



Canada-Ukraine Partnership Project for Regional Governance and Development (RGD) September 2009

Results Achieved

The RGD Project continues to achieve great success in working toward sustainable regional development in the two pilot oblasts of Zakarpattia and Zaporizhzhia, as well as collaborating with national government agencies to implement the State Strategy for Regional Development. In September, the following specific results have been achieved:

A **number of small-scale projects** identified as strategic priorities, led by participants in the Project Management and Strategy Implementation Training (PMT) in Zaporizhzhia and Zakarpattia, made significant progress toward full project implementation, including progress toward securing the required resources:

- Svitlana Slava, RGD regional expert held a series of individual consultations for the small-scale project teams to finalize the application forms to be submitted to the Regional Capacity Building Initiative in the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument Cross Border Cooperation Program 2007-2013 (RCBI Program ENPI CBC). These consultations resulted in submission of the applications for the total amount about 800 thousand EURO. Thus, the *“Establishing a hospice-type institution for providing palliative care in Vynohradiv rayon”* project in partnership with the Slovakian hospice “Mother Teresa” submitted a joint application which amounts to 495 thousand EURO. Also the *“Developing a concept note for the establishment of the industrial park with logistic elements «Bereg - Karpathy» on the territory of Berehovo rayon of Ukraine and Sabolch-Satmar-Bereh region of Hungary”* in partnership with the Regional Development Agency from Hungary (KIUT) submitted the joint application for the total amount of 300 thousand EURO.
- *«Establishing a Tourist Information Center for the Disabled People»*: with RGD financial support which amounts to 9,055 UAH the following promotion materials were printed: an information booklet (3,000 copies), banner and pennants. This allowed the project to win 1000 UAH prize for the best presentation at the “TourEuroCenter” exhibition. In association with the “Pareh” Regional Development Agency (Slovakia) an application for funding for 100,000 EURO was submitted to the EU “Regional Capacity Building Initiative” (RCBI program). On September 28, the project team had a meeting with Oleh Havashi, Governor of the Zakarpattia Oblast State Administration. The OSA offered its preliminary agreement to allocate funds for the tourist information center operation in 2010, as well as for purchasing special vehicles for the disabled people.
- *“Development of the Resource Centre Concept to Support Operations of Condominiums in Uzhhorod”*: project team developed the “Organization and Operation of Condominiums” manual for Heads of Condominiums, housing and communal buildings, as well as for private house owners.
- *“Investment Map of Zaporizhzhia oblast” project*:
In July-September 2009 a system for gathering information on investment-attractive regional objectives was developed and adjusted. Relevant data on 5 rayons of the oblast were collected. This information is processed and prepared for placing on the informational website planned to be developed within the project implementation framework. Zaporizhzhia OSA appointed specialists who will collect, summarize, translate information and directly administrate the investment map of Zaporizhzhia oblast.
- *“Cleaning up the bottom of the Kakhovka reservoir in the area that services the potable water storage facilities to improve the quality of drinking water in the city of Enerhodar” project*:
Being developed in line with the Environmental priority of the Zaporizhzhia Strategy, the project is aimed at providing residents of the city of Energodar with qualitative potable water in sufficient quantity. Appropriate permits of the Fire Inspection, Environmental Protection Department and Sanitary-and-

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Epidemiologic Inspection were received. 2 million 451 thousand UAH from the Energodar municipal budget were allocated for the project implementation.

- *“Establishment of informational center in the city of Energodar” project:*
The Energodar City Council by its resolution allocated premises (60 m²) for the informational center and included financing of the project’s initial stage into the city budget.
Juridical and legal issues related to developing the Energodar land cadastre were discussed with the Oblast EcoFund. Development of the land cadastre is the first stage of project implementation. The application for its financing was submitted to the Oblast EcoFund.

Activities Completed

The following specific activities took place in September 2009:

On September 3, the Temporary Monitoring Committee (TMC) meeting was held in Uzhgorod. Ludmyla Grytsak, RGD expert, presented the results of the learning exchange visit to study Lviv’s experience in monitoring and possibility to apply this experience in Zakarpattya. The Chairpersons of the TMC working groups presented a list of monitoring indicators for each strategic priority. After the discussion it was unanimously decided to approve the selected 60 indicators. It was suggested that the Main Statistics Department of the Oblast State Administration should carry out monitoring of the Zakarpattya Regional Development Strategy implementation.

On September 3 – 4, a training workshop “Practical Skills in Project Management Training” was held in Zaporizhzhia. Advantages of such training are either gaining and applying new knowledge and skills or disseminating positive experience through training other people. During the workshop all Project Management and Strategy Implementation Training Program (PMT) graduates had an opportunity to be trainers themselves, i.e. to share experience gained in this area as well as to help others to get specific knowledge and skills. It demonstrated that for today each of the PMT graduates can also train active citizens from their rayon or city to develop local development projects.

On September 5 - 8, representatives of the *«Establishing a Tourist Information Center for the Disabled People»* project took part in the touristic exhibition in Pyrogovo village (near Kyiv) and in the annual exhibition “TourEuroCenter” in Uzhgorod to draw up attention to the recreational opportunities for the disabled people existing in Zakarpattya.

On September 7-11, the Capital Grants Training workshop was held in Kyiv. Over 25 people, including representatives from the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine, the Zaporizhzhia and Zakarpattya oblast state administrations, the rayon and city councils from two pilot oblasts, as well as the representatives from the RGD-supported small-scale projects developed during the PMT Program took part in the training. Workshop participants obtained in-depth practical knowledge in writing proposals that meet the standards and requirements of international donors and other financial institutions.

On September 24, another TMC meeting was held under the leadership of Volodymyr Goblyk, Deputy Governor of the Zakarpattya Oblast State Administration. Ludmyla Grytsak, RGD Expert, introduced a scheme for monitoring the Regional Development Strategy implementation as well as the procedure for data collection and analysis. TMC meeting resulted in approving the monitoring scheme with the changes and amendments suggested by the experts and the TMC members, suggesting RGD experts to introduce a preliminary monitoring version in line with indicators and evaluation of the strategic priorities: Human Development and Improvement of Quality of Life and Developing a Competitive and Sustainable Economy. It was also suggested that the Main Economic Department of the Zakarpattya Oblast State Administration should allocate funds for monitoring of the Regional Development Strategy implementation and for supporting small-scale projects developed within the PMT training held by the RGD Project.

On September 23, Duncan Leitch, RGD Lead International Expert, Maria Popadynets, RGD Regional Manager for Zakarpattya Oblast and Ludmyla Grytsak, RGD Expert, had a working meeting with Ernest Nuser, Head of the Main Department for European Integration, External Relations and Tourism, Zakarpattya Oblast State Administration, to discuss the RGD project extension. Ernest Nuser proposed that RGD project’s support be focused on creating viable management authorities of the Strategy implementation process, e.g. Regional Development Agency and Council for Regional Development following the Hungarian model. He also stressed that the Oblast State Administration is ready to submit a proposal to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to establish in the oblast a pilot model for strategic management.

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On September 28, a round table to discuss the main tasks and objectives of the newly established Regional Development Agency (RDA) called “Association for Regional Development “Priorytet” was held in Zaporizhzhia. RDA’s major tasks include training and consultations as well as expert analysis on the regional development issues, monitoring and evaluation of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Development Strategy implementation process, project development, etc. It is worth mentioning that the RDA’s legal status of NGO enables it to receive technical assistance and funding from Ukrainian and international donors. This is the first RDA established in Zaporizhzhia.

More detailed information about RGD Project events and activities can be found at www.rgd.org.ua.

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