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in Lviv. FestRepublic had a lively, festive atmosphere. The event was moderated by Roman Shcherban, a famous comedian and volunteer, and wrapped up by another celebrity - rap artist alyona

closing event of the All-Ukrainian Together We Learn & Grow

communication campaign, which took place on 15 February

alyona. The Discussion Space became the official opening venue of the event. The participants discussed youth leadership, the role of youth in the development of local self-government, and opportunities for young veterans and internally displaced persons.

In the Opportunity Space, young people had an opportunity to learn about studying under programmes and projects funded by the European Union. In particular, Erasmus+, eTwinning, EU4Youth, the EU Study Days project, the Young European Ambassadors initiative, the European Quiz, and the Euroclub

Network were presented.

and youth in Ukraine announced

The All-Ukrainian Together We Learn & Grow communication campaign was initiated to mainly highlight the EU's support for education and youth in times of full-scale war and the opportunities available. The campaign was launched in September 2024. A total of 9 public events were held in Kyiv and five regions - from Poltava to Chernivtsi – reaching over 16,000 educators, students, young leaders, representatives of local communities, and journalists. Through more than 300 publications in the media and on digital platforms, the campaign outreached more than 14 million Ukrainians.

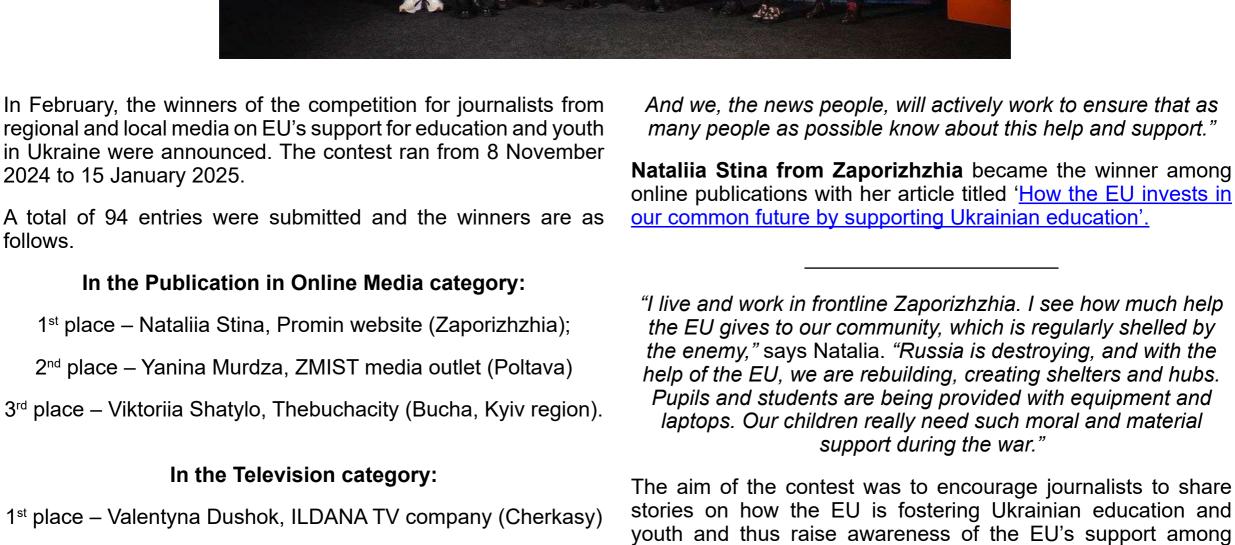
parts of Ukraine," said EU Ambassador to Ukraine Katarina

Mathernova, who opened the event together with Lviv

Mayor Andriy Sadovyi.

More information: The event video on the Facebook page of the EU Delegation to Ukraine Together We Learn&Grow campaign page on the EU4Ukraine website

Winners of the journalism contest on the EU's support for education



Valentyna Dushok, a TV journalist from Cherkasy, won the contest with her news item titled 'Cherkasy University continues its cooperation with European partners'.

"The competition encouraged us as journalists to cover this topic. By the way, after my story was aired, we received an offer to cooperate with the Cherkasy State Business College, which also actively cooperates with the EU in educational projects," says Valentyna. "So we will continue to inform the community

multifunctional power banks.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ihor Kuzhyk, IRT (Poltava).

