



REC SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FORUM

CITIES AS DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN UKRAINE

Background

Modern cities concentrate most of the environmental challenges. Urban areas consume up to 80% of the energy in Europe and are responsible for about the same share of emitted greenhouse gases. Worldwide, local governments face an increasing demand from the growing urban population to provide basic services, and deliver better quality of life to their citizens. Although development pathways differ, one consistent pattern has emerged: economic prosperity most often occurs in cities. By 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban centres. Therefore, the development of low-carbon urbanizations will hasten the transition to a green energy resource and improved competitiveness of businesses as demands for know-how, “green” technologies will be high.

The role of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) is an international organisation mandated by the United States of America, the European Commission, Ukraine and 30 other signatory countries. The activities of the REC in Ukraine started in 2001. Since 2014, the REC is working closely with Ukrainian municipalities in the development of Local Environmental and Energy Action Plans (LEAPs) under the framework program “Strengthening the Local Environmental Planning and Environmental Civil Society in Ukraine”. In addition, the REC actively engages the civil society organisations (CSOs) in the process of development and implementation of the LEAPs, enhances capacity building on public participation as well as delivers grants for local CSOs and develops educational tools -multimedia Citizens Pack.

Goal and objectives of the sustainable investment forum

The Sustainable Investment Forum will unite more than 100 top leaders from national and local government, civil society, utility companies, sustainable industry and international finance and research institutions for an open dialogue on the development of effective public-private mechanisms of cooperation for scaling sustainable innovative solutions to existing priority environmental and energy-related problems of Ukraine.

The objectives of the forum are to:

- **Provide** an opportunity for urban leaders to voice their environmental and energy-related challenges, investment opportunities in their municipalities and openness for partnership;
- **Showcase** the latest advances in science and technology as solutions to challenges in Ukrainian cities;
- **Facilitate** sharing of experiences and networking with the stakeholders for further cooperation;
- **Stimulate and provoke** public interest and engagement, debate about the role of the civil society in resolving municipalities’ environmental and energy-related problems;
- **Engage** all stakeholders in joining efforts to build prosperous and sustainable Ukraine;
- **Promote** CSOs local projects (LINK CSO grants winner award) and the media tool Citizens Pack.



PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

Venue: Intercontinental Kyiv

Address: 2A Velyka Zhytomyrska Street, Kiev, 01001, Ukraine

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Day 1: Investment and Sustainable Development

| Time | Activity |
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| 08:30 - 09:00 | Registration of participants, morning coffee |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | <p>Opening</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, REC</p> <p>Key-note speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Jari Vilen, Chair of the Board of Directors of the REC and Head of the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe <p>Opening remarks by high-level representatives of the host country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Volodymyr Kistion, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Mr. Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine Mr. Alex Ryabchyn, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Head of Subcommittee on Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency of the Committee on Fuel and energy Complex, Nuclear Policy and Nuclear Safety Mr. Sergiy Savchuk, Head of State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine <p>Opening remarks by high-level representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Raffi Balian, Director, Regional Environment, Science, Technology and Health Hub Office, Embassy of the United States of America H.E. Fredrik Arthur, Counsellor/Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kyiv Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | <p>Local Environmental and Energy Action Planning. What comes before investment?</p> <p><i>Presenter: Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, REC</i></p> |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | <p>Roundtable discussion: fostering sustainable investment in Ukraine</p> <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Julia Shevchuk, Head of Representative Office in Ukraine, Chief Investment Adviser, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) • Mr. Peter Bauck, Counsellor for Development Cooperation, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kyiv • Ms. Larisa Bronder, Head of Bellona Foundation Kyiv • Mr. Robert Adamczyk, Senior Environmental Adviser, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) • Mr. Alessandro Costa, Head of Office of Strategic Development and International Cooperation, Venice International University • Ms. Olena Tregub, Director of Department of International Programmes, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Ilona Dovgan, Journalist and TV host</i></p> |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <p>Local Environmental and Energy Planning. Bridging problems and solutions</p> <p>Presentations of investment projects by the Mayors of the REC's partner municipalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berdychiv city council • Cherkasy city council • Fastiv city council • Ivano-Frankivsk city council • Lubny city council • Nizhyn city council • Poltava city council <p><i>Q&A</i></p> |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | <p>Networking lunch</p> |
| 14:00 - 15:15 | <p>Break-out group discussions</p> <p><i>Break-out group discussions will be organized in a form of round table discussions with representatives from international financial institutions, development aid agencies, local government, national government, regulating institution, academia private sector and civil society. A moderator will lead each of the thematic group discussions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sustainable urban water: Problems, challenges, obstacles & solutions</i> • <i>Sustainable urban waste: Problems, challenges, obstacles & solutions</i> • <i>Energy security on the local level: Problems, challenges, obstacles & solutions</i> • <i>Urban planning and sustainable mobility: Problems, challenges, obstacles & solutions</i> • <i>Environmental awareness: Sustainable change and sustainable leaders</i> <p><i>Moderators: Mr. Eduardas Kazakevicius, Topic Area Leader, Climate Change and Clean Energy, REC; Mr. Jerome Simpson, Topic Area Leader, Smart Cities and Sustainable Transport, REC; Ms. Ana Petrovska, Waste Management Expert REC; Ms. Ima Khrenova-Shymkina, Deputy Project Director, GIZ; Mr. Yuriy Zherlitsyn, President, Association "Ukrvodokanalekologia"; Mr. Oleksandr Ignatenko, Assistant Professor, National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine; Mr. Andriy Zinchenko, Educational Project Manager of GreenCubator Organization; Ms. Kaidi Tingas, Participatory Governance Expert, REC.</i></p> |



