

Introduction to EU Co-operation with Ukraine



European Neighbourhood Policy

- European Union's external policy towards its neighbours
 - developed in 2004
 - promotes good governance, economic and social development in countries around the EU's land and sea borders
 - foresees closer political links and elements of economic integration
- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)
 - Framework for planning and delivering assistance from 1 January 2007
 - Increased financial assistance (national envelope for Ukraine €964 million for 2007-2013)
 - More flexible instrument
 - Budget support and Twinning preferred to traditional TA
 - Includes transnational/regional and cross-border actions

Aid Effectiveness

- The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness was signed in 2005 by over 100 partner countries and donors (including Ukraine). Its five main principles are:
 - Ownership
 - Alignment
 - Harmonisation
 - Managing for results
 - Mutual accountability
- The EU commitments:
 - European Consensus on Development
 - EU Code of Conduct on Complementarity and Division of Labour
 - Accra Agenda for Action
 - Backbone Strategy

Partners in co-operation

- Ukrainian Government at the national, regional and local level
- EU Member States
- International agencies
 - multilateral and regional organisations
 - International financial institutions
 - United Nations agencies
 - non-European Union donors
- Civil society
- Private foundations and companies, business associations, other non-state actors

Eastern Partnership

- enhanced cooperation based on a differentiated approach with each partner
- supports the country to progress in its own way and at its own speed
- launched in 2009; the Eastern Partnership offers:
 - Association Agreement negotiations
 - improved market access and promotion of free trade areas
 - increased mobility between the European Union and its Eastern Partners
 - mutual energy security
 - Comprehensive Institution-Building Programme
 - support for economic and social development

Association Agreement negotiations

- Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) is the legal basis for the EU-Ukraine relations in force since 1998
- In March 2007, EU and Ukraine opened negotiations on the Association Agreement
- Association Agreement to replace the PCA once adopted; it foresees:
 - enhancement of the EU-Ukraine relations in all areas of cooperation
 - establishment of a deep and comprehensive free trade area (DCFTA)

Association Agenda

- new cooperation framework (November 2009) which replaced the ENP Action Plan of 2005
 - to prepare for and facilitate the entry into force of the Association Agreement
 - identifies priorities which require urgent action in anticipation of the entry into force of the Agreement
 - joint ownership and joint responsibility
 - achievement of tangible results through the progressive implementation of practical measures
 - common assessment of annual progress made



Association Agenda Priorities

- Joint Committee at senior officials level defines priorities for action for each year under the following areas
 - Political Dialogue
 - Cooperation on justice, freedom and security issues
 - Economic cooperation
 - Trade and trade-related matters
 - Energy co-operation including nuclear issues
 - Other co-operation policies (including taxation, transport, environment, financial services, agriculture)

Assistance strategy for Ukraine (2011-2013)

- Assistance provided under the national ENPI envelope for Ukraine focuses on the following three priority areas:
 - *Priority Area 1: Good Governance and the Rule of Law*
 - Sub-priority 1: Justice, Freedom and Security
 - Sub-priority 2: Integrated Border Management
 - Sub-priority 3: Public Administration Reform and Public Financial Management
 - Sub-priority 4: Disarmament
 - *Priority Area 2: Facilitation of the entry into force of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area)*
 - Sub-priority 1: Facilitation of the entry into force of the Association Agreement
 - Sub-priority 2: Facilitation of the establishment of a DCFTA
 - *Priority Area 3: Sustainable Development*
 - Sub-priority 1: Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Transport
 - Sub-priority 2: Regional and Rural development

Assistance to Ukraine

- Overall assistance allocated to Ukraine to date – over €3.1 billion, including
 - €2.4 billion - TACIS technical assistance in 1991-2006 (including specific support for Chornobyl Shelter Fund of €150 million); 32 TACIS projects are still ongoing
 - €522.6 million - ENPI National indicative programme for Ukraine 2007-2010 topped up with governance facility
 - €120 million – Nuclear Safety Instrument 2007-2010
 - Actions under ENPI regional and interregional programmes; thematic programmes for migration, human rights and environment
- €470 million - ENPI National Indicative Programme for Ukraine 2011-2013, including
 - Comprehensive Institution Building Programme (€43.37 million)
 - Cohesion Policy (€30.79 million)

