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EU LAUNCHES TWINNING PROJECT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (06/10/2010)

On 13 October 2010 the EU-funded Twinning Project "Support to the Ministry for Environmental Protection of Ukraine for the implementation of the law on Ecological Audit" will be launched.

The project aim is to improve the legal and methodological basis for ecological audit in Ukraine and to improve the system for certification and accreditation of auditors, paving the way for future mutual recognition of auditor's certificates.

The partner of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine is an Austrian/Czech consortium led by the Environment Agency Austria with the junior partner, the Czech Ministry of Environment. Austria is also represented by the Standards Institute of Austria.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection, on its part, will be supported in the training and methodological activities by the State Ecological Academy. During the 18 months of project implementation, experts from both "old" (Austria, the UK, Ireland) and "new" (the Czech Republic and Bulgaria) EU Member States will share their practical experience in implementing similar legislation at their home administrations.

The project opening, which will be attended by the Beneficiary Country Project Leader: Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection Maksim Vakoulenko and by Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, is open to media and takes place as follows:

Date: 13 October 2010

Time: 11:00 – 11:50

Venue: Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine
35, Urytskogo St., Kyiv

Aarhus Center Conference room, ground floor

For media registration please contact the following phone number:
(044) 206 31 74 **by 5:00 PM on 12 October 2010.**