



Project title

**Donetsk Business Commitment to the Environment Phase 2**

Project code PECE-03

*Summary: Developing the environmental awareness and capacity of businesses in one of the most heavily industrialised regions of Ukraine - and also one of the world's most polluting industrial areas.*

**Lead partner** Groundwork UK

**Other partners**

Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry,  
Local Government International Bureau,  
Roza Vetrov NGO

**Project duration** March 05 - March 06

**Location** Donetsk, Ukraine

**Purpose** To build on the current pilot with a 2<sup>nd</sup> implementation phase that enhances and consolidates project services and tri-sectoral partnership and facilitates local project implementation by Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry's business members

**Themes** All UK EfE priority themes, in particular energy and water and municipal and civic capacity building.

**Funding** Defra: £50,000; DCCI: £31,000; LGIB and Groundwork UK: £19,000

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Project title

**Sustainable Water Demand Management:  
Phase 1 Pilot Project, Lviv**

Project code PECE-14

*Summary – using state of the art technology developed in the UK to minimise leakage from water systems, significantly reducing economic and environmental losses.*

**Lead partner** Severn Trent Water International Ltd.

**Other partners**

Primayer Aqua Technology Solutions (UK)

ABB (UK)

Lviv Communal City Enterprise ‘Lvivvodokanal’, Ukraine

Lviv City Council

**Location** Ukraine

**Purpose** Losing water from water systems results in significant economic and environmental losses that should be minimised. The question we face is: how to achieve this in the EECCA region, at affordable cost?

Leakage management in Lviv, as in most EECCA countries, is inefficient and ineffective because areas of high loss or consumption cannot be prioritised due to a lack of adequate flow measurement. The project provides an innovative solution to this problem, using state of the art technology developed in UK to make instantaneous measurements of water demand patterns and pressures within apartment blocks (Phase 1 & 2), and pipeline systems (Phase 3)

**Themes** Water conservation and management, Energy saving, Municipal capacity building, Environmental sustainability

**Funding** Project partners: £22,700; Defra: £22,450

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Project title

## **Ukraine Sustainable Energy Management Toolkit**

Project code PECE-15

*Summary – To develop a toolkit to assist municipalities and major private sector companies save energy and make use of renewable energy sources.*

**Lead partner** Groundwork UK

**Other partners**

National Environmental Audit and Certification (Ukraine)

Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources (Ukraine)

Roza Vetrov NGO (Ukraine)

**Duration** March 06 – June 07

**Purpose** The project will develop an energy audit and management toolkit to assist municipalities (and major private sector companies) identify and implement energy saving programmes and also identify where possible and appropriate opportunities for development of alternative, renewable energy sources.

**Themes** The project primarily aims to address the sustainable energy priority theme, and secondly will contribute to municipal capacity building.

**Funding** Groundwork, MENR, NEACC, Roza Vetrov, City Councils, private sector: £27,520; Defra: £27,520

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Project title  
**Open Dialogue between Government, Industry  
& Civil Society**

Project code PECE-16

*Summary – A conference and workshops scheduled in Mariupol, Ukraine, 19-22 September 2006, aim to provide a focal point in which to review the present status and potential of multi--sectoral co-operation, as a template for the EECCA, identifying barriers and proposing new approaches to more effective environmental management for sustainable development of the region.*

**Lead partner** St James's Research

**Other partners**

Mariupol State University of the Humanities (Ukraine),

Cambrensis Ltd. (UK),

Groundwork (UK),

Donetsk Chamber of Commerce (Ukraine),

MAMA-86 (Ukraine),

Environmental Agency,

with support from the European Environment Bureau and EcoForum

**Duration** March 2006 - April 2007

**Location** Mariupol, Ukraine

**Purpose**

To produce a blueprint for *multi-sectoral co-operation* that can be extended to training and demonstration activities in Ukraine, with application to other EECCA countries. Workshops will analyze the barriers to co-operation, the implementation of environmental legislation and citizens' participation in local decision making, a priority called for in the Aarhus Convention and identified in Ukraine's adoption and adaptation of Millennium Development Goals.

