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EU launches new waste management project in Zakarpattya oblast (30/08/2010)

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On Monday, 6 September 2010, an EU-funded regional project aimed at improving waste governance within the eastern countries of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI East) will formally launch its project activities in Ukraine's pilot region – Zakarpattya Oblast.

The project called "**Waste Governance – ENPI East**" aims to assist the partner countries in their efforts to reduce the risks arising from inappropriate management of wastes, that thereby create environmental pollution hazards to the community and to natural resources, through co-operation with, and amongst, partner states in the region. This ambitious four-year project (EUR 5.9 million) is an important component of the EU's ENPI Eastern Regional Indicative Programme (2007-2010) and will be implemented in all countries of the ENPI Eastern Region, namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine as well as the Russian Federation. The specific objective is to improve the management of waste by promoting higher standards at waste facilities, more effective waste prevention initiatives, increased capacities for waste collection and sorting as well as increasing re-use, recovery, and safe disposal of waste. From the perspective of its activities within Zakarpattya Oblast, its intended results are:

- Completed inventories of existing illegal/non-compliant waste disposal sites within the Oblast; and
- A 15-year, integrated, waste management strategy for Zakarpattya Oblast.

The Project Partner for the country as a whole is the Ministry of Environmental Protection. The main beneficiary in Zakarpattya Oblast is the Zakarpattya Oblast Administration. Other important local target groups include State Environmental Inspection, State Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Zakarpattya Water Management Board, Sanitary-Epidemiological Service in Zakarpattya, local NGOs. According to preliminary assessments, the activities in the pilot area in Ukraine will be focused mainly on communal waste including management of PET bottles, which have proven to be a problem for this mountainous region.

The project will be officially launched as follows. The launch will be attended by representatives of Zakarpattya oblast and the Delegation of the European Union. Members of the media are invited to register with the project at the co-ordinates below.

Date and Time: Monday 6 September, 10:00

Venue: Hotel "Zolota Girka", Barvinok; Tel: (0312) 72-85-80

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