

Green economy activities: Challenges and opportunities in Ukraine

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Green Economy: Legal and Policy Context

- Strategy for Sustainable Development “Ukraine – 2020” (January, 2015)
- Strategy of environmental policy of Ukraine till 2020
- Energy Strategy of Ukraine till 2030
- Strategy for agriculture and rural development 2015-2020



Challenges for transition to green economy

- Lack of awareness and knowledge of sustainable development values and green economy
- Poor understanding of benefits and opportunities arising in the transition to green economy
- Insufficient interagency coordination, which creates barriers to the integration of green issues into sector-specific strategies and policies
- Limitations (financial, institutional, regulatory) for moving from strategic planning to implementation phase

Contribution of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

➤ **“Green Pack” environmental education toolkit**

Promote environmental education to change people’s attitudes towards sustainable development and encourage more environmentally conscious thinking; 22 topics related to sustainable development and green economy

➤ **Green Economy project**

Create a knowledge platform for policy makers and equip them with necessary tools to more effectively generate sustainable economic development policies

Green Pack Project



Building environmental education in Ukraine and dissemination of knowledge about sustainable development principles

Period: 2009-2013

Stages:

1. Feasibility study of education for sustainable development in Ukraine
2. Development of a country specific Green Pack and its promotion
3. Training of teachers and Green Pack dissemination
4. Green-pack upgrading

Multimedia educational toolkit covers topics on environmental protection and sustainable development, including topics relevant for green economy

- (Conventional) Green Pack for secondary and high school
- Green Pack Junior for primary school

Green Pack Project: Results



- Produced and disseminated educational materials to schools
 - **10,900** teacher's manual for secondary and high school
 - **9,130** teacher's manual for primary school
 - **40,000** CDs with in-depth information on lesson plans, exercises and other learning tools
 - **15,000** DVD collection of documentaries related to lesson plans

- Strengthened capacity of teachers to deliver environmental training
 - **18** master trainers engaged in large-scale training activities
 - **4,500** teachers underwent trainings
 - **200** training sessions were held throughout the country

Green Pack Project: Achievements



- Enhanced capacity of schools to deliver high quality environmental education by using modern interactive teaching tools
- Raised awareness of environmental style of life among students and develop environmental values

Schools and extra-curriculum activities: summer camps, awareness campaigns, quizzes and contests



Green Economy Project

Enhancing capacity of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine to develop sustainable green economy policies

Period: 2013

Results:

- Translated key documents on green economy and green growth strategies
- Developed digests of selected green economy documents that are available to policy makers, economic development practitioners and general public
- Developed a web-page containing resource materials on green economy within the official web-site of the Ministry

Potential avenues for Aarhus Centres' engagement

- Raising awareness and promoting sustainable development values
- Providing support in the implementation of green economy mechanisms and exchange of experience between countries, regions
- Creating a platform for dialogue and cooperation between government, private sector and civil society for fostering a joint vision for green economy strategy and priorities
- Supporting governmental bodies in integrating green economy aspects into sectoral policies
- Supporting monitoring of the progress in transition to green economy

Thank you for your attention!

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