

*International Youth NGO*  
*“European Youth Parliament – Ukraine”*



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## **I. Brief description of the Organization**

**European Youth Parliament-Ukraine** (EYP-Ukraine) is an international youth NGO working actively in Ukraine and other European countries. Two organization's main principles are non-partisanship and democratic values. Therefore EYP-Ukraine is not supported by any political party or union and its work is based on the principle of equal opportunities for its members. European Youth Parliament – Ukraine has a non-profit status. The organization is functioning at the expense of grants and philanthropic payments. (Although it has been officially registered by the Ministry of Justice on February 18, 2002, de-facto the organization has been working since summer 2000).

### **Mission of EYP-Ukraine:**

To promote integration of Ukraine to the European Union by means of:

- education of Ukrainian youth about democratic values and ideals;
- development of civil society;
- cooperation with European non-governmental organizations;
- formation of positive image of Ukraine on the international arena.

### **Goals of the European Youth Parliament – Ukraine (2003-2005):**

- Development of bilateral relations with international NGOs and intergovernmental organizations;
- Promotion of cooperation with Ukrainian youth NGOs towards achieving UN Millennium Development Goals in Ukraine;
- Formation of pro-European attitude of young people to European integration of Ukraine;
- Creation of the positive picture of Ukraine abroad, while participating in the international events.

### **Spheres of activities of EYP-Ukraine:**

- education;
- European integration;
- human rights (children rights);
- freedom of speech;
- health care.

## **II Partners:**

### **International organizations in Ukraine and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries:**

1. United Nations Office in Ukraine. Specialized institutions of the UN in Ukraine (UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNHCR and others)
2. European Commission in Ukraine
3. Council of Europe
4. Informational Center of NATO in Ukraine
5. United States Embassy in Ukraine
6. Embassy of the Republic of Italy in Ukraine
7. Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Ukraine
8. Embassy of Belgium Kingdom in Ukraine
9. Embassy of Latvia in Ukraine
10. Embassy of the Swedish Kingdom in Ukraine
11. Embassy of Croatia in Ukraine

### **Government bodies and institutions of local government:**

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
2. State Committee of Ukraine on family and youth affairs
3. Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (the Committee on European Integration, the Committee on Youth Policy, Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism Affairs)
4. Kryvyi Rih and Zaporizhzhya City Administrations
5. Center of Comparative Law of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine

### **Educational establishments:**

1. Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University
2. Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University
3. Kyiv National Linguistic University
4. Kyiv National Economic University
5. Kyiv Slavonic University
6. National Academy of Management
7. International Christian University
8. Odesa National University
9. Kyiv-Mohyla Business School
10. Klovskyi Lyseum of foreign languages #77 (Kyiv)

### **Foundations:**

1. Foundation of Intellectual Cooperation
2. German foundation Schwarzkopf Young Europe
3. All-Ukrainian Foundation for Promoting International Dialogue Ukrainian People's Embassy
4. Italian Foundation Compagnia di San Paolo
5. American-Ukrainian Foundation
6. Mission Ukraine Cognita
7. Freedom House
8. Zaporizhzhya Charity Foundation Misto Maibutnyoho
9. Swedish Trade Union SACO

**Business Organizations:**

1. SunInterbrew Ukraine
2. UkrSat systems
3. Kraft Foods Ltd
4. "Vita-Ukraine" Ukrainian-Turkish company
5. Cherkassy Chemical Plant
6. Obolon' Beverages
7. Holding Kvas Yarylo
8. Tyumen Oil Company
9. Insurance Company "Busin"
10. Zaporizhya Corporation "Keramist"
11. PromInvestBank
12. KLM Airlines
13. British Airways
14. Ukraine International Airlines
15. AirBaltic Corporation
16. Lufthansa Airlines
17. UkrSotsBank
18. Association of Insurants of Ukraine
19. CFC Consulting company

**Ukrainian Diaspora:**

1. Member of the Roman Club Philanthropist Doctor Bohdan Hawrylyshyn
2. Chopivsky Family Foundation
3. James Temerty (Canada)
4. The Rev. Marian and Dr. Roman Curkowskyj Foundation (Canada)

**Nongovernmental organizations:**

1. European Youth Parliament International
2. American Councils (ACCELS)
3. British Council
4. UCAN (Ukrainian Community Action Network)
5. Kyiv Rotaract Club
6. Center for International Law Studies
7. The Youth Council (Kharkiv)
8. Young Diplomacy (Lviv)
9. UNESCO Club of the Kyiv National Linguistic University
10. The Union of Ukrainian-Arab cooperation
11. International Institute of HIV/AIDS Problems

### **III. Projects and events conducted by EYP-Ukraine in 2002**

#### **Events in Ukraine:**

##### **1) Annual charitable event “New Year fairytale for children” (Kyiv, January, December)**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2002 the members of EYP - Ukraine jointly with the Students' UNESCO club attended city orphanage “Berizka” where homeless and parentless children up to three years old live and grow.

A small performance, staged particularly for these children, was presented with Santa Clause and Snow White distributing small gifts for each and one of these children. Thanks to our permanent sponsor “Krafffoods Ukraine” these children received lots of sweets what made their holiday a very special one. Afterwards the actors together with Santa Clause visited all the rooms and distributed the rest of the presents among the children who didn't attend the celebration because of their disabilities.

This event launched EYP - Ukraine charity project and was continued during December, 2002 with the members of the EYP – Ukraine attending 5 more orphanages and shelters for homeless and disabled kids. On December 22, 2002 members attended Kyiv school-orphanage #12, on December 24 – Kyiv city shelter for teenagers, December 25 – orphanage – school #26, December 26 – Svyatoshyn orphanage for boys and “Berizka” orphanage.

##### **2) Workshop Fighting against International Terrorism (Kyiv, February 16)**

The workshop was held on the premises of American Councils and was a continuation of the conference, held on October 20, 2001. Participants discussed the questions and drafted resolutions on the questions of the role of the UN, the EU and the US in preventing international conflicts, and also on the role of the European and American press coverage upon the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. 27 students from Ukraine, Georgia and Turkey participated in the workshop.

##### **3) Seminar Human Rights and Combating International Terrorism (Kyiv, April 26)**

On April 26 EYPU jointly with the Centre for International Law Studies and the British Council Kyiv office conducted the seminar "Human rights and combating international terrorism." The seminar took place in the Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University and was aimed to stimulate intellectual debate on the different aspects of human rights after the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The following reports were presented during the seminar: Mechanisms of human rights protection applied while combating international terrorism, The problem of the protection of Al Quaida members' human rights in Guantanamo, Legal science after the attack on the "twin towers" on 11 September 2001, Antagonisms of the present and protection of cultural rights, The role and responsibilities of the media in covering explosive issues of race and ethnic discrimination with the reference to events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Every speech stimulated hot debate because most of the