

Project information

Landscape planning in Ukraine



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Background

Land use problems such as land consumption, soil erosion and soil degradation, a shrinking economy and population, and lacking harmonization between the protection of biodiversity and the development of tourism, agriculture and infrastructure were and are still endemic in many parts of Ukraine. The country does not have any legally binding, synchronised, comprehensive and precautionary planning instruments designed to solve land-use conflicts, identify areas that are to form part of a national system of conservation areas, safeguard or restore high environmental quality and promote sustainable development. The aim of the project was to familiarize the Ukrainian partners with the nature conservation instrument of landscape planning and generate local knowledge of the technical and methodological fundamentals of landscape planning. The tasks this involved were, firstly, delivering information to the Institute of Geography of Ukraine's National Academy of Science on the scientific and methodological tools for the development of landscape planning concepts on different scales, and secondly, developing a set of planning documents for three administrative levels and testing its applicability to Ukraine. Cherkassy, an agrarian region in central Ukraine, was chosen as model region.

Target country/region:

Ukraine

Duration:

10/2010 – 05/2014

Beneficiary:

Institut for Geographie of the Ukrainian National Academy of Science, regional and local Ukrainian administrations

Implementing organisation:

TU Berlin, Institut für Landschaftsarchitektur und Umweltplanung

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In several consultations with the team of advisors, staff of the Institute of Geography of Ukraine's National Academy of Science acquired scientific and methodological knowledge of landscape planning at regional and local level. At the same time they gradually implemented the acquired knowledge by developing a landscape programme on a scale of 1:200,000 for the Cherkasy region, a strategic landscape plan on a scale of 1:50,000 for the Kaniv district in the Cherkasy region, and a landscape plan on a scale of 1:10,000 for Stepancy, a municipality in the region. The three planning documents each comprise an explanatory report and a large number of large-format maps in Ukrainian. To ensure that other regions too can utilize these model plans, a methodological guidance document for planning was developed (in Ukrainian, with an English-language outline). At a concluding conference, the model three-stage planning concept was presented to a specialist audience from politics, academia, administration and civil society and the guidance document was disseminated. The latter met with keen interest. The project thus created conditions needed for the establishment of this landscape planning approach in Ukraine and for environmental concerns receiving greater consideration in the country's territorial planning. A legal basis for this does not yet exist, however. But those who were involved in the planning process have taken a number of initiatives to introduce the subject of landscaping planning to the environmental debate on territorial planning in Ukraine. They are again supported in these efforts by the Institute of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning of the Technical University of Berlin, through a follow-on project (see project "Integration of environmental concerns into territorial planning in Ukraine", project number 47224).

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