

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

Latest News

September 5, 2007: Sixth Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Sub-Committee, Kyiv.

Major measures to be implemented within the Community Economic Development Project were discussed at this meeting. Petro Lazarchuk, coordinator for CED Project training programs, described the third batch of CED courses for NGOs. These courses will be delivered to initiative groups enabling them to establish community-based collective ownership enterprises involving local businesses, authorities and community members in their activities. Expert local business advisors will also be selected to help these groups until enterprises are launched.

During their training, the initiative groups will conduct marketing research and prepare a business plan for their enterprises, with the guidance of the local business experts. The groups will have the opportunity to participate in a competition for financing provided by the CED Project towards establishment of their proposed businesses.

Vasyl Shehekun, CED Project Regional Coordinator in Stryj Rayon, and Tetiana Kudina, Citizen Advisor, reported on progress toward establishing citizen advisory services in the three oblasts in which the project operates. Tony Berezowecki, Project Manager, discussed the possibility of requesting that CIDA extend the CED Project for an additional three months without additional financing by CIDA. He received suggestions to include in the proposal to extend the project.

September 9-16, 2007: Study Visit in Kherson Oblast on Development of Green Tourism.

Prior to the study visit, Tony Berezowecki made a preliminary trip to Kherson and had meetings with representatives of Hromada (Community) Credit Union and the head of Oberih (Guard) Khersonshchyna Green Tourism Cooperative.

The study visit was arranged primarily for Khudiaky and Kamjanka (Cherkasy Oblast) community members but also included some community members from Lviv and Transcarpathia Oblast. Organizational support to the study program was provided by Olena Bashmakova, the chairperson of the board of directors of Kherson Oblast Office of the Union for Promotion of Rural Green Tourism. Guests were accommodated and experience shared by providers of "green" accommodation services, the majority of whom are members of Oberih (Guard) Khersonshchyna Green Tourism Cooperative.

At Zaliznyi Port, a two-day workshop was held, during which Kherson green tourism accommodation service providers shared their experiences in launching and developing green tourism businesses. According to Vasyl Shehekun, CED Project Regional Coordinator in Stryj Rayon, study visit participants derived a lot of useful experience from Jaroslaw (Jars) Balan, the Canadian advisor and trainer.



Photo: During a study trip around Kherson Oblast. September 2007.

Members of the study trip returned home full of creative ideas inspired by what they had seen in Kherson Oblast. Green housing services operators in Cherkasy, Transcarpathia and Lviv Oblasts who participated in the study visit will share these ideas in their own communities and intend to improve the services that they are currently providing.

**September 7, 2007
Summary Conference
in Stryi on
Implementation of
Chysta Oselia
(Clean House)
Pilot Project**

The Project facilitated implementation of solid domestic waste collection, sorting and removal system in the resort area near Morshyn. The conference was attended by most active community members of Morshyn micro-region, authorities of Stryi Rayon and other rayons of Lviv Oblast, as well as stakeholders (overall – 96 persons). The Project's achievements that participants mentioned include a coordinated scheme for primary sorting of waste, creation of Green Patrol groups within schools and elimination of informal dumps.

A movie has been made and a reference guide has been prepared about the Project's progress and outcomes.



Photo: Expressing appreciation to the Project's partners. Stryi, September 2007.

**Perechyn
(Transcarpathia
Oblast) Core Group's
Completed Strategic
Plan for Community
Development.**

Community members, local authorities and local businesses were all involved in preparation of the strategic plan for the development of Perechyn community. While developing the town's strategic plan, the core group liaised closely with local NGOs such as the Charitable Fund: Centre for Civic Initiatives. Advisors, academics, international experts were widely involved in developing the plan. Bill Parry, a Canadian expert, provided exceptional assistance in the development of this document. Theoretical and practical knowledge that the core group members had gained within the CED Project was crucial to preparation of the strategic plan.

The core group has set a number of important objectives for the near future such as the development of tourism in Perechyn (publication of promotion materials), publication of a local newsletter called With and For People, creation of social enterprises, and implementation of environmental projects.

**Forthcoming
Events**

- September 19 – November 25: The CED Project institutional partners to deliver scheduled CED courses to members of communities that intend and are prepared to establish collective enterprises in their territory.

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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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