

Local Initiatives for Sustainable Ukraine – Final Conference “Communities Moving Forward”

July 5-6, 2018, Kyiv

Background

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) and its Ukrainian partners joined forces in an effort to enable positive change in communities, improve the environmental governance, local practices, sustainability of energy sector and reduce the energy dependence, and contribute to low carbon economy. For the past three years, the REC has been bringing together policy makers, city managers, civil society organisations, energy modellers and planners, academia and educators, from all over Ukraine. Working together, they helped communities make progress towards better governance with timely involvement of stakeholders, higher resource efficiency, data-based planning, and proactive civil engagement. REC had a privilege to assist its partners in Ukraine with high engagement of dedicated people in this process that involved a lot of measuring, calculating, analysing, surveying, discussing, planning, discussing again and, in the end, putting their ideas into practice.

In order to present the results of these efforts and discuss the prospects for further sustainable development of communities in Ukraine, REC organises the Final Conference “Communities Moving Forward”, in the framework of the project “Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine – LINK”, supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment.

The Conference is organized in **Kyiv on July 5-6, 2018.**

Conference provides the opportunity to exchange the experiences with local energy planning, involvement of civil society, implementation of investment project, attracting public and private investments, environmental civil initiatives, educational campaigns, change of behavioural patterns and introduction of Citizen Pack.

Representatives of LINK partner municipalities (Ivano-Frankivsk, Cherkasy, Lubny, Poltava and Berdychiv, Fastiv and Nizhyn), civil society organisations, academia and expert community from all over Ukraine, will share their views of the process and results under LINK program, as well as discuss the future development options and directions.

Official languages will be Ukrainian and English, simultaneous interpretation during the Conference will be arranged.

The Conference venue is Hotel Intercontinental (address: 2A Velyka Zhytomyrska Street, Kiev, 01001, Ukraine).

Timing	Agenda item, presenters / moderators	
DAY 1		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	<p>Opening Chair: Eduardas Kazakevicius, Head of Climate, Mobility and Low Emission Development Unit, Environmental Policy Directorate, REC</p> <p>Opening remarks by high-level representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lesya Karnaukh, Head of the Department for Strategy and European Integration, Ministry of ecology and natural resources of Ukraine - H.E Ole T. Horpestad, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ukraine - Olga Borodankova, Sector Manager for Energy Efficiency, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine 	
09:45 – 10:10	<p>Low carbon economy and energy security challenges and opportunities in Ukraine Eduardas Kazakevicius, Head of Climate, Mobility and Low Emission Development Unit, Environmental Policy Directorate, REC</p>	
10:10 - 10:30	<p>Energy situation in communities in Ukraine: status, trends and future prospects Oleksiy Korchmit, national expert</p>	
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Overview of the “Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine – LINK” program Zorica Korac, REC expert, LINK project manager Kliment Mindjov, REC senior expert, Citizen Pack editor</p>	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Panel discussion “Participatory approach to city energy planning – the civic engagement and benefits to the community”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What did planning “mean” for your city? - What were the key priorities/challenges in your city? - What was a key factor for your successful planning? - Did you develop feasible plans and why not? - Did you select the most effective and efficient solutions? - Are you satisfied with outputs and impacts? - Did you build energy planning and project development capacity within municipality? - What is the potential of education for sustainable development to make a long term change? - What do experiences from the Citizen Pack training programmes teach us? 	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volodymyr Volik, (Poltava), - Iryna Udod, (Cherkasy), - Oleh Hapon, NGO “Kremenchuk Nature Conservation Society” (Poltava region), - Oleksandr Chepur, Poltava regional youth CSO Your World (Lubny), - Natalia Beskupska, Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC). <p>Moderator: Zorica Korac, REC</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	

14:00– 15:30	<p>Panel discussion “Energy efficiency in practice, implementing the investment projects and civil society initiatives, and changing behavioral patterns”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short presentation of project results (municipal and CSO) - Discussion about the outcomes, challenges, success stories, lessons learned from the implementation of actions from the action plan, as well as from the educational activities: - What were the main challenges in implementing energy efficiency projects? - How these challenges were addressed? - What were success factors? - What would you do better in the future? - How project lessons will be used in your future energy efficiency endeavors? - What are the next steps in promoting energy efficiency in your municipality? - What advice would you give to municipalities starting their energy efficiency improvements? 	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatoliy Linnyk (Nizhyn), - Valentyna Ostapiuk (Berdychiv), - Halyna Ovenko (Ivano-Frankivsk), - Julia Melnyk and Marharyta Mostova, Social Project Ekoltava (Poltava), - Iakiv Prognimak, CSO Shevchenko’s land (Kaniv), <p>Moderator: Eduardas Kazakevicius, REC senior expert</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Panel discussion “Renewable energy sources in practice, implementing the investment projects and civil society initiatives”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short presentation of project results (municipal and CSO) - Discussion about the outcomes, challenges, success stories, lessons learned from the implementation of actions from the action plan, , as well as from the educational activities: - What were the main challenges in implementing renewable energy projects? - How these challenges were addressed? - What were success factors? - What would you do better in the future? - How project lessons will be used for future deployment of renewable energy technologies? - What are the next steps in promoting renewable energy resources in your municipality? - What advice would you give to municipalities starting their renewable energy projects? 	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oleksandr Hrytsaienko (Lubny), - Olena Zykova (Fastiv), - Natalia Fomina, Cherkasy regional branch of All-Ukrainian Environmental League, - Yuriy Baliuk, CSO Good De (Berdychiv), - Mykola Chornyi, Cherkassy Regional Organization of the Ukrainian Society for Nature Conservation. <p>Moderator: Eduardas Kazakevicius, REC senior expert</p>
DAY 2		
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Panel discussion “Funding opportunities for Ukrainian municipalities (including NEFCO, IFIs,</p>	Oksana Kysil, representatives of municipalities

	<p>state funding opportunities) and application requirements”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project pipeline: main trends on municipal level Short presentations by LINK municipalities - Donor’s and IFI’s: main trends on municipal level - What is in the municipalities’ project pipelines? - Do the project pipeline match the available funds and their criteria? - Do projects meet the criteria? - Which additional funding opportunities should be explored by the municipalities? 	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Panel discussion “CSO’s financial viability”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the ways to diversify CSO’s resourcing and create viable financial model? - Social entrepreneurship for CSOs: how to make a strategic shift towards social enterprise? - Crowdfunding: insights on how get innovative projects funded on Ukrainian most popular crowdfunding platform “<i>Spilnokosht</i>” - How venture philanthropy works in Ukraine? - Local philanthropy for CSOs: how Community Foundations function? 	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mykhailo Bohatyr, Civic Hub, - Iryna Solovey, NGO Garage Gang, - Olha Nikolska, ISAR Ednannia. <p>Moderator: Alona Prenkovska, junior expert</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel discussion “Perspectives for the Education for Sustainable Development in Ukraine”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perspectives for the Education for Sustainable Development - Demonstration of the Multimedia ESD tool “Green Steps” 	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Valeriy Mykhaylenko, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, - Prof. Volodymyr Verbitskiy, National Ecology and Nature Center, Ministry of Education and Science, - Iryna Kaznachey, Medvedivka school, - Olena Bardak, Krasnohorivka school -Yevhenia Bardiak, Ivano-Frankivsk’s regional organization “Moloda Prosvita”, -Tamara Malkova, Charity Information Center Green Dossier, - Nadia Shevchenko, Charity Information Center Green Dossier.

		Moderator: Kliment Mindjov, REC senior expert
15:30 – 16:00	Final discussion and concluding remarks - What did we learn? - What are the future assistance needs?	Eduardas Kazakevicius, REC senior expert, Zorica Korac, REC expert, Kliment Mindjov, REC senior expert, Alona Prenkovska, junior expert.