



Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)

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## **Conference Program**

## Current State and Prospects of Alternative Energy Usage in Private Households and Local Communities of Ukraine

Ukrinform Ukrainian National Information Agency, 8/16 Khmelnytskogo Street, Kyiv May 30, 2011

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants.

9:30 – 9:45 Opening of the conference, welcoming speeches, presentation of the program.

9:45 - 11:15 Panel Discussion:

Practical experience in implementing of small energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in private households and rural communities.

Noticeable increase of energy resources costs already now became much better incentive, comparably to any ambitious though ineffective government programs, forcing many consumers to seek new sources to satisfy their domestic energy needs and search for more efficient use of resources. Sometimes, at the community level, relatively small investments show significant effect. The pioneers' way is difficult and risky but the experience of this panel speakers shows they are up the right way which eventually will bring dividends. Are ordinary citizens ready to implement their own energy projects? What benefit do receive the communities that have already dared to do something? Is the existing experience attractive to other communities? Is there any potential to expand and replicate it? What support can be provided by local authorities? Will a village, town, district benefit from energy independence of individual citizens/families?

**Iryna Vykhrystyuk,** Vidrodzhennia, Regional Public Environmental Organization, Tatarbunary, Odessa Region.

**Andriy Zinchenko**, Coordinator of the educational projects of Greencubator Network.

Andriy Martynyuk, Chair, NGO Ecoclub, Rivne.

Moderator: Iryna Stavchuk, NECU







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11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 Panel Discussion:

Ukrainian energy legislation and the interests of individual citizens.

Adoption of the Law on the green tariff facilitated a real "boom" of large-scale projects on renewable energy: a number of large wind and solar power plant projects has already started or are at the planning stage; investor's interest in small hydro-power plants (HPP), use of biomass and geothermal energy is growing. State Dedicated Economic Program on Energy Efficiency for 2010-2015 provides targets for reduction of the consumption of fuel and power resources by 15-20 per cent. Currently, the Energy Strategy of Ukraine till 2030 is under review. However, the question arises: what role is assigned to the individual citizen, family, household or rural community in documents of national importance? Can an individual get the benefits from green tariffs? Does the state program for energy conservation provide incentives for promotion of energy initiatives of private individuals? What is the role of the European Union in legislative strengthening of the energy potential of households and small communities?

Mariana Bulgakova, Director at Expert advisory centre "Legal analytics", Lviv

Roman Zinchenko, Greencubator Network Coordinator

Moderator: Yuriy Urbansky, National Ecological Centre of Ukraine

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Panel Discussion:

Financial sources and green energy in communities.

What financing programs for small energy projects can be offered by banks to individuals and small communities? Are any new programs being developed and when can one expect the implementation of the same? Is it possible for Ukraine to use the experience of our European neighbors and introduce new for Ukraine but already working in these







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countries schemes of direct financing to individuals? What financial and institutional support is provided by the EU delegation in Ukraine?

Ivan Varga, First Deputy Chairman, State Agency for Environmental Investment

**Vyacheslav Gusev,** Energy Conservation Project Coordinator, Ukrainian - Polish Cooperation Foundation PAUCI

**Andriy Zhelyezny,** assistant to climate change program coordinator, National Ecological Centre of Ukraine

**Tetyana Kochereva,** Coordinator, Retail Business Development, ProCredit Bank.

Moderator: Hanna Golubovska-Onisimova, NGO MAMA-86

15:30 – 15:45 Presentation of the Partnership Project of WECF, Vidrodzhennia (Tatarbunary), Ecoclub (Rivne) and NECU: "Building local capacity for domestic solar heating, hot water and insulation for rural and remote areas in the EEC region" that is implemented with financial support from European Union - **Anna Samvel**, Head of Caucasian Office of Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF).

15:45 – 16:00 Wrap-up session, closing of the conference.