Workshops will be facilitated by Ukrainian partners to produce: Practical guidelines for co-operation between inspection agencies and industry, training the judiciary, committing businesses to environmental management practices and strengthening citizen's roles at the local level.

**Themes** The themes of the conference and workshops are: business in the environment, setting environmental priorities and the role of the judiciary and the participation of civil society in creating a cleaner and healthier environment.

**Funding** The A.G. Leventis Foundation

**Further information/progress** See [www.open-dialog.com](http://www.open-dialog.com)

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Project title  
**Capacity building for ecotourism in Donetsk**

*Summary: Our approach is to identify and engage stakeholders from all sectors, assess the existing market, survey relevant assets and resources in the region, identify comparable models of development and relevant local frameworks and then, building on best practice, determine appropriate options and make recommendations for implementation. An action plan will be developed through a process that engages all relevant stakeholders in its design and implementation and thereby builds local capacity to sustain and enhance stakeholder benefits.*

If sustainably developed and environmentally managed, ecotourism could be a real opportunity for the region, contributing to the protection and improvement of the environment, whilst also promoting sustainable development.

The Donbass Region of Eastern Ukraine is not known for its natural heritage, and the local economy is based on polluting industries that include coal extraction, steel production and intensive agriculture. But in fact the area has tremendous ecotourism potential with assets that include significant natural and cultural heritage, which could be used as the basis of a new sector with sustainable social and economic benefits. Whilst there is a lot of enthusiasm for ecotourism and a growing commitment to responsible environmental management and sustainable development, there is a lack of local expertise. This project is therefore designed to build local capacity for ecotourism through a range of knowledge transfer activities and facilitation techniques.

Three key outcomes are envisaged:

- A fully functioning and active regional tourism network
- Sustainable growth of ecotourism
- Economic and social opportunities through ecotourism

**Lead partner** Dunira Strategy

**Other partners:** Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Donetsk Regional Federation of Ecological Tourism; Donetsk Regional Administration

**Project duration** 2 years

**Location** Donetsk, Ukraine

**Purpose** To build local capacity for the sustainable development of ecotourism in eastern Ukraine, drawing on international best practice and building on emerging stakeholder networks in other sectors.

**Themes** The project primarily aims to address specific needs of the region across three priority themes: (a) municipal and community capacity building, (b) education for sustainable development and (c) public participation. Through the design of product development guidelines, the project will also include elements that address environmental management themes of (d) bio-diversity, (e) water and (f) sustainable energy.

**Funding** TBC

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# DUNIRA STRATEGY

*Sustainable Business Solutions in Tourism*

Dunira Strategy is keen to contribute to the sustainable development and environmental management of tourism in Ukraine. Last year we responded to a call through PECE from Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and have been developing proposals with them and other local partners. The focus is on capacity building for ecotourism and environmental education by promoting co-operation between the public and private sectors and civil society. This has now been approved as a PECE project, and we plan to submit funding applications in the Autumn.

Dunira has a track record in helping to unlock the sometimes hidden value of natural and cultural heritage and to create social and economic opportunities for destination communities through tourism, often in marginal rural destinations and those recovering from conflict.

We are also exploring opportunities with Polish partners to develop international nature based tourism on the Polish border. We would be delighted to talk to any PECE members that have project ideas that include a tourism or heritage component.

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## **Westden International**

Westden International (WDI) has contributed to a number of projects, training events and presentations with partners in Ukraine over the last 6 years. WDI worked with the Youth Environmental League of Prydniprovyia (YELP) to develop a sustainability strategy with indicators and action plans for the Prydniprovyia region. This was based on the unique community-led process that had been facilitated by WDI in the UK. Since then, the two organisations have worked together on training programmes for representatives of organisations such as Youth and Environment Europe. WDI has been supported by the British Council in Ukraine to deliver training sessions, workshops and presentations on community enterprise, aspects of sustainable development as well as environmental issues for members of government, business and community organisations. WDI is a member of the Northern Alliance for Sustainability (Anped) and networks with a number of organisations in EECA countries. WDI also works on projects with partners in Europe and Asia.

