ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting from June 11, 2007 a 10-series documentary by Vadym Kastelly “NATO: Friends or Foes?” runs on 1+1 TV channel.

This documentary is not intended for experts on Euro Atlantic integration. It is not boring. It is not about politics, geostrategy, or military compatibility. This film is about life – about Europeans who are not foes.

For several months the shooting crew traveled about new and old countries, scouring about military bases, wormed their way into secret objects, probing softness of soldier’s beds in NATO’s quarters, fearlessly tasting food in NATO’s dining rooms, and inquiring servicemen of what mean tricks the predatory block has in mind? and inquiring the civil (soldier’s mothers, girlfriends, inhabitants of the neighborhoods: aren’t you afraid of the military men? Don’t you have any fear for your boys? and how to keep generals in the hands of democracy? And more: why on earth you live better than we do?

There were a lot of adventures on the way. The journalists got lost in Sweden woods, where only elks and bears live, hardly evade being arrested in Amsterdam, found themselves under crossfire in the Balkan Mountains, their bus went out of order in England, and at the end of their trip the women journalists left the men alone in the Slovakian mountains.

The film begins at 12:15 a.m. in the program of Yuriy Makarov and Anatoliy Yarema Document.

The 10th Anniversary of signing of the Charter on Ukraine-NATO Partnership

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) invites you within the framework of the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of signing of the Charter of Ukraine-NATO Partnership to participate in different events on the occasion, such as interesting quizzes and competitions. The competition winners will be granted a trip to the NATO Headquarters in Brussels! The trip will be supported by the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine.

We invite you to participate in the following interactive events:
+ A quiz devoted to the 10th Anniversary of signing of the Charter on the Special Partnership between the Ukraine and the NATO. The quiz can be accessed from June 1 at: http://www.ukraine-nato.gov.ua/nato/publication/content/6787.htm

Four participants who will be the first to send correct answers to the questions will be announced the winners.
+ A photo competition Ukraine, the Alliance, and Me – you are welcome to participate in the creation of the photo gallery. This could be photos made during your study or fellowship abroad, or your trip about the NATO state members. Four winners of the photo competition will also be invited to visit Brussels.
+ Video competition Ukraine – the NATO is for those who are not indifferent to the Ukraine’s Euro Atlantic choice. To participate in this competition you’ll have to shoot a 30-second video reel on your handset or video camera.

You are welcome to send your works from July 1 at: koncurs_nato@ukr.net by July 1, 2007.

MFA NATO Department in Ukraine
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Win the trip to the NATO Headquarters in Brussels!

The European Space portal with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine offer a unique opportunity for Ukrainian citizens to go for a trip to the NATO Headquarters in Brussels within the framework of celebration of the 10th Anniversary of signing of the Charter on the Special Partnership between the Ukraine and the NATO.

What is necessary to do for that?

- to participate in the interactive events within the framework of the 10th Anniversary of signing of the Charter on the Special Partnership between the Ukraine and the NATO,
- to demonstrate your knowledge and creativity,
- to win!

The trips are organized by the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine.

Interactive events:

- A competition of the assays How my opinion on the North Atlantic Alliance was formed. The assay should be sent at: eu@prostir.ua.
- A competition of slogans of the Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine. In this competition you should express your attitude towards the Euro-Atlantic objectives in the accurate, laconic, and original way.
- A competition of the unofficial emblem (logo) of the Ukraine-NATO partnership. It should bear the implication of the sense and spirit of the partnership between the NATO and Ukraine.

All your works should be sent at: eu@prostir.ua. The winners will go for a trip to Brussels.

The initiative will go on from June 1 to July 1 2007.

Welcome to the Publishing Management seminar, this will take place on June 21-22 in Kyiv

Ukrainian Book Marketing Research Project (BMR, Cracow, Poland) and the International Renaissance Foundation invite publishers to participate in the on publishing management, which will take place on Thursday-Friday, June 21-22, 2007 from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. in the International Renaissance Foundation (conference hall, 2nd floor, Artema Str., 46, Kyiv). On June individual consultations will be conducted for the publishers – participants of the seminar.

Publishing Management is the 13th seminar conducted BMR within the framework of the Ukrainian Book Project.

Book Marketing Research (BMR) is the first consulting company in Poland, founded in 1993, which is specialized exclusively in book market. BMR cooperates with the Polish and foreign publishers and helps to establish contacts between them. BMR renders consulting services, conducts book market researches, seminars and training courses, as well as supports the publishing portal on the Polish book market http://wirtualnywydawca.pl/. BMR Director: Jacek Vlodarchyk.

