Role and function of competent authorities according to the new law. German experience.”, 2019;
- Participation in the Eastern Partnership Panel on Organic agriculture, 2019.

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.

Main activities in 2018 - 2019:

- Participation in the WG on cultural heritage of the Carpathian Convention – renovation of the Carpathian inventory, official documents developing
- Participation in *FreeSvydovets* campaign: press events, meetings, publications, consideration the case as an example for Aarhus convention implementation, attract attention of the Carpathian convention network.
- Participation in preparation and events for 15th anniversary of the Carpathian convention (May – June 2018, Kyiv).
- Consultations/ advocacy for the Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Protocol.
- Participation and speaking at the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (December 2018, Vienna): presenting Environmental Assessment Watch project and Svydovets issue as an example of public participation and EIA implementation in Ukraine.
- Carpathian school (Kosiv, Ivano-Frankivsk region) on sustainable development of Carpathian region and international cooperation.

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 last component of the project - developing and dissemination of Green Steps multi-media Pack (series of trainings in Ukrainian regions), participation in REC monitoring missions.

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

Achievements:

- 4 trainings (in Lubny, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kosiv, Fastiv);
- Final event for all-Ukrainian NGOs/ networks in Kyiv;

- A special evaluation focused on future of educational events was provided, methodological recommendations for using the Pack were developed and presented;
- About 150 events' participants in total;
- About 500 USB with interactive multi-media Pack distributed,
- About 20 people/organisations confirmed using the Pack downloaded from REC web.
- More than 10 media publications, video from the training:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAZWDUryeDs&feature=youtu.be>

Transport and Urbanism issues are in focus:

Assistance in developing transport issue in EaP SCF working group 3; input to developing of Ukrainian sustainable transport strategy; cooperation with the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP).

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 items 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).

Cross cutting issues: education, promotion, information

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 ("Environment and mass media" (EMM) network, for example, is operating more than 10 years and unites more than 60 environmental journalists from different regions of Ukraine), direct contacts and new possibilities (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 and Twitter pages, groups and posts.

New web resource for consumers with background information about organic, sector events, news etc. is developed by Green Dossier: <http://organicinfo.ua>: ☒ about 1000 subscribers, 600 followers on Facebook, about 1000 visitors per month.

Main activities in 2018 - 2019:

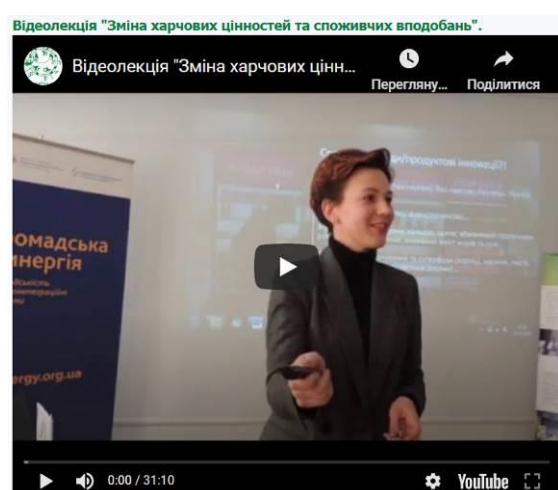
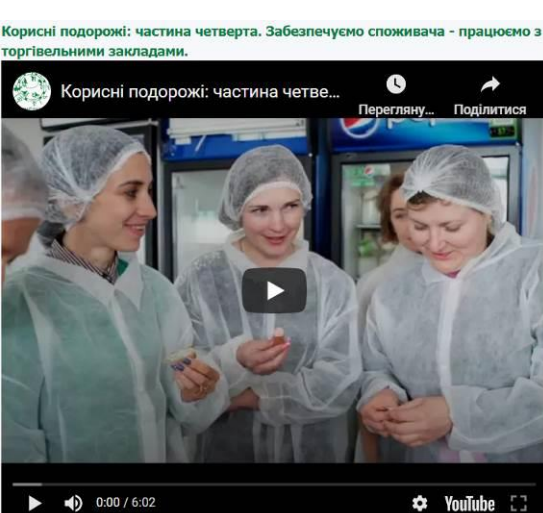
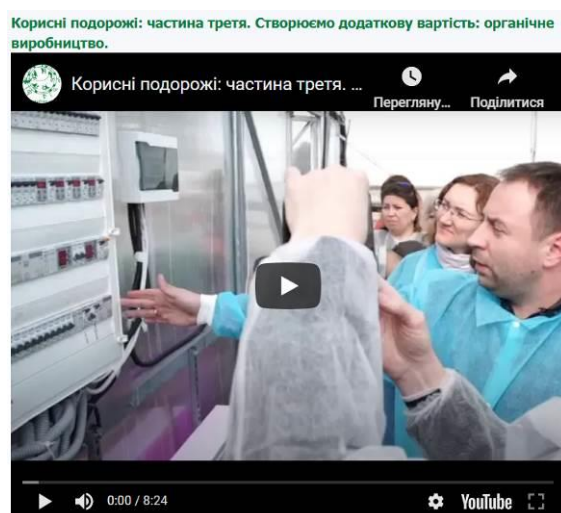
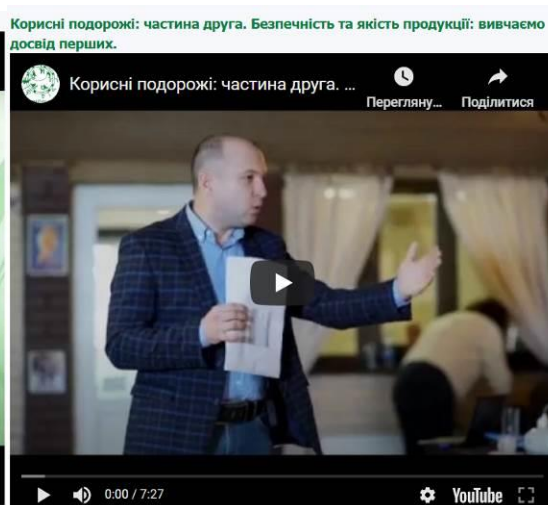
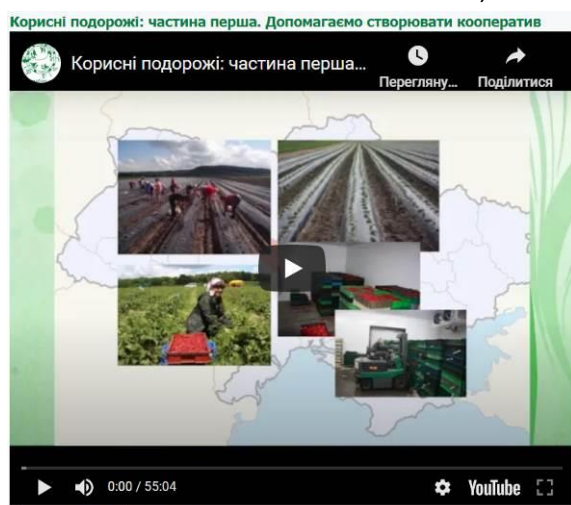
- Ukrainian National Pavilion was organized at the biggest international organic fair BioFach 2018 in Nuremberg (Germany) which contributed to strengthening the cooperation between international buyers and Ukrainian SMEs as well as improving the image and European integration of Ukraine. Green Dossier 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.
- Wide information campaign for BioFach-2018 (preparing publications about the exhibition participants, social media, press-events etc.).
- Issuing Carpathian news, sending out through Carpathian network, webs etc., campaigning in cooperation with Ukrainian NGOs against building of huge new ski resort in Carpathians (#FreeSvydovets).
- Issuing thematic news about important events relevant to our activity goals and tasks.
- Educational events for agricultural sector in the frame of the Project "Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation": ☒ 5 trainings, ☒ 200 people are trained, ☒ 1000 received training materials, ☒ producing video-materials ("Useful travels", 4 chapters and video-presentations). More information: <http://www.dossier.org.ua/en/node/1500>.
- Developing and dissemination of Green Steps Pack in the frame of REC LINK program, training in Ukrainian regions, consultations for users, promoting. More information: <http://www.dossier.org.ua/krok-za-krokom-innovacyini-metodi-osviti-dlya-stalogo-rozvitku>; <http://link-ukraine.rec.org>.

