

Welcome to the nineteenth issue of the newsletter published by our Project!

Latest News
July 5-15, 2007
Leaders of CED
Project Community
Partners Study Visit
to Slovakia

The 14 study visit participants represented a number of communities in Cherkasy, Lviv and Transcarpathia Oblasts and included representatives of nongovernmental organizations, local authorities and Uzhgorod National University and Cherkasy State Technological University.

The visit program included meetings with a number of organizations in Slovak cities and villages such as Bratislava (Bratislava Energy Centre, the Integra Foundation), Bojnice (Maxim Green Tourism Hotel), Zlaté Moravce (Lighthouse NGO), Čierny Balog (Otter NGO, Carne Grono Forest Railway, Tourist Buffet, the Museum of Forestry), Poprad (Bambino Maternity Centre NGO, Green Tourism Hotel, Tourist Equipment Rental Centre), Obišovce (Village Government, Beehive Farm, Crafts House), Vityaz (Village Government, Women's Crisis Centre, Wood Processing Facility), Košice (Fir-tree NGO), Turňa upon Bodva (social and business incubator for Roma, an enterprise producing specialized climbing equipment) Košice District (a meeting with the chief of tourism management of Košice district government and a hotel/restaurant for community artists).



*Meeting officials from local authorities.
The Slovak Republic, July. 2007*



*Familiarization with the development
of green tourism.
The Slovak Republic, 2007*

The visit program was built in a way to enable the participants with different needs as regards the process of community economic development to meet their objectives and acquire new expertise. The organizations visited are involved in many activities such as green tourism, work with ex-prisoners, assistance to national minorities, work with women, social entrepreneurship in a variety of its manifestations, work with the community etc.

The study visit participants not only familiarized themselves with successful examples of Slovak organizations but also laid the foundation for further cooperation between Ukrainian and Slovak communities.

July 2007
Participation in Models
for Community Futures
Development
Corporations

Representatives of partners of the Community Economic Development Project participated in these workshops. The workshops were facilitated by Barry Lake, a Canadian community development expert (Edmonton, Canada). The workshops were sponsored by the Regional Governance and Development Project, funded by CIDA.

June 17-27, 2007 Extended Reach of CED Project

The West Ukrainian Resource Centre (Lviv) has reported on the result of the Uzin-based Centre of Civic Initiatives Project. Within this project, there were training sessions based on the materials and experience of the Community Economic Development Project. Major emphasis was laid on such issues as team work and resource mobilization, community economic development, and community-based enterprises. This project also drew upon the CED Project's experience in community's involvement in resolving local problems by implementing social improvement micro-projects. Planning and implementation of these micro-projects were based on the strategy developed within the Community Economic Development Project. The project is supported by the Carpathian Foundation in Ukraine.

The Centre of Civic Initiatives is aimed at strengthening the social capital of Uzin community (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast), successfully resolving local economic and social problems. There are also plans to create, in the near future, Sokil (Falcon) Nongovernmental Organization and a social enterprise providing catering services in the village school.

This is one example in which partners of the Community Economic Development Project not only successfully apply their acquired experience in their communities but also popularize it within other projects in other oblasts of Ukraine.

This issue introduces a partner of the project – the Association entitled the Rural Development Agency, Khudiaky Village (Cherkasy Oblast)

The Association the Rural Development Agency was established in Khudiaky Village (Cherkasy Oblast) in November 2005 upon the initiative of Mariya Ivanivna Yevtushenko, the then village head and the CED Project's local coordinator. As Mrs. Mariya put it, apart from acquisition of knowledge, experience, involvement of resources the community needs to establish institutions necessary to promote community development and mobilization, to facilitate accumulation of funds. The Agency functions as a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization. The Agency's activities purport to implement rural area development programs, create development opportunities for local communities, popularize knowledge and share experience, create favorable conditions for local self-governance, development of local businesses and the community as a whole. Though the Agency was established not long ago, currently it cooperates with Cherkasy Business Centre, Cherkasy State Technology University and the Association of Nongovernmental, Community-Based Organizations. Within the Community Economic Development Project, the Agency implemented a project of street lighting renovation in Khudiaky. The Agency is particularly focused on popularizing information related to Community Economic Development processes, developing educational programs. For example, in conjunction with Cherkasy Business Centre the Agency held workshops on development of green tourism for providers of rural housing services. Currently the Agency is implementing a community-based project supported by the international charity Heifer Project International. Its purpose is to promote dairy farming in the community and enhance veterinary services.

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Forthcoming Events

- September 6-16, 2007: A training program to help CED Project partners in their development of green tourism will take place, facilitated by Jaroslaw Balan, a eco-tourism expert from Canada. The program will include a study visit within Ukraine and a workshop tailored primarily for partners from Cherkasy Oblast directly involved with green tourism and for representatives of two other partner oblasts engaged in similar work.

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You can find further information about activities, publications, and other materials of the Project on our web-site at www.ced.org.ua. This web-site contains links to other organizations working in the CED area, presents information about the Project's partners, describes activities of partner communities within the Project, provides materials for CED academic courses and seminars. There are a number of exciting photos – you are most welcome to visit our web-site!!!

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