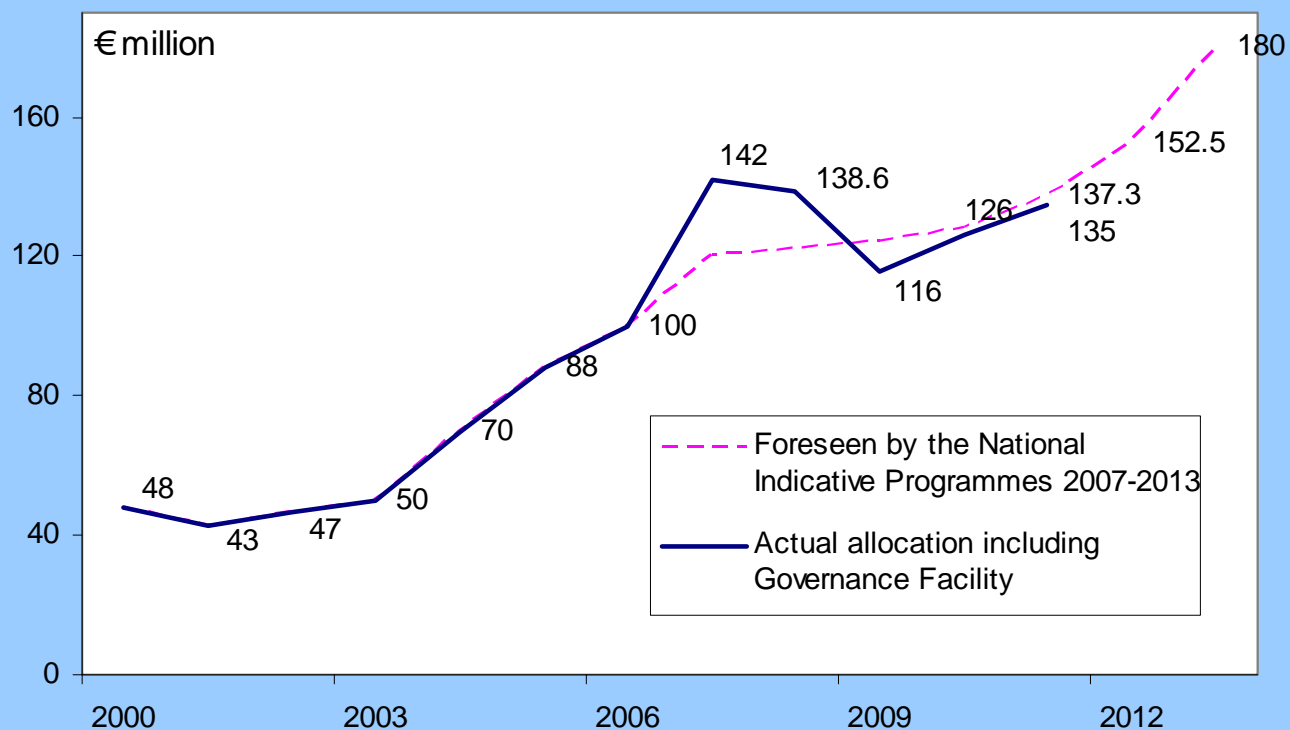
Assistance to Ukraine 1991-2011, breakdown