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Since October 2005, the National School of Government has been participating in a FCO Global Opportunities Fund project in Ukraine, under the direction of PAUCI, the Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation. Entitled **Building Administrative Capacity for EU Integration - Bringing European Governance Skills to Ukraine**, the project focuses on Civil Service training and training capacity at both central and regional levels.

Our inputs so far have concentrated on strengthening the relationship between training suppliers, including the National Academy of Public Administration, and stakeholders in Ukraine by means of a Study Visit to the UK, preparations for a draft Concept on Inservice Training and training of trainers in Kyiv. Regional inputs, notably in the Lviv region and Cherkasy Oblast, are the responsibility of Polish partners.

Later this year several new training modules for the Senior Civil Service will be developed, to which the National School is expected to make a major contribution.

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Nirex is currently participating in an 18 month-long project in Ukraine, funded through the EC Tacis programme. The project brings together radioactive waste management agencies from France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK. The overall aim is to reduce the potential for environmental pollution by upgrading the management of radioactive waste generated by the operation and decommissioning of the Ukraine's nuclear power plants. Specifically, the project will help Ukraine to develop a national strategy and a programme for managing radioactive waste by applying international best practice, particularly in the areas of waste conditioning, long-term storage and disposal.

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## **Global to Local Ltd (G2L) – Cooperation with Nikolaev City**

Note for PECE members

G2L has had a close relationship with Nikolaev City for some 10 years now. With the help of support initially from the Tacis Bistro project and then the British Council SEPS I type project we have been able to help Nikolaev to introduce improved environmental management into a number of city operations. Nikolaev is rolling out EMAS into all its operations and has worked with a number of other Ukrainian Cities in a network aimed to share their experiences and jointly progress environmental initiatives. The 2002 SEPS programme involved also the cities of Kiev, Kharkov, Donetsk and Mariupol. There is strong local political support for the actions and this has helped Nikolaev to become something of a leader in their field. On the back of their achievements Nikolaev in 2005 received the €10,000 Bremen Environmental Prize, which has been spent to further improve the Cities' environmental capacity.

Some 5 years ago G2L institutionalised an annual prize to recognise the achievements of an individual each year (politician or member of staff of the City) who has made a big impact on the local environment. The prize entailed a week long study tour of environmental projects in the fields chosen by the winning candidate. All visits so far have been to the UK and have allowed prize winners to study good practice in fields as far apart as EMAS, sustainable construction, waste management, water treatment, sewage treatment and highways construction.

At the most recent visit the newly re-elected Mayor to Nikolaev City accompanied the prize winner and an agreement was struck between Nikolaev City and Global to Local to change the nature of the support. From the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2006 onwards G2L will support 2 employees within the City administration to help drive their sustainable development programme. The Global to Local Associate in Nikolaev City will be charged with the responsibility of providing mentoring for these staff and to help them develop the necessary expertise. They will be known as G2L scholars.

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## **LOWER DNISTER RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING (2005-2007)**

Mott MacDonald and ARCADIS Euroconsult

*Financing – EU-Tacis*

The project, part of the Tacis CBC Action Programme 2003, is to provide technical assistance for river basin management planning for the Lower Dnister River. The project beneficiary is the administration of Odessa Oblast, and Mott MacDonald is working with Arcadis Euroconsult, who are acting as lead consultancy in the implementation of the project.

The Dnister river is an international river, and is the largest river of Western Ukraine. Its catchment is 73% in Ukraine, and 27% in Moldova. There is concern that pollution of the river is threatening both the use of the river as water supply for the Odessa region (a population of 1.3 million) and the important ecosystems of the Dnister delta.