Projects Implemented in 2018 - 2019

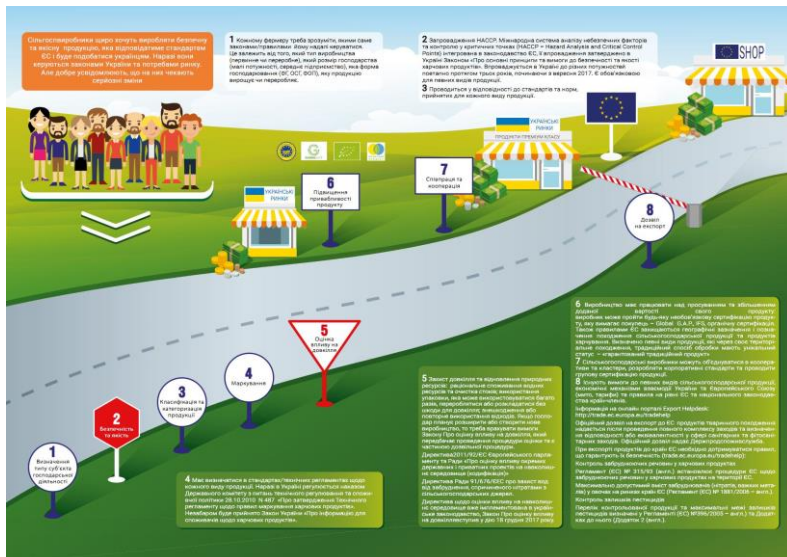
- “Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation”; 2 phases; Green Dossier is a lead partner of national project; financed by European Program Initiative Civil Synergy; 2017 – 2019.
- “Monitoring and assessment of implementation by Ukraine of the Luxembourg Declaration’s environmental governance matters”; Green Dossier is a partner for media work and investigation of environmental issue in Ukrainian media. Lead partner – Mama86; financed by European Program Initiative Civil Synergy; 2017 – 2018.
- “Environmental Assessment Watch (Implementation of SEA and EIA: civil society monitors the situation in countries)”. Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Bulgaria. Green Dossier is a lead partner. Financed by EU via EaP CSF RE-GRANTING 2018; 2018 – 2019.
- "Organic Market Study and Policy Development Support" project, implemented by the Information Center “Green Dossier” in partnership with Organic Standard certification body (Ukraine) and with involvement of experts of the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL, Switzerland). Supported by Swiss Confederation, 2019.
- Cooperation with organic projects in Ukraine: Swiss-Ukrainian Project "Organic Certification and Market Development in Ukraine", TA EU Project “Support to Agriculture and Food Policy Implementation”, “German Ukrainian Co-operation in Organic Agriculture” Project (on regular bases).

Publications/videos in 2018 - 2019

➤ Video materials for farmers, 2019

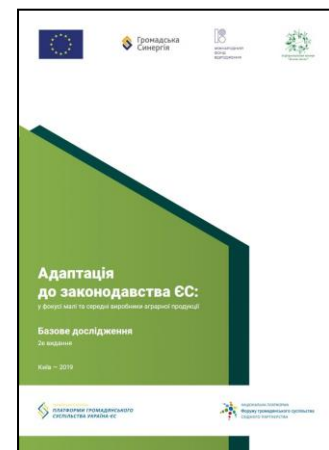


All video available at the web-site <http://www.dossier.org.ua/category/izdanie/video>