	1991 -1999	2000-2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
<i>TACIS -ENPI National Programme</i>	446	446	120	122	116	126	135	1,511.0
<i>ENPI Governance Facility</i>	-	-	22	16.6	-	-	-	38.6
<i>Neighbourhood Investment Facility</i>	-	-	5.8	5				10.8
<i>TACIS Nuclear Safety (incl. Chernobyl Shelter Fund and UKR G7 Action Plan); Nuclear Safety Instrument</i>	355	266.5	28.5	37.2	13.8	21.1	53	775.1
<i>TACIS Cross-border Co-operation</i>	5.2	35						40.2
<i>TACIS Regional Programme, ENPI Regional East</i>	3.7	63.3	15	12	12	12	21	139.0
<i>Fuel gap</i>	-	65	-	-	-	-	-	65.0
<i>ECHO (humanitarian assistance)</i>	18	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	20.2
<i>Macro-financial assistance (loan)</i>	565	110	-	-	-	-	-	675.0
<i>Human rights (EIDHR)</i>	0.2	4.975	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	8.8
<i>Non-state Actors and Local Authorities</i>	-	0	-	-	-	-	0.95	1.0
<i>Migration (AENEAS)</i>	-	4.3	3.07	1.5		4.7		13.6
<i>Environment</i>	-	0	1.6			5.5		7.1
<i>Anti-landmines</i>	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7.0
<i>Contribution to STCU</i>	3	31	5	2.9				41.9
Total	1396.1	1035.275	201.57	197.8	142.4	169.9	211.15	3,354.2

in million Euro

National Action Programmes for Ukraine 2000-2013

Assistance to Ukraine under National Programmes, 2000-2013



Budget support 2007-2011

- 62% of the ENPI NIP for Ukraine 2007-2011 (€ 407 million) to be spent through budget support – disbursement to the state budget to support specific sector programmes

Support to the implementation of <u>energy</u> strategy	€ 82 million
Support to the implementation of Ukraine's strategy in the area of <u>energy efficiency</u> and renewable sources of energy	€ 63 million
Promoting mutual trade by <u>removing technical barriers to trade</u> between Ukraine and the EU	€ 39 million
Support to the Implementation of the <u>Transport</u> Strategy of Ukraine	€ 65 million
Support to the implementation of the <u>Environmental</u> policy in Ukraine	€ 35 million
Support to the <u>Border Management</u> Sector Policy in Ukraine	€ 60 million
Reform of the <u>Administrative Legal Framework and Civil Service</u> in Ukraine	€ 63 million

Annual Action Programmes 2007-2010

- Other actions included in the national envelope for Ukraine in 2007-2011:
 - Twinning and technical assistance - €80.6 million in annual allocations
 - Comprehensive institution-building programme - €20 million
 - Readmission-related assistance and EUBAM flanking measures - €35 million
 - Contribution to the Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment (“5 E’s”) Partnership Fund (Swedish Initiative) - €25 million
 - Support to Regional Development Policy - €20 million
 - Community Based Approach to Local Development Phase II - €17 million
 - Support to the Joint Cooperation Initiative in Crimea - €12 million
 - Support to the Justice Sector Policy Reforms in Ukraine - €10 million

Twinning



- institution building support for Ukrainian authorities through civil servant exchange with Member States
- supports institutional reform based on successful solutions in Central and Eastern European countries
- direct technical co-operation between public bodies of EU Member States and partner countries' administrations
- opportunity for civil servants to exchange best practices and experiences in a given field of expertise
- 9 ongoing projects
 - Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Economy, Higher Administrative Court, State Statistics Service, State Aviation Administration, National Accreditation Agency, National Electricity Regulatory Commission, National Agency of Civil Service
- 10 projects to be launched in 2012
 - State Social Service for Family, Children and Youth, National Commission for Communication Regulation, Ministry of Interior, National Agency of Ukraine for Efficient Use of Energy Resources, Main State Inspection on Plant Quarantine, Ministry of Transport

Comprehensive Institution Building Programme

- Eastern Partnership medium term strategic framework
- jointly developed and implemented with Ukrainian counterparts
- to ensure effective institutions building
- of a limited number of core institutions (or cluster of institutions) which are central to the preparation and implementation of the future Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area
- Key areas:
 - Steering and Implementation Process for the Association Agreement (including DCFTA)
 - Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary capacity
 - Capacity in State Aid Control
 - Capacity of Institutions in the field of Migration