The winners were awarded Bluetti charge stations, tablets and

to feel that we are not alone, that we have support.

Higher Vocational School No.7 in Poltava region were officially opened. The major renovations and state-of-the-art professional equipment were provided as part of the EU4Skills: Better Skills for Modern Ukraine programme. Mykola Nesen, the headmaster of Higher Vocational School **No. 7**, describes an interesting scene from the opening ceremony.

"Journalists asked a first-year student if he liked studying with the new equipment. He replied, 'What if you had been driving a

Zhiguli all your life and then switched to a Mercedes, would you

like it? Indeed, working on a state-of-the-art, digitally displayed

machine is impressive," says the headmaster.

The CNC lathe mentioned costs about UAH 4 million. In total,

under the EU4Skills programme, the school received 17 units

In February, the Training and Practice Centre 'Wide Profile Turner'

Following the modernisation, which was also supported by the Ukrainian government and regional authorities, who invested more than UAH 11 million, the training centre now has 72 pieces of equipment, compared to 32 before.

'Helping where we can be faster': project to support veterans in Poltava прямуємо РАЗОМ EU4CSOs

the Ukrainian audience. The event was organised as part of the EU Delegation to Ukraine's Together We Learn&Grow communication campaign. More information about the contest: EU4Ukraine website

### and the modernised training workshops of the Kremenchuk "The modernisation of facilities, the innovative machinery, and the introduction of cutting-edge technologies establish necessary high-quality conditions for an advanced education

workers in the relevant professions from Kremenchuk industrial of metal-working and metal-cutting equipment worth about UAH 22.4 million. while training students." The programme also contributed to the replacement of the roof, which hadn't been replaced since 1979, and the thermal modernisation of the building. The total EU4Skills contribution to the school modernisation is around UAH 51.8 million.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

"They are quite modest or self-sufficient. Sometimes you

offer to help someone, and they say, 'I'll do it myself, maybe

someone else needs it more," says Ivanna Danylyshyna, Head of the Public Health Programs Department at the

Light of Hope charitable organisation, describing her work

with veterans undergoing rehabilitation or treatment at the

Recovery Centre in Poltava.

There are usually around 50 defenders in the centre. Light of Hope provides them with additional support thanks to a sub-

The organisation's social workers are impressed by the veterans'

desire for self-sufficiency. Though the need for support is great -

the project has only just started, but has already helped dozens

"Usually these are cases where we can provide the support needed more quickly. Or when the services are not related

to the rehabilitation at the centre."

Light of Hope charitable organisation cooperates with

Recovery, providing veterans with social and legal assistance, psychological support and transportation options. It also

provides medical supplies when needed. The project employs two social workers, a lawyer, a psychologist, an administrator

grant from the EU4CSOs Empower UA project.

of soldiers.

and other administrative staff.

More information: Press release of the EU Delegation to Ukraine <u>Video about the school modernisation</u>

social worker, about her work with veterans. "Often the centre

patients need to go to the hospital where they have to be

reviewed by the Medical Evaluation Board. Some have to go

to the railway station or somewhere else. We have transport facilities."

The project's initial experience has shown that the services of lawyers are most in demand among veterans. This applies

to going through the Medical Evaluation Board, applying for

benefits, defining a disability category, preparing the necessary

documents and requests. Sometimes the veterans need the

provided," adds Valentyna Onishchenko.

Supporting veterans in rehabilitation is a huge task that the

state and society are already facing, and it will grow with time. Therefore, experience in this field is very valuable. The Light of

EU4CSOs Empower UA is funded by the European Union and

More information:

Hope organisation's project will run until the end of 2025.

implemented by the 100 Percent Life. Rivne NGO.

"We also practice purchasing some things for rehabilitation." "This is a good centre, there are many specialists there, These can be, for example, crutches for walking after but no social workers. So, when additional services are discharge, postoperative bandages, which the patients are not needed, ours provide them," says Ivanna Danylyshyna.

notary services.