In 2007-ro BMR plans to conduct the following seminars and individual consultations in Ukraine:

- "Successful sales of books in bookshops" — in Kyiv and Lviv.
- Publishing Management (for publishers) — in Lviv.

The project is implemented with the support of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs MATRA program, International Renaissance Foundation, and Fund for Central and East European Book Projects, Amsterdam.

NEWS

A seminar Denationalization of mass media: through the eyes of the mass media itself was conducted on the initiativea of the Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv Region

Representatives of the National Council on television and broadcasting, Association of the Media Lawyers in the Lviv region, Institute of Image Making and Advertisement, Lviv regional Journalist Association of Ukraine discussed different variants of the
denationalization of the Ukrainian mass media.

According to the Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv region as of today the topic of denationalization of mass media is interesting for more than a half of mass media managers in Lviv region. “The process of mass media denationalization is inevitable and the main task is to choose the right ways of its implementation, in the first place to implement it consistently and accurately. That was the reason to organize this seminar, which will have practical value – mass media managers will leave it with well-formed vision of the ways of denationalization – informed the head of Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv region Yuriy Nychka.

Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv region will offer the managers of regional newspapers and regional TV channels consultative assistance in the process of mass media denationalization at all stages. It will also initiate creation of the Coordination Council on mass media denationalization in Lviv region.

The seminar took place on June 12, 2007. It was organized by the Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv region, Institute of Image Making and Advertisement, Lviv regional Journalists’ Union of Ukraine, National Council on Television and Broadcasting in Lviv region.

The event was conducted with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of implementation of the project of the Lviv Institute of Image Making and Advertisement.

For any question on the seminar topic call: 8 095 317 5542, or mailto: imagenmaking@ukr.net

Media Lawyers Association in the Lviv region www.mediapravo.com

The Automobile Development and Improvement Program will be elaborated in Ukraine

Ukrautotrans started to elaborate the draft Automobile Development and Improvement Program, which will be a part of main tasks and events of the Development Program of the Transport and Roads of Ukraine for 2008 - 2015.

The Association of Drivers was informed on that by the State Department of the Automobile Transport on behalf of the Ministry of Transport of Ukraine, which considered the letter of the organization about the development of the automobile transport.

As it is mentioned in the answer to the letter, the draft Program provision the development of the rout network on all types of connections, renewal and complement of the autobus park, construction of roads, and futher development of bus connections in the rural area, development of the transportation security.

According to the State Department, representatives of the public, economic entities, and bodies of the state power will be involved into the descussion of the project by means of publication of the project of the Ministry of Transport’s web site, conduction of round-table discussion, public discussions.

All events are carried out within the framework the project Public Initiative in Action implemented by the public organization Association of Drivers with the financial support of the International Renaissance Foundation.

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Rights of oncological patients: fight for life and dignity

850 thousand of people in Ukraine are diagnosed of cancer. Only 61% out of them are being specially treated within the existing system of medical care. Almost 40% of people for the first time diagnosed of cancer cannot continue the necessary high value treatment at the expense of the state and are actually condemned In 2006 a National campaign of the protection rights of oncological patients The Right for Life was launched with the support of the IRF. The project aims at implementation of the public monitoring system over observance of the rights of the oncological patients and lobbying of their interests in the Parliament.
The project is implemented by the Women Health and Family Planning Charitable Foundation, which attends to the medical and social issues in the sphere of oncology beginning from 1996. The organization has many years of experience of conduction of the independent expertise of the oncological incidence in Ukraine, organization of service of psychological and social support of oncological patients, conduction of the information campaigns aimed to protect women with breast cancer on the national and regional levels.

According to the Halyna Maistruk, Chairman of the Foundation Board, and the experience of other countries shows that unions of the women patients who suffered from breast cancer, are the most active lobbyists of the rights of oncological patients, and form the most active public movement in the sphere of oncology. Breast cancer is the most widely spread reason of death of able-bodied women diagnosed of cancer. At the same time such patients have good chances to overcome the disease in the countries where conditions for diagnosis of early stage of cancer are created and consistent policy of lowering cancer rate is conducted. To compare: in Ukraine the five-year survival rate of patients with breast cancer accounts for 50%, in the USA – 88%.

Within the framework of the IRF project in December 2006 the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Healthcare conducted hearings on the protection of rights of oncological patients in Ukraine and on implementation of the State Program Oncology for 2002-2006.