The specific objectives of the project are to identify the main sources of pollution in the Lower Dnister; to develop an integrated Lower Dnister River Basin Management Plan (including facilitation of sustainable trans-boundary cooperation on the management of river water quality); to ensure improvement and protection of water quality at the intake for Odessa water supply, and to support establishment of the Lower Dnister National Park.

Project activities include

- Development of monitoring systems for chemical and ecological monitoring of river water quality
- Development of data management systems (including establishment of a GIS and a DSS to support management activities related to river water quality)
- The compilation of inventories of flora, fauna and habitats in the area of the proposed National Park
- Providing technical advice, guidance and training on a wide range of topics related to water quality management, international co-operation and management of biodiversity in the lower Dnister basin.

Mott MacDonald staff contribute to all these activities.



Flood Risk and Management in Zakarpatska Oblast  
(2003 – 2005)

Mott MacDonald and ARCADIS Euroconsult

*Financing – EU-Tacis*

The project includes a review of a regional flood management strategy and action plan that aim to reduce over time the frequency and impact of flood events. The review takes into account the provisions of the EU Water Framework Directive. The review of the strategy and preparation of the action plan should benefit from a project component that focuses on a demonstration floodplain ecosystem restoration activity. The objective of this component is to provide a practical exercise and test project concepts to flood management.

The project includes the following:

1. Support a review of the current flood control strategy and prepare an action plan with a horizon to 2015 with the aim of reducing the frequency and impact of floods, in accordance with the Danube River Protection Convention and EU Water Framework Directive;
2. Contribute to the development and maintenance of the AIMS TISZA 11 hydro- meteorological monitoring system as well as strengthening the non-automatic monitoring network to ensure that gauging stations are installed at critical stations safe from the probable maximum flood level;
3. Improve the accuracy of flood' forecasting and timeliness of flood warning procedures including data availability on public Internet sites;
4. Develop capacity for predicting flood inundation zones under different flood forecast scenarios;
5. Deepen the level of skills and capacity in the organisations concerned with flood monitoring, forecasting and management;
6. Broaden the shared data network to include Slovakia and Romania;
7. Increase public awareness about the causes of floods; emergency procedures and engage public participation in contemporary approaches to flood management planning and training for emergencies.

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### **Ukraine, Lviv – Management and Operation Improvement Programme (2003-05)**

The Lviv City Communal Enterprise, Lviv Vodokanal (LVK), initiated a programme of investments, funded by the World Bank, aimed at designing and implementing a specific and well-defined set of organisational, corporate management, financial management and technical reforms. These were designed to improve LVK's utility governance, strategic management, physical system operations and its financial performance. STWI's focus was on delivering water supply, plant rehabilitation and efficiency improvements, together with institutional development and capacity building to modernise and improve the management and administrative policies and practices of the Vodokanal.

This project was funded by the World Bank and was successfully concluded in 2005. (See attached flyer as well.)

### **Ukraine – National Water Sector Strategy (2002-03)**

This was a Danish Cooperation for Environment in Eastern Europe (DANCEE) funded project and involved supporting the State Committee for Construction, Architecture and Housing Policy of Ukraine (SCCAHP) in developing a National Water Sector Strategy and Action Plan.

STWI, together with Danish consultants (who led the project), helped SCCAHP to plan and co-ordinate sector development and reforms. The objective was to improve sector performance, leading to identified and prioritised action plans for investments across the Ukraine.

### **Ukraine, Kyiv Vodokanal – Feasibility Study (1999-2000)**

STWI undertook another DANCEE-funded feasibility study in association with the Danish consultants (who led the project). STWI's role was to formulate a strategic plan for the business policy development of Kyiv Vodokanal and develop a reform and modernisation strategy for the organisation.