Facebook page of Light of Hope charitable organisation Facebook page of EU4CSOs Empower UA DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

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In February, the EU4DigitalUA project, in cooperation with

the Office of the Ombudsman of Ukraine, presented a study

on Liability and Sanctions for Violations of the General Data

The analysis is extremely relevant, as European integration in the

field of personal data protection is important not only for citizens, but also for businesses. Namely, it concerns the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 in terms of penalties in cases of

personal data security breaches. The EU law requires them

to be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. It also specifies

the aggravating and mitigating circumstances that a special

supervisory authority must take into account when determining

This was discussed during the presentation of the study at the

Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Commissioner for

Human Rights. The event was also attended by the following

business representatives: Nova, Uklon, Deloitte, YouControl,

"This analysis and debate are crucial as Ukraine will be

The exhibition 'Ukraine's Path to the EU in Illustrations, Posters,

and Artworks', organised by the Association4U project in

cooperation with the Reforms Delivery Office of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, took place in Kyiv from 19 February to 2

March. Around 70 works by Ukrainian artists and designers were

presented, highlighting the key aspects of Ukraine's European

"Since the Revolution of Dignity, the involvement of artists in

depicting significant events, including the Maidan, has had an

extraordinary emotional impact. For example, the 'I am a drop

in the ocean' poster from the 'Poster Strike' series has inspired people to take to the streets," says Yvette Delikatna, the EU-funded Association 4U's key communications expert.

"Artists have always managed to convey the meaning of the

changes the country is going through in a poignant and concise

way, and document our struggle for freedom and dignity. That's

why we came up with the idea of putting together a collection of

artworks that reflect our path towards the EU and showcasing

them in the exhibition."

The dramatic events of Ukraine's European integration over the

past 11 years, the struggles, hopes and victories are emotionally

One of the exhibitors is **Artem Gusev**, founder and creative director of Gusev Art Lab. The exhibition featured four of his works, created after the start of the full-scale russian invasion.

portrayed in the paintings, posters and graphics.

work is extremely intensive.

activities with the help of mentors, we identified areas that

needed to be strengthened and improved," says Nataliia

Hlinchakova, Project and Program Management specialist

at Caritas Kryvyi Rih.

Nataliia talks about the Foundation's participation in the project named 'Strengthening Through Unity: Support for Capacity

Building of Local NGOs in Sumy, Kharkiv, and Dnipro Regions'.

16 NGOs from these regions are being supported through

mentoring and consultations. The project is part of the EMPOWER

programme, funded by the EU and Germany and implemented

"In particular, it would be useful for us to work on a fundraising strategy, as Caritas Kryvyi Rih is a charitable foundation that

depends on external funding. At the moment we are constantly looking for patrons, but this process is quite complicated and

without the right knowledge it becomes even more difficult. That is why we need to be strengthened in this area," says

Natalia Hlinchakova.

**Deadline – 17 March 2025** 

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from the Eastern Partnership countries.

by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

integration.

Darnytsia Pharmaceutical Company, and Ukrzaliznytsia.

Protection Regulation (GDPR).

adjustment to the initial amount.

the amount of a fine.

The data protection component of the project is implemented adopting its rules and regulations, including those related to the by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for work of the national data protection regulator, as part of its EU Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP). accession process," says Oleksandr Shevchuk, author of the study and personal data protection expert at EU4DigitalUA. More information: "Therefore, business, citizens and government agencies must clearly understand how the regulator works, what requirements Study 'Liability and Sanctions for Violations of the General Data it sets and how sanctions are imposed. Protection Regulation (GDPR) According to the study, for companies with an annual turnover EU4DigitalUA project website of up to EUR 2 million, supervisory authorities can reduce the calculation to 0.2% of the initial amount, while for companies with a turnover of EUR 100 to 250 million, the initial fine can be adjusted by 15% to 50%. And for companies with a turnover of more than EUR 500 million, fines can be imposed without any ART The path to the EU in paintings and posters

"I literally painted them every day to reflect all the events

that were happening. For example, a work that alludes to an aeroplane and the closure of air travel for russians directly

reflects this EU decision and the support and gratitude of

Ukrainians for it. Another work, that talks about the path to

the European Union, shows it in the form of a line that directly reflects the bloodstained path – as it is the war."

