

ALDA Talks on Green Reconstruction of Ukraine

#4 Water contamination as a result of Russian military aggression: impact on Ukrainian communities and neighboring states in the Black Sea region

Date: 23.04.2024 15:00 CET, 16:00 Kyiv time

Where: [online](#)

Aims:

- To present ALDA's work in Ukraine, including the project "**Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs): An Instrument for Cooperation, Community Cohesion, and Development in Ukraine**", implemented by ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy with the support of U-LEAD with Europe, within the framework of the Bridges of Trust initiative), and its role in promoting green reconstruction efforts to ALDA members and the broader public (open event).
- To delve into the critical issue of water contamination and biodiversity loss in Ukrainian rivers and seas and present an assessment of the environmental disaster.
- To highlight the firsthand experiences of Ukrainian communities impacted by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam.
- To provide insights into the challenges faced and lessons learned from the perspective of a representative of a territorial community in the Kherson region.
- To examine the broader regional implications of the Russian invasion on neighbouring states, focusing on the case of the Black Sea basin.
- Increase awareness about the water contamination and loss of biodiversity in the Black Sea basin and the Sea of Azov.

Expected results:

- Enhanced understanding of the severity of water contamination and biodiversity loss in Ukrainian rivers and seas, supported by a comprehensive assessment of the environmental disaster.
- Increased awareness of the challenges faced by Ukrainian communities affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam, fostering a greater sense of solidarity and support.
- Deeper insights into the specific challenges and lessons learned from the perspective of a representative of a territorial community in the Kherson region, contributing to more informed decision-making and policy development.
- Increased understanding of the broader regional implications of the Russian invasion on neighbouring states, particularly within the Black Sea basin, fostering greater cooperation and collaboration among affected nations.
- Raised awareness about the critical issues of water contamination and biodiversity loss in the Black Sea basin, leading to potential advocacy efforts and policy changes aimed at addressing these challenges.
- Discussing possible nature-based solutions.

Speakers:

1. Sofia Sadogurska, Climate Change Expert, Ecoaction
2. Mykola Yatsenko, Head of Tiahynska Community Military administration, Kherson region of Ukraine

3. Prof Aysen Erdinçler, Head of the Environment of Istanbul metropolitan municipality TBC
4. Mariana Kancheva Ivanova, CEO of the Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities TBC
5. Khrystyna Kvartsyana - ALDA Representative in Ukraine
6. Valeria Fantini - Coordinator of Climate and Environment Hub of ALDA

Moderator: Khrystyna Kvartsiana, ALDA Representative in Ukraine

Languages: English, Ukrainian (translation will be provided)

Agenda

Time	Topic /Format	Speaker
	Registration/ Connection of participants to Zoom	
15:00-15:15	Welcoming & Greetings, intro on ALDA "Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs): An Instrument for Cooperation, Community Cohesion, and Development in Ukraine" project and the Environmental Hub	Khrystyna Kvartsiana Valeria Fantini
15:15-15:30	Impact of war on the marine environment in Ukraine	Sofia Sadogurska, Climate Change expert at Ecoaction
15:30-15:40	Experience of Ukrainian communities affected by the destruction of Kakhovka Dam	Mykola Yatsenko, Head of Tiahynska Community Military administration, Kherson region of Ukraine
15:40-16:00	Sharing the sea polluted by russian invasion: who the Black Sea changed for Bulgaria and Turkey in last two years of full-scale war?	Mariana Kancheva Ivanova, CEO of the Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities TBC Prof Aysen Erdinçler, Head of the Environment of Istanbul metropolitan municipality TBC
16:00-16:30	Q & A	
	End of the event	