



## The EU and Ukraine

### Progress in relations - ENP Progress Report 2009

After years of steady progress in many areas covered by the Action Plan, Ukraine witnessed a slowing in the pace of reform in 2009, as a result of global economic and financial crisis and domestic political and constitutional difficulties. As regards the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, substantial progress was made in negotiations on economic and sector cooperation issues. Negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free trade area continued with the aim of concluding them as soon as possible.

In spite of the gas dispute in January, which disrupted supplies to the EU, 2009 saw a significant achievements in the energy sphere. In March, the EU and Ukraine jointly hosted a high-level investment conference on the modernisation of Ukraine's gas transit system, accompanied by a number of key reform commitments in the sector. In December, approval was given for Ukraine's accession to the Energy Community Treaty pending adoption of a gas law in accordance with the EU *acquis*. In other sectors, negotiations on the EU-Ukraine Agreement on a Common Aviation Area advanced, while dialogue towards a visa free regime progressed well.

However, implementation of key political and economic reforms in 2009 was hampered by the continuing constitutional crisis resulting from unclear separation of powers. No progress was made on the issue of constitutional reform, and no or only limited progress was made with respect to judicial reform and anti-corruption measures. Ukraine's economic situation continued to deteriorate in 2009 in the wake of the global downturn. While the outlook is improving, immediate challenges remain, in particular as regards bringing social and pension expenditure under control.

Key reform priorities in 2010 include: efforts to enhance macro-financial stability, reform of the constitution in order to enhance political stability while maintaining the pace of democratic development, energy sector reform (in particular as regards gas), public administration reform, the fight against corruption notably through judicial reform as well as measures to improve the business and investment climate.

2009 Ukraine country progress report [http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/progress2010/sec10\\_524\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/progress2010/sec10_524_en.pdf)

### Ukraine National Indicative Programme (NIP)

An indicative amount of €470.05 million has been allocated to Ukraine for its 2011-13 National Indicative Programme (NIP) financed under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), according to the NIP released by the European Commission. This represents an increase on an annual basis of over 25% in comparison to the previous programming period. The overall objectives of bilateral EU assistance for Ukraine are agreed in the Country Strategy Paper (CSP) 2007-2013.

*The priority areas as set out in the NIP are:*

- Good Governance and the Rule of law;
- Facilitation of the entry into force of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (including a deep and comprehensive Free Trade Area);
- Sustainable Development

### ENPI Info Centre Ukraine NIP wrap up



**Background:** The EU-Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement entered into force in 1998. It will be eventually replaced by a new Association Agreement. In late 2009, the ENP Action Plan was substituted by the Association agenda, and in January 2010 an extensive list of priorities for 2010 year was adopted.

DG RELEX – Ukraine [http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/ukraine/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/ukraine/index_en.htm)

## EU & Ukraine: Landmark events in 2009

### 4 December – EU-Ukraine summit held in Kiev

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=20247&id\\_type=1&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=20247&id_type=1&lang_id=450)

### 26 November - Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership launched in Stockholm

[http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings\\_news/2009/11/26/over\\_eur\\_90\\_million\\_for\\_energy\\_efficiency\\_and\\_climate\\_measures\\_in\\_eastern\\_europe](http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/11/26/over_eur_90_million_for_energy_efficiency_and_climate_measures_in_eastern_europe)

### 29 October - European Commission proposes macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, in the form of a loan of up to €500 million

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1659>

### 29-30 September - Eastern Partnership road show staged in Ukraine

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=19700&id\\_type=1&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=19700&id_type=1&lang_id=450)

### 10 June - Ukraine and EU pledge to step up cooperation in Justice, Freedom and Security

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=18640&id\\_type=1&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=18640&id_type=1&lang_id=450)

### 7 May - Eastern Partnership launched in Prague

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=18390&id\\_type=1&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=18390&id_type=1&lang_id=450)

## Find out more...

### ENPI Info Centre webpage – Ukraine

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=491&id\\_type=2](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=491&id_type=2)

### EU Delegation – Ukraine

<http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine>

## Documents

### EC Progress Report 2009

[http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/progress2010/sec10\\_524\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/progress2010/sec10_524_en.pdf)

### EC fact-sheet 2009

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/10/185&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&quiLanguage=en>

### EU-Ukraine Action Plan 2005

[http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/action\\_plans/ukraine\\_enp\\_ap\\_final\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/action_plans/ukraine_enp_ap_final_en.pdf)

### EU-Ukraine Association Agenda

[http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/ukraine/docs/2010\\_eu\\_ukraine\\_association\\_agenda\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/ukraine/docs/2010_eu_ukraine_association_agenda_en.pdf)

### ENPI Ukraine Strategy Paper 2007-2013

[http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/country/enpi\\_csp\\_ukraine\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/country/enpi_csp_ukraine_en.pdf)

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## Websites – Political and Economic relations

### EuropeAid – Ukraine country page

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/ukraine/ukraine\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/ukraine/ukraine_en.htm)

### External Cooperation – Ukraine

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/ukraine/ukraine\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/ukraine/ukraine_en.htm)

### Bilateral projects

[http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/projects/list\\_of\\_projects/projects\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/projects/list_of_projects/projects_en.htm)

### DG Trade – EU & Ukraine

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/countries/ukraine/>

DG Trade – Ukraine statistics [http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/september/tradoc\\_113459.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/september/tradoc_113459.pdf)

### EU-Ukraine FTA negotiations: background

[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2008/february/tradoc\\_137781.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2008/february/tradoc_137781.pdf)

### European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Ukraine

<http://www.ebrd.com/country/country/ukraine/index.htm>

## Material

### ENPI Info Centre feature story – Saving the Black Sea

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=199&id\\_type=6](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=199&id_type=6)

EUBAM feature Ukraine- Moldova [http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=72&id\\_type=6&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=72&id_type=6&lang_id=450)

EuropeAid photo library – Ukraine <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/multimedia/photos/library/index.cfm>

EC Video: Ukraine-Russia gas supply crisis [http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/media/](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/media/)

Window to Europe - [http://www.window-to-europe.eu/home\\_en.html](http://www.window-to-europe.eu/home_en.html)