TAIEX



- TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange) is an instrument which helps countries with regard to the approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation:
 - short term technical assistance and advice on the transposition of EU legislation into the national legislation
 - technical training and peer assistance
 - database tools for facilitating and monitoring the approximation progress
 - identifying further technical assistance needs
- In 2011 Ukraine participated in 76 events in a wide range of areas. The approved working plan for Ukraine in 2012 contains more than 100 events
- These are multi-country events organised or initiated by the European Commission or Member States where Ukraine is invited or events initiated by Ukrainian governmental institutions

SIGMA

- Support for Improvement in Governance and Management - a joint EU/OECD initiative financed by the EU
- Sigma assists in the design and implementation of reform programmes
- Complements institution-building activities such as twinning
- Contributes additional expertise and legal and comparative perspectives by:
 - Assessing reform progress and identifying priorities
 - Assisting decision-making and administrations in building institutions and setting up legal framework
 - Facilitating donor assistance by helping design projects and supporting implementation

Regional Initiatives

- Address the priorities with regional dimension:
 - Transport
 - Energy
 - Environment
 - Border and migration management
 - Fight against trans-national organised crime
 - Customs
 - SME cooperation
 - Civil society cooperation
 - Culture
- Ukraine benefits from 30 ongoing regional projects, including:
 - Neighbourhood Investment Facility
 - European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine - EUBAM
 - TRACECA Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia programme
 - INOGATE energy cooperation programme

Cross Border Co-operation (CBC)

- Four overarching aims:
 - promoting economic and social development in border areas
 - working together to address common challenges in fields such as the environment, public health and the prevention of and fight against organised crime
 - Ensuring efficient and secure borders
 - promoting local “people-to-people” type action
- Four programmes Ukraine benefits from
 - Poland-Belarus-Ukraine
 - Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine
 - Romania-Ukraine-the Republic of Moldova
 - Black Sea Basin

Nuclear Safety Instrument

- Priorities of assistance:
 - improvement of the nuclear power plants' design safety, in particular through on-site assistance (provision of equipments and technical advices)
 - off-site emergency preparedness (in particular: the largest training centre in the world is being built with EU funds in the Zaporozhye plant)
 - management of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel
 - support to the regulatory authorities (essentially: the State National Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine or SNRIU)
 - control of nuclear materials (safeguards)
 - Chernobyl closure and implementation of the Shelter Implementation Plan
- € 120.6 million allocated in 2007-2010
- 22 ongoing projects

Higher Education Programmes

- **Tempus** contributes to the reforming of Higher Education system in Ukraine via introduction of new curricular, governance, e-learning, education measurements adapted to the EU standards
- **Erasmus Mundus** programme is a co-operation and mobility programme which provides for:
 - European top-quality Masters Courses
 - partnerships between universities
 - Community-funded scholarships for students and scholars
- **Jean Monnet Programme** to support scientific resources and academic activities in the field of European integration and European Union developments

Thematic programmes

- European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
 - addresses a full range of human rights issues
 - supports primarily civil society organisations
 - operates through Calls for Proposals (annual allocation for Ukraine €600,000)
 - 11 ongoing projects of €2.4 million
- Investing in People: health; education, knowledge and skills; gender equality; employment and social cohesion; children and youth; culture
- Migration and asylum (8 ongoing projects of €9.5 million)
- Environment, sustainable management of natural resources, including energy
 - operate through global calls launched by HQ
 - 5 ongoing projects of €4.2 million

Communications and Visibility

- Substantial efforts are made to explain to Ukrainian citizens about the concrete benefits of EU assistance
- There is regular information on and from projects on the Delegation website (www.delukr.ec.europa.eu)
- The Delegation also produces a bi-weekly electronic newsletter (EU Co-operation News) on EU assistance to Ukraine
- The Delegation is in regular contact with the media, informing them of projects' activities. We regularly organise site visits to projects for journalists
- Other activities include conferences and seminars, newspaper inserts, competitions for young people and site visits by EU Ambassadors during Europe Day