The exhibition 'Ukraine's Path to the EU in Illustrations, Posters, and Artworks' was opened by Katarina Mathernova, the

Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine, and Olha

Stefanishyna, the Deputy Prime Minister for European and

"On 28 February 2022, just four days after the start

of the full-scale invasion, Ukraine applied for EU membership.

It was a moment that changed history. As the world was

looking at the war unfold, Ukraine was looking to the future,"

said Katarina Mathernova. "In the darkest times, hope and

the European perspective have become the driving force for a

country fighting not only for its freedom, but also for the values

of the whole of Europe. Moreover, Ukraine is not just defending

itself – it is living, creating, and developing culture even during the war. Exhibitions are opening, artists are working.

This is the strength of Ukraine."

More information:

Association4U project video

**Euro-Atlantic Integration.** 



The Caritas Kryvyi Rih Parish Charitable Foundation provides comprehensive support to internally displaced persons and residents of the Dnipro region affected by russian aggression. The Foundation's activities include all sorts of repairs, the provision of solid fuel, heaters, basic household items, food parcels and

**TRAINEESHIP** The European Commission is now accepting applications for its annual paid internship programme, the Blue Book Traineeship. It provides young graduates from around the world with hands-on

the protection from discrimination of all vulnerable groups and **EUROPEAN INTEGRATION** the rights of national minorities, including Roma. 10 winners will receive grants up to EUR 20,000 each for their respective The European Union Visitors Programme (EUVP) invites young projects. professionals (aged 25-35) to visit the European Union to gain a first-hand appreciation of the EU's institutions, policies, **Deadline – 21 March 2025** values. The program provides for a 5-day visit to Brussels and/or Strasbourg, meetings with EU officials, and covers travel and per Read more diem costs. The initiative is funded by the European Parliament and the European Commission. The competition is open to professionals in the fields of politics, public administration, media, civil society, and science who are fluent in English or French. **Deadline – 21 March 2025** Read more

**AGRICULTURE** 

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Summer School is ongoing. It will take place from 19 to 26 July

2025 at the Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor in Podgorica

The competition is open to highly motivated postgraduate students (masters or PhD), researchers from all energy-related

disciplines, young professionals from governmental agencies,

(Montenegro).

35 years old.

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experience in EU policymaking and administration. Applicants can apply for around 1,000 positions across the Commission's many departments, services and agencies. A certain number of positions are reserved for non-EU nationals, including those

**Opportunities** 

**EDUCATION** The application period to the European Energy Community

companies, think tanks and NGOs, etc. Applicants must be under A grant of up to EUR 5,000 can be used to cover the expenses on translation, editing, transfer of copyright, design, printing, and marketing of the new book. Deadline – 31 March 2025 Read more

Ukrainian agricultural producers who intend and have capacity to integrate small farmers into their business models can apply

for support under a programme, launched by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), with the support of the European Union. The program is open to the applications from the small and medium-sized enterprises in Lviv, Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi regions. **Deadline – 17 March 2023** 

and professional training matching the labour market needs.

We must remember that vocational school students are the future of key industries, and their knowledge and skills are

necessary for Ukraine's recovery and economic growth,"

emphasized Henrik Huitfeldt, Head of the Public Finance, **Business Support and Social Policies Section at the EU** Delegation to Ukraine.

According to Mykola Nesen, the school's headmaster, the

modernised training and production workshop is currently used

by about 200 students out of more than 900 enrolled at the school.

"Obviously, this will mean an improvement in the quality of training for students, in fact, a different level of training. It will

also give us the opportunity to retrain and upgrade the skills of

ПІДТРИМКА ВЕТЕРАНІВ: ДОПОМОГА ТА ВІДНОВЛЕННЯ

Violation of personal data protection rules: **EU4DigitalUA** presented a study Фінансується Свропейським Союзом

> for the Protection of Personal Data and Access to Public Information was discussed. Project experts are also involved in its development. "This body will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation in Ukraine and will perform three key functions: preventive measures and explanatory work; control measures regarding violations;

and investigative powers. At the same time, a mechanism for

transparent appointment of inspectors who will be engaged in

inspections and sanctions is important," says Liliia Oleksiuk,

**EU4DigitalUA** project expert.

The study 'Liability and Sanctions for Violations of the General

Data Protection Regulation' provides practical cases from the

The EU-funded EU4DigitalUA project with a total budget of EUR 20.5 million has been operating in Ukraine since October 2020.

activities of national regulators in a number of EU countries.