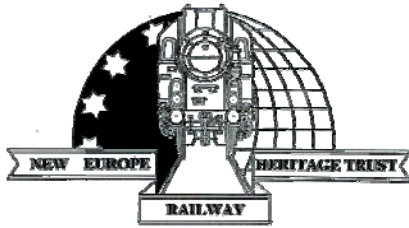
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## NEW EUROPE RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

### PROJECTS IN UKRAINE

The New Europe Railway Heritage Trust ("NERHT") is a registered charity set up in 1999 to provide Western expertise for the development of tourist railways and the preservation of the railway heritage in the ex-Communist countries. Much of our work is carried out in cooperation with the Heritage Railway Association and Fedecrail, the British and European umbrella organisations for tourist and museum railways and preservation ventures.

NERHT is involved with various projects in Ukraine. In Western Ukraine we are working with the Carpathian Tramway Forum, an organisation based in Lviv which supports the development of forestry railways and other lines – both broad and narrow gauge - as tourist attractions. As well as promoting tourism and economic growth these systems can provide an environmentally-friendly means of transport in national parks and other sensitive landscapes.

In 2005 NERHT brought a group of young volunteers from the Carpathian Tramway Forum to Britain on a study tour of preserved railways and railway museums. Accommodation, food, local transport and other help throughout this visit was provided by railway organisations and other well-wishers, including members of the Ukrainian diaspora in London and the North of England. As with other NERHT guests the young visitors thus only had to pay for their return fares to and from London. The BBC Ukrainian service covered this visit.

This month NERHT delegates will be attending the annual Carpathian Tramway Forum conference in Lviv and visit the railways where we have already provided advice. This is the fourth time since 2002 that we have taken part in this conference. It is likely that NERHT will take on new cooperation projects following this visit.

In Eastern Ukraine, NERHT is supporting plans to develop the Donetsk railway museum. In 2005 and again this year we brought senior delegates from the Donetsk Railway to see the National Railway Museum in York and other sites (including places in South Wales connected with John Hughes, the founder of Donetsk). Together with the British Council, we are helping arrange a railway preservation conference in Donetsk this Autumn.

In the Transcarpathia region of Western Ukraine NERHT faces major challenges in its efforts to help the Borzhava Initiative, a local NGO, which is campaigning to save the Borzhava Valley Railway, a historic narrow gauge line which still serves Irshava and surrounding areas near Uzhgorod. In 2003, Britain's Ambassador Robert Brinkley opened our railway exhibition and conference in Irshava where plans to develop the line for tourism were welcomed by political leaders, officials and others. Last year our efforts to secure funding for the railway under the EU Interreg 111C programme, for improvements and a business plan, were unsuccessful after partners elsewhere in the European Union failed to give the technical support which they earlier had promised. This was a great disappointment for all those in Britain, Ukraine and elsewhere who worked hard on the application. We therefore need to seek alternative sources of expertise on EU funding for this and other projects.

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**Project Title** “Practical Training of Students on European Level”  
with particular emphasis on  
“Practical Training in Agricultural Production Business Management”  
[APBM]

**Project Dates** September 2005 to May 2006 [4 inputs]

**Funding Organisation** European Union Tacis Bistro\* Programme 2005  
with ARCADIS BMB, The Netherlands

\* A “Bistro” project is a small project with limited budget, short timescale and flexible terms of reference; a Bistro project may act as a precursor to a subsequent and more substantial initiative.

**Project Findings** With regard to Vocational Education and Training (VET) for agriculture in Ukraine, the team found that VET for agriculture:

- formed a substantial part of the wider secondary education system,
- was not closely related to national manpower needs for agriculture nor to the changing needs of the new and emerging commercial agricultural sector and
- was hugely over capacity (with some 116 institutions nationwide dealing with agricultural training)
- was substantially under-resourced and over-staffed
- centrally-devised curricula currently being used were science/technically-oriented and historical and focussed on the former need for technical specialists to serve the former State agricultural system
- was found to lack the necessary business training to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to work in the emerging private commercial agricultural sector
- lacked the necessary education and training for the environment and for health and safety

