Local Planning for Sustainable Action

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, the REC is providing structured assistance to help municipalities and local communities in Ukraine to address environmental and resource-related challenges and build a community of practice for sustainable resources management.

The current crisis in Ukraine has given rise to energy security issues, unsustainable policies and practices, weak governance structures, and a lack of mechanisms for public participation in regional and municipal decision making. Based on 25 years of experience in crisis response, confidence building, civic engagement and the promotion of sustainable development in Central and Eastern Europe, the REC is helping to build the capacities of local and national decision makers for sustainable resources management; providing training on public participation; and establishing frameworks for the development of local action plans.

The project Local Environmental and Energy Action Plans for Sustainable Development, Energy Diversification and Civic Engagement in Communities in Ukraine is jointly implemented by the U.S. Department of State and the REC.

Aims

- Integrate environmental and energy issues into local development planning processes
- Build the capacities of local authorities and identify investment opportunities for priority projects
- Develop mechanisms for the sustainable use and management of natural resources
- Contribute to democratisation by fostering stakeholder involvement and transparency in governmental decision making
- Create a network of NGOs, decision makers and leaders to strengthen sustainable practices

Expected results

- Improved environmental planning
- Local sustainability and energy action plans (LSEAPs) developed in partner municipalities
- Funding sources identified for priority project implementation
- Improved overall environmental and natural resources management

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