The key objective of the Strengthening Through Unity project is to develop the organisational capacity of civil society organisations. To this end, experts work with activists to assess the current situation and identify obstacles to further development. The project provides training and mentoring support and facilitates cooperation between NGOs and local authorities. The project is coordinated by the Rokada Charitable Foundation.

a set of expert recommendations to improve their activities

in the short and long term," says Stanislav Bohdanov,

Strengthening Through Unity project coordinator. "This will

allow them to better fulfil their mission, adapt to challenges,

attract the necessary resources and have a sustainable impact on their communities."

Supporting civil society in Ukraine is one of the EU's priorities.

Together We Act. Together We Are Europe communication

campaign was launched in 2024 to highlight the importance of

Ukrainian civil society and to inform CSOs about opportunities to

More information:

Facebook page of Rokada charitable foundation

Together We Act. Together We Are Europe EU campaign

Photo – Facebook page of Caritas Kryvyi Rih charitable

foundation

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The joint EU-Council of Europe project 'Support for implementing of European standards relating to anti-discrimination and rights

of national minorities in Ukraine' announces a call for proposals for civil society organisations. This call is aimed at enhancing

CIVIL SOCIETY As a part of the project 'Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership' (ERICS-EaP), there is a permanent

**CULTURE** The EU's Creative Europe programme runs a number of calls for proposals for the cultural sector, the media and audiovisual

The House of Europe is holding a grant competition for Ukrainian publishers to translate and publish books written in EU languages.

Read more The House of Europe provides grants for joint projects between European cultural institutes and Ukrainian organisations. The winner can get up to EUR 20,000 on a conference on

decolonisation of Ukrainian art, a business course for veterans,

laptops. Our children really need such moral and material support during the war." The aim of the contest was to encourage journalists to share stories on how the EU is fostering Ukrainian education and

about this. In fact, in such challenging time it is very important **Project News** SUPPORTING EDUCATION EU4Skills helped to modernise vocational school in Kremenchuk

> enterprises," he says of the modernisation. "We have already received proposals to outsource production for local enterprises, The support to Higher Vocational School No. 7 was provided under the component on the Modernisation of Vocational Education and Training Infrastructure in Ukraine of the EU4Skills: Better Skills for a Modern Ukraine programme. It is funded by the EU and co-financed by Germany, Finland, Poland and Estonia.

It is the regulator that plays a key role in the application of the EU legislation. During the presentation of the EU4DigitalUA study, the draft law on the establishment of the National Commission

**VOTE FOR UKRAINE** 

hygiene products, legal and psychological assistance, the organisation of cultural events and much more. The Foundation's "Supporting the organisational development of NGOs with very "During such a teeming activity, we did not pay attention different experience, activity profile and structure is a complex to certain things related to documentation and planning. but interesting process. For each NGO, we conducted an We needed mentoring support to organise everything and in-depth assessment of the current situation and developed understand where we needed to improve. After reviewing our

receive the EU's support.

call for travel grants for Ukrainian CSOs to participate in regional networking events, forums and joint initiatives. A total of 50 grants of EUR 1500 per trip will be awarded. Deadline - 15 July 2026

sphere. Under the Media strand, support is available for European film festivals, the production of feature films, animation and documentaries. The Culture strand provides funding for the dissemination of European cultural content and the encouragement of experiments and innovative practices. The Cross-Sectoral strand offers support for media literacy and the design, creation and/or dissemination of innovative tools, models

Deadline - 21 March 2025

time Read more

or solutions applicable to the audiovisual and other cultural and creative sectors. **Details and deadlines** 

a workshop on investigative journalism, a retreat for teachers from frontline cities, or another worthy idea. Deadline is rolling – the last day of the month, 15.00 Kyiv

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