The urgency of the issue as it was emphasized during the hearings defined by the need to secure the rights of oncological patients to have the full value life in conditions which secure their dignity, early diagnosis and special treatment, improvement of life quality, medical, psychological, social and labor rehabilitation, as well as palliative care and adequate pain killing.

The resolution of the Parliament Committee recommends to “elaborate correspondent standards of medical care for oncological patients guaranteed by the state” and “to undertake measures aimed at involvement of public organizations (Ukrainian and international) of psychological, social and legal support into the taking care of oncological patients”.

The work in the sphere of protection of rights of oncological patients was continued by the seminar organized by the VR Committee on Healthcare and the Women Health and Family Planning Charitable Foundation, devoted to the European standards of prevention and treatment of the oncological diseases. This seminar took place in February 2007. Participating in the seminar were the representatives of the healthcare system, public organizations, and journalists.

Combination of efforts of the Parliament with public organizations and the non-state unions of patients may bring about positive progress in the combating oncological diseases. Having as an example the effective cooperation of the Parliament and public organizations, the Women Health and Family Planning Charitable Foundation urges the adoption of the National Action Plan for combating breast cancer and other cancer localization diseases, which can be successfully treated on condition of early diagnosis and effective treatment. Such National Action Plan could bring lower the death rate of the able-bodies Ukrainians and significantly improve people’s health.

In order to consolidate public efforts, the Women Health and Family Planning Charitable Foundation conduct an information campaign Right for Life. The last regional conference organized in cooperation with the Educational Center of Reforms, took place in Rivne of June 15, 2007.

According to the oncological patients’ opinion poll (carried out by the Democratic Initiatives Foundation) 95% of such people think that it is necessary to implement once a year obligatory medical examination of all categories of people. For example, in Ukraine only 1-2% of women undergo preventive examination while in EU countries – 50%, in the USA – 75%. This results in the fact that in Ukraine 30% of women are diagnosed of cancer on III-IV stages, when the treatment is very expensive and has small effect.

51% of the interrogated Ukrainian oncological patients do not trust in the quality of the free of charge medicine offered in hospitals and clinics. More than a half of patients (54%) believe that the quality of treatment depends directly of the paying capacity of a patients. 35% of patients experienced indignity when being treated.

Information campaign is called to change attitude of the society to the issues of oncological patients, increase public awareness and their reasonable demands to the state healthcare system.

Public organizations also hope that healthcare and protection of patients’ rights will become a corner stone in political discussions between the parties which strive for voters’
trust. Today’s deficient legislation, cases of corruption in the healthcare system, absence of the transparent decision making in the state bodies, including decision during tenders for purchase of medicine, lack of public and patients unions control caused that in Ukraine people are deprived of their most cherished right – the right for life. For further information call: Halyna Maistruk, tel. (044) 242-26-20

Women Health and Family Planning Charitable Foundation
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COMPETITIONS

IRF European Program and East-East: Partnership without Border Program and Stefan Batory Foundation Public Initiatives in Eastern Europe Program announce the following competitions:

“ENHANCE OF PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE ISSUES OF THE EUROPEAN AND EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRATION

The purpose of the contest is for Ukrainian society to have enhanced knowledge of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Contest participants: social non-profit organizations.

The projects should be comprised of the expressly delineated, interactive informational and educational events in connection with different types of European and Euro-Atlantic integration of certain types aimed at:
- Regional elites (e.g., workshops, round tables, debates etc),
- Broad audience (e.g., contests, quizzes, public events etc.),
- Mass media (television, press-conference etc.).

Discussion points within the project framework:
- Comparison of the European and post-soviet model of the development of the country from the standpoint of the interests of the citizens;
- The results of the execution of the Action Plan –Ukraine -EU;
- European values, standards, experience of the reforms in different fields of the social life, which are essential for Ukraine (the examples of new members of EU and NATO);
- pros and cons as for Ukraine’s accession to NATO;
- “our region” (“наше місто”) European /Euro-Atlantic integration.

The projects are to commence no earlier than on the 1st of October 2007 and end by no later than the 1st of September 2008. Before the kickoff of the project, the winners of the contest will be invited for a training to enhance their qualification in European integration issues.

The deadline for submittal of the projects is the 21st of July 2007.

“ENCREASE OF CAPABILITY OF TARGET GROUPS IN THE SPHERE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION TROUGH CONDUCTION OF TRAININGS

The purpose of the contest is for the representatives of the target groups to develop the necessary skills and qualification in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration by means of a number of thematic trainings.