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| 15:15 - 15:30 | Coffee break |
| 15:30 - 16:15 | Financing sustainability. A success story from Poland <i>Presenter: Ms. Anna Czyżewska, Director of Water Management Department at the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, Warsaw, Poland.</i> |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Panel discussion of the break-out groups' moderators <i>Summary of the break-out group discussions. Shared experiences, identified enablers and bottlenecks</i> |
| 17:00 - 17:45 | A story of city's transformation. Success story of Ljubljana, the Green Capital of Europe 2016 <i>Presenter: Mr. Miran Gajšek, Head of Department of Urban Planning, City of Ljubljana</i> |
| 17:45 - 18:00 | Closing of the first day of the conference |
| 18:15 - 20.00 | Networking reception, CSOs' Grant Winners Award Ceremony |



Friday, October 21, 2016

Day 2: From ideas to sustainable actions

| Time | Parallel Sessions | | |
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| 08:30 - 09:00 | Registration | | |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | LINK CSO Grants winners meeting Opening, main objectives of the meeting <i>Ms. Tsvetelina Filipova, LINK CSO Project Manager, Senior Expert, REC</i> | 09:00 - 09:20 | Morning Session Opening and objective of the meeting <i>Representative of the Japanese Embassy to Ukraine, Deputy Head of the Energy Efficiency Agency of Ukraine</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Zsuzsanna Ivanyi, Senior Expert, REC</i> |
| 09:20-09:40 | Overview of full proposal selection process <i>Ms. Raisa Gerasina, Grants Manager, Expert, REC</i> | 09:20 - 09:45 | Impacts of the adoption of the Paris climate agreement on environmental education - Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia, Senior Expert, REC |
| 09:40-10:40 | CSO narrative and financial reporting requirements Q&A <i>Ms. Raisa Gerasina, Grants Manager, Expert, REC</i> <i>Ms. Magdolna Szabo, Grants Assistant, Project Officer, REC</i> | 09:45 - 10:15 | Fundraising and resource management for municipal energy efficiency public awareness and education programs - best practices and lessons learnt - Mr. Andriy Kyrchiv, Executive Director, Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine" |
| | | 10:15 - 10:40 | Energy Community Treaty and its opportunities- Mr. Eduardas Kazakevicius |
| | | 10:45 - 11:20 | Existing and planned activities on energy efficiency in Ukraine / Existing and planned activities on environmental education and awareness <i>Energy Efficiency Agency representative/ Ministry of Ecology representative</i> |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | Coffee break, networking | | 11:20 - 11:30 Coffee break, networking |



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| 11:00 - 12:30 | Winners' presentations Q&A | |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 - 14:35 | Afternoon session Good practices lessons learnt from local activities of Poltava, Cherkasy and Ivano-Frankivsk Municipalities <i>NGO/International Organization representatives</i> | Local Energy Security Action Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Status of the LESAP preparation process, Ms. Zorica Korac, expert in local governance, REC</i> • <i>Presentation of the progress with data collection and analysis – Mr. Oleksandr Kozhoma, local energy expert</i> • <i>Short presentations by five municipalities focusing on problems identified in the process of assessment</i> • <i>Feedback from the energy expert, Mr. Goran Krajacic, SDEWES:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>comments on the results,</i> ○ <i>comparison with the referent values,</i> ○ <i>interpretation of the results, conclusions about the identified problems.</i> |
| 14:35 - 15:00 | Training strategy for environmental and energy related awareness, education <i>Mr. Sergey Varga, independent national expert in energy efficiency in Ukraine</i> | |
| 15:00 - 15:15 | Coffee break, networking | |
| 15:15 - 16:00 | Guidelines and Toolkit environmental and energy related awareness, education. <i>Mr. Sergey Varga</i> <i>Q&A Round table /consultation to gather feedback about draft documents</i> | Local Energy Security Action Planning - Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case study: "Energy in housing in Lithuania" Mr. Marius Smaidziunas, deputy of programs and projects implementation department of the Housing Energy Efficiency Agency</i> <i>Discussion about the next steps in the LESAP preparation process, Ms. Zorica Korac, expert in local governance, REC</i> |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | Closing of the day 2 of the conference | |

National workshop on public environmental, energy awareness and training strategy for Poltava, Cherkasy and Ivano-Frankivsk Municipalities funded by Japan Special Fund is taking place in parallel to the Day 2 of the REC Sustainable Investment Forum