■ Infographic materials to Basic research "Adaptation to EU legislation: focusing on small and medium-sized producers of agrarian products", February 2018
<http://www.dossier.org.ua/adaptaciya-do-zakonodavstva-ies-u-fokusi-mali-ta-seredni-virobniki-agrarnoyi-produkciyi-0>

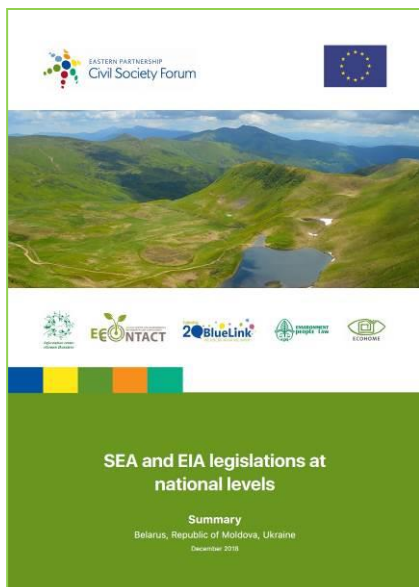
■ Basic research "Adaptation to EU legislation: focusing on small and medium-sized producers of agrarian products" (second edition), March 2019
<http://www.dossier.org.ua/adaptaciya-do-zakonodavstva-ies-u-fokusi-mali-ta-seredni-virobniki-agrarnoyi-produkciyi-2e-vidannya>.



■ Environmental policy in Ukrainian media, investigation, 2018.
<http://www.dossier.org.ua/ekologichna-politika-v-ukrayinskih-zmi>

■ Official brochure of the Ukrainian National Pavilion at BioFach 2018





■ “Environmental Assessment Watch (Implementation of SEA and EIA tools: civil society monitoring of the situation in the target countries)”, 2018-2019

Series of publications:

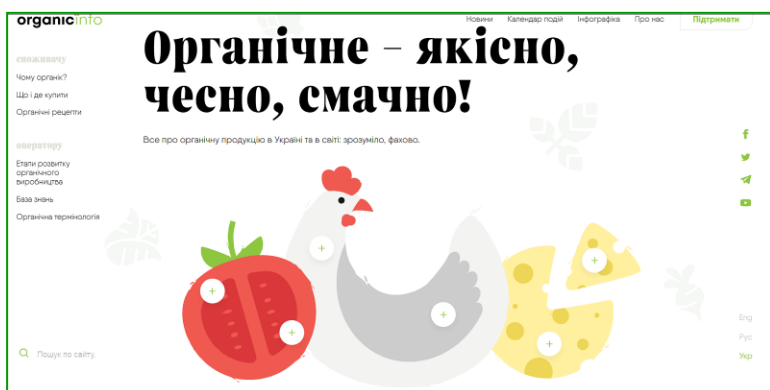
- 1) Country research
- 2) Public monitoring of the environmental assessment procedures implementation. Part 1. Methodology for EIA and CEO – common for all countries.
- 3) Public monitoring of the environmental assessment procedures implementation. Part 2. Practice – recommendation how to use the methodology on practice.
- 4) Public monitoring of the environmental assessment

procedures implementation. Workbook which could be field in by any stakeholder.

Available by link <http://www.dossier.org.ua/zakonodavstvo-seo-ta-ovd-na-nacionalnomu-rivni>.

■ Guidelines on Organic Food and Feed Labelling, July 2019

Available at https://organicinfo.ua/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Min_Guidelines-on-organic-labelling-UA.pdf.



■ Information portal OrganicInfo.ua updated.

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, Yuriy Bakun, Vasyl Pavlyshynets, Oleksandr Koval, Ruslan Bilyk, Anastasia Bilych, Ksenia Guliyeva – experts in the project “Raising awareness of small agricultural producers on adaptation to EU legislation”.

Sophia Zabiayaka – content writer for OrganicInfo.ua information portal.



Support / Partnership

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