The participants of the contest: social non-profit organizations, educational institutions.

Mandatory conditions for the projects to be submitted:

The project should provide the following: social organizations or educational institutions should conduct a number of events (trainings) with the help of professional trainers for the audience to get necessary skills in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration; the project can provide either similar trainings for different audiences or a serious of advanced trainings for one audience. The maximal target grant from IRF is— 10 000 USD (in case the audience is covered in one oblast or region, 15 000 USD (in
case the audience is from different regions/oblasts of Ukraine).

The deadline for submittal of the projects is the 21st of July 2007.

IRF European Program announces a tender

“PUBLIC ESSESSMENT OF THE STATE INFORMATION POLICY IN THE SPHERE OF EUROPEAN AND EUROATLANTIC INTEGRATION

The objective of the tender is to obtain a comprehensive public assessment of the efficiency of the state information policy in regard to European and Euro-Atlantic integration and develop the steps for its improvement.

Bidders: independent analytical centers, social organizations.

Conditions:
One project will be supported within the framework of the tender, where the following would be provided:
– development of the texts of the new programs and the mechanisms to ensure their execution;
– presentation of the project results to the broad audience.

The winner of the bid is expected to cooperate with IRF in development of the final methodology of the monitoring and will use the results of projects on monitoring of the Action Plan Ukraine- EU and monitoring of regional policy of the European and Euro-Atlantic integration supported by IRF in 2005-2006.

The maximal target grant from МФВ is 30 000 USD.

The deadline for submittal of the projects is the 27th of June 2007.

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For application forms and additional information on the above-mentioned competitions go to IRF website:
http://www.irf.kiev.ua

East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program Soros Foundation-Moldova
International Renaissance Foundation-Kyiv  Soros Foundation-Romania announces a competition

THE THIRD ROUND OF THE COMPETITION ON PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP PROMOTION IN THE REGION: UKRAINE-MOLDOVA-ROMANIA

The goal of the competition is to develop partnership between civic societies of Ukraine, Moldova and Romania for enforcing democratic values and strengthening principles of sustainable development in the context of the EU enlargement to the region.

Proposals that envision international exchange of experience in promotion of democratic values, social innovations and public activity particularly in trans-border regions will be supported. The proposals are planned together with partners from all three countries as long-term initiatives and are to be implemented both in three of the countries in the format of brainstorming meetings, seminars, study visits, workshops, etc. The East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program (EE/PBB Program) will cover local expenses to support the implementation of hosting projects and travel expenses for invited participants when the projects are implemented in a partner country.
The competition will be held in two phases: in the first phase the applicants are asked to submit the **concept papers** and in the second phase the selected applicants will be asked to prepare complete projects. The leading organization agreed by involved partners submits the concept paper to the national office of the EE/PBB Program in its country.

**Competition areas:**

1. **Supporting national reforms through the European integration efforts** and monitoring of public processes in the region: action plans implementation, security issues, human rights monitoring, borders openness, etc.
2. **Opportunities and challenges for regional cooperation** in the framework of Romania's EU Accession to encourage transfer of experience and lessons learned.
3. **Strengthening partnership between NGOs and Local Authorities** through inter- and intra-sectors activities (public/private partnership, citizens participation in decision-making, good practices in local problem-solving, transparency in local affairs, ensuring community development in rural areas, enhancement of local communities’ capacities in participating in the EU neighborhood programs, etc.);
4. **Approaching prospects of European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the Black Sea Region** through facilitation of cooperation and dialog between public of the region to solve regional problems related to security, migration processes, ethnic minorities rights, ecology, etc. (the involvement of participants from other countries of the Black Sea Region to trilateral initiatives is advisable).

**Competition participants:** NGOs, local authorities, mass media, policy centers, educational institutions and others.

The concept paper should not exceed 2 pages of free-text form (Times New Roman, size 12) and should include brief information about:

- the project idea (aim and goals);
- the project main partners (with contacts) and target audience;
- the project activity plan (like events schedule);
- expected results and outcomes.

The Program will not support proposals that envision:

- individual research projects;
- art events;
- particular translation and publishing activity;
- institutional support and an infrastructure development;
- commercial or profitable activity.

The competition budget is opened.

The deadline for concept papers is **June 22, 2007**.

We encourage submitting the concept papers **via e-mail** to the following addresses:

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