

PROJECT INFORMATION

Capacity building for local water management in selected regions in the Ukraine

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River Yagorlyk in the Odessa oblast

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Background

Since Ukraine concluded an association agreement with the European Union in 2014, its possibilities for implementing its water management have increased immensely, as it is gradually adapting to the requirements of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD). But this also poses major challenges for the country: Management plans and strategies for achieving a good ecological status of water bodies are only at the beginning of development and implementation. Smaller river units in particular are often in poor ecological condition due to water shortages and anthropogenic changes in the catchment areas.

Project details

In exchange between German and Ukrainian experts from the local administration and civil society, the experience already gained in Germany in implementing the WFD was discussed and adapted to the conditions in Ukraine. The project thus supports the implementation of EU water legislation in Ukraine. For this purpose, the project team developed a comprehensive guideline for the implementation of the WFD at the local level for the Ukrainian pilot regions Odessa and Ternopil. It includes basic principles of water management, concrete recommendations for the management of small river basin districts, an overview and a summary of legal responsibilities as well as best practice examples from Ukraine. In addition, a handout and a policy brief on the importance of bioengineering for the implementation of the current Ukrainian roadmap for restoration under the WFD were prepared. A series of events, which included online and on-site workshops, promoted the exchange of experience and knowledge between German and Ukrainian experts and within the Ukrainian network.

Project country: Ukraine

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Beneficiaries: Local authorities, ministries and civil society

Implementing organisations: Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU) e.V. and Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers

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