**Project Recommendations:** The team recommends that:

1. The teaching of “Agricultural Production Business Management” (APBM) - also known as “Farm Business Management” - should be a priority within the agricultural VET sector of Ukraine
2. The teaching of environmental management and aspects of health and safety should be fully integrated into the APBM curriculum.
3. That an existing agricultural college (or “Tekhnikum”) should be selected and up-graded as the new APBM Training Centre (APBM-TC)

4. Training should be delivered to two groups:
  - a. Future commercial farmers of Ukraine – a 12 month full-time, residential programme (Initially 32 per year)
  - b. Teachers/lecturers of APBM – a 12 week, in-service, block-release, programme (Initially in groups of 20)
5. The Ukrainian authorities seek funding from donor agencies for this project – initial estimate Euro 2,500,00

**Project Outputs:** The Tacis Bistro team produced the following documents:

1. A Project Proposal for the establishment of the APBM-TC – including a draft budget for the up-graded facility – Euro 2,500,000
2. A draft Curriculum Document containing detailed syllabuses for:
  - a. Future farmers training
  - b. In-service teachers/lecturers training

**Current Project Status:** The proposal for this important development lies with the authorities in Ukraine and, in particular with:

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## **ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS**

### **RSPB's involvement in Ukraine (July 2006)**

Ukraine is not considered a primary focal country for the RSPB, but a number of regional and cross border issues with Romania, Belarus and Poland have been identified as important areas for project development based on appropriate partnerships.

#### **Wetland recreation**

The RSPB is currently working on the UNDP GEF Peatlands project in southern Belarus. This project is restoring 40,000 hectares of degraded wetlands initially to reduce major summer fire hazards, but primarily to sequester CO<sub>2</sub> in peat as a climate change mitigation measure. A by-product of this major re-flooding is restoration of nationally important wetland biodiversity.

Given the strong ecosystem similarities of northern Ukraine in the border areas with Belarus, the RSPB are exploring the potential of a major parallel project in close cooperation with USPB (BirdLife Ukraine) and UNDP or the EU and the Government of Ukraine to prepare a new GEF or EU project on peatlands and wetland restoration for climate change mitigation.

#### **Wetland protection: Danube Delta**

Following an RSPB funded workshop in 2005 on conservation in the Lower Danube and Danube Delta, a Danube Policy Officer has been appointed, based at SOR (BirdLife Romania) funded by the RSPB. His work will focus on working with strategic partners, including USPB (BirdLife Ukraine), the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Administration and the Danube Delta Institute in Romania, the WWF Danube & Carpathian Programme, and the Governments of Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Moldova to improve protection of the Lower Danube and Danube Delta.

This position will work at a strategic level reviewing and seeking to influence the proposed Danube Delta Masterplan that outlines plans for hydropower, infrastructure and navigational channel deepening projects in

the Danube. He will lead opposition to any potentially damaging developments, such as poorly sited wind farms, quarry proposals, or navigational channels in Ukraine. Equally he will lead advocacy for potential habitat restoration projects, and other relevant strategies to ensure that biodiversity interests are protected or enhanced in Ukraine.

### **Species Conservation - Red Breasted Geese**

The RSPB has invested in monitoring the wintering population of one of Europe's rarest bird species – the globally threatened red breasted goose in Ukraine. Less than 30,000 birds winter at only five major sites in Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. These wintering sites continue to decline because of land-use changes on nearby feeding areas, as well as socioeconomic factors that result in a very negative attitude from farmers due of the damage caused by geese on the crops yield.

Therefore, the RSPB is seeking to improve the conservation measures at key wintering sites through advocacy, awareness and innovative “farming for geese” agrienvironmental measures that provide protection to geese, and a community-based value for birds that generates income for economically disadvantaged farmers. RSPB are currently exploring the potential of developing an extended pilot project in the Kersh-Crimea region of Ukraine. This may offer potential for public private partnership or micro credit mechanisms that offer sustainable financing through a rolling fund for agrienvironmental loans and public awareness activities.

