



Ukrainian
Peacebuilding
School



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Strategies of transformation and prevention of borderline conflicts in Ukraine

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Strategies of transformation and prevention of borderline conflicts in Ukraine developed by joint task forces of local activists and local authorities

Main types of conflicts we address

- Identity conflicts
- Conflicts based on ethnicity or religion
- Conflicts of different versions of history
- Conflicts of visions of the (common) future

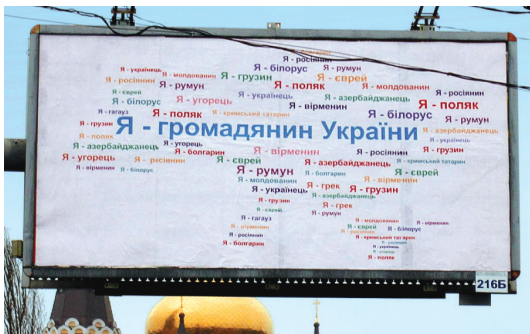
Our mission

Prevention and transformation of violent conflicts in Ukraine

Our Main Objective Is To Unite Ukraine



Kids in Kherson drawing the coats of arms of Ukraine and Crimean Tatars

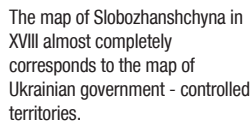


Banner widely used in Odesa oblast.

"I am Bulgarian, I am Polish, I am Russian, I am Jew, etc."
With the central biggest slogan - "I am a citizen of Ukraine"

We study the history and social psychology of divides in Europe and Ukraine

We focus on the history of development and the advancement of local governance in the region of eastern Ukraine, known as Slobozhanshchyna, as a highly relevant model for acquiring a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Donbas.



Overcoming Divides

To overcome the “stigmatization” of the region a Media contest “LOVE Donbas” collected images of Donbas you could fall in love with.



Olena Logvynenko, the winner of best essay contest, ran from the war-torn Luhansk to Lviv



Best photos displayed at First Donbas Media Forum showing an image of Donbas, which people were not expecting to see.



Best photo from Luhansk region, made by Volodymyr Kolodyazhny, who lives in Cherkasy now and dreams of returning to his home.

Integration of Internally Displaced Persons into Local Communities



Happy IDPs and locals in Mukacheve after the discussion of joint social projects (the most western point of the project)

War in Ukraine resulted in nearly 2 million displaced persons.

Displacement could be a tragedy and could be an opportunity. We are creating opportunities.



Information for IDPs on special trolleybuses and boards in Severodonetsk (the most eastern point of the project)

Administrative reform in Ukraine creates tensions that could evolve into serious conflicts.

We are drafting an extensive communication strategy aimed to establish, maintain and develop relations between groups of activists, journalists, public servants, schoolchildren and teachers from different regions of Ukraine.

A key component of the strategy is the broad inclusion of citizens into discussions and drafting strategies for local and regional development as a necessary precondition to decentralization.

Building a Common Vision of Community-Specific Models of Local Governance



The book based on proceedings from a scientific conference “Local administration in Donbas” held on 20 March 2015, in Krasnoarmijsk focuses on historical experiences of community building in the region. 35 scientists from 5 regions of Ukraine contributed.



Kids are helping to plant a Peace Alley in Kherson.

Enhancing Social Capital and Inclusiveness of Female Peacebuilders



Female peacebuilders
are the most active
drivers of changes in their
communities



"Red Thread" women club in Severodonetsk unites displaced persons and locals



Dealing with Traumatic and Divided Past

Red poppy introduced as the symbol of memory of WWII victims. Volunteers made poppies in big quantities.

Introduction of this new symbol was peaceful and successful.



Photo from Kostyantynivka, Donetsk oblast.



Boards dedicated to 70 years anniversary of WWII end in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts. "We value the peace" and "We Will Never Forget"

Peacebuilding Education



The certificate of completion given to Viktoriya Savitska - activist from Mariupol.

Education of adult activists – capacity building and sharing the knowledge of how to organize a social dialogue, developing skills for social transformation and reforms of local government based on experience of post-communist countries, history of self-governance in eastern Ukraine.

Creating sustainable horizontal relations between activists from different localities and regions, building social networks capable to generate and implement common strategies of conflict transformation for big areas and important issues.



Donbas journalists' professional training resulted in drafting a first Donbas media forum agenda. 8 February 2015



Перший випуск Української Миротворчої Школи. 30 березня 2015

To enhance people's safety and the rule of law, local civil-military administrations were established in the anti-terrorist operation zone, facilitated by expert social intermediaries. The draft of the law for this was prepared within the project framework.

The main tasks of these administrations are to resolve problems experienced by the local population and accelerate the development of local communities. Civil-military administrations work closely with commanders of Army and National Guard units, local Ukrainian activists and religious leaders from different religious communities. The strategy and tactic of these administrations requires broad inclusion of citizens into maintenance of security and safety within their communities. The strategy foresees a paradigm shift from police as repressive body to a community service model and creation of a new image of the police. The main indicator of success would be substantial increase of citizens' trust of the police.

Development of Wide Area Public Communications to Resist Infowar and the Atomization of Society



Press conference of new police units in Kharkiv. 12 February 2015



Conference in Zhytomyr Military Institute. 11 May 2015

How Does It Work? Studio “Our Home” in Kramatorsk



Information security training in Donetsk
Machine Building Academy. 19 February 2015



Roundtable with military, activists, scientists, authorities
discusses the need to create a joint communication channel.
1 March 2015



Professional training for the new team.
3 May 2015



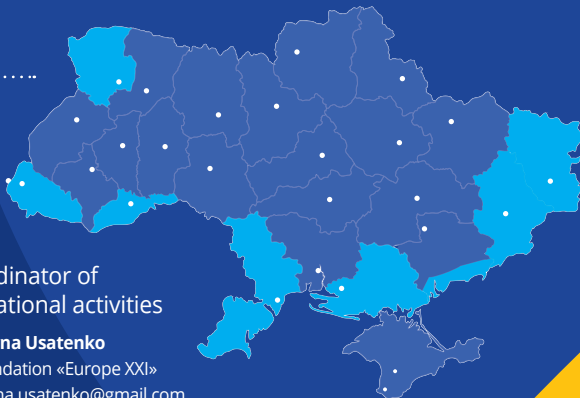
New media at the front filming first report. 10 May 2015



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