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## **Sustainable Development and Climate Change**

**Summary:** This work is part of the British Council's global campaign in the field of climate change - one of the greatest threats to humankind in the 21st century. In terms of focusing our efforts, British Council is working to promote public awareness and action in the four UK priority areas:

- **Climate Change and Energy** ([www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/climate-change/index.htm](http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/climate-change/index.htm))
- **Sustainable Consumption and Production** ([www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/consumption-production.htm](http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/consumption-production.htm))
- **Sustainable Communities** ([www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/sustainable-communities/index.htm](http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/priority/sustainable-communities/index.htm))
- **Small Environmental Projects Scheme (please see separate summary on all SEPS activities, 2004-05)**

It is important to develop and sustain communications about the UK policies and actions to tackle climate change and improve sustainability. British Council supports the work of the Ukrainian government, NGOs and scientific community to promote a sustainable lifestyle in Ukraine and to create a greater awareness of the issue for the wider public.

### **Themes and activities:**

*Zero Carbon City (ZCC)* is British Council's global campaign to inform people about climate change and the energy challenges facing the world's cities. As a part of the campaign we present *NorthSouthEastWest (NSEW)* photo exhibition, quizzes, on-line lessons on climate change, collection of the books and video. Ten of the world's top photographers from Magnum Photographic Agency were commissioned to capture images from ten diverse countries around the world to illustrate the impact of climate change. These photographers were also asked to chronicle the range of solutions to reduce carbon emissions in communities from the north, south, east and west of the globe. This has produced some inspiring

images, which detail the resourceful ways in which these communities have adapted.

**NSEW** is supported with dedicated catalogues, banners, quiz questionnaires, BC corporate BC corporate Briefing Sheets No 20 (Climate change : role of the UK in the global challenge) and No30 (Climate change and cities) published in Ukrainian; souvenirs; The NSEW exhibition is touring Ukraine and is used to attract thousands of visitors in many cities of the country.

- *collection of 20 thematic British books;*
- video film ‘*Building the Future*’ (The Edge Production) dubbed into Ukrainian
- locally published reference manual for educationalists and general public: ‘*Sustainable Development of Society – Role of Education*’
  
- study tour of a group of 7 Ukrainian professionals in the energy sector to the UK in the field of **sustainable energy under International Networking for Young Scientists (INYS)**. The latter is a funding scheme to allow direct contacts, exchange of visits and promote collaboration between young scientists in the UK and other countries.
- **Sustainable consumption and production** – an international conference to share experiences and establish professional links and cooperation was held in Kyiv in June 2006.

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The **John Smith Memorial Trust** is an all-party, UK charity established to strengthen and deepen democratic awareness and good practice in governance.

The **John Smith Fellowship Programme** was established in 1996 by the Trust. The Programme targets young leaders of high calibre from the CIS working in politics, local government, the media or civil society with an established interest in promoting good governance. Fellowships are invited from the following countries: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.**

The Fellowship Programme is aimed deliberately at young people of proven ability in key leadership positions. The six-week fellowship includes a seminar series, work placements and visits designed to give an insight into democratic practice in the U.K. One aim, already being achieved, is to establish a dialogue between Fellows within and outside their home countries, and to create links between a new generation of leaders and those working in similar fields in the U.K.

Core themes of the Programme are good governance, social justice, tolerance and the need to extend democratic access. Each Fellow produces a project at the end of their stay indicating the ways in which their experiences in the U.K. might be applied in their own countries. Networking conferences of former John Smith Fellows have demonstrated that all have contributed to good practice in governance on their return to their home countries.

The Programme is a partnership between the **John Smith Memorial Trust**, the **British Council** and the **UK Department for Constitutional Affairs**, who provide core funding. The Programme relies on the support of friends and admirers of the late John Smith, as well as corporate and charitable donations. In addition the Programme benefits greatly from the time donated to it by many individual academics, parliamentarians of all parties, U.K. charities and campaigning groups, and others in public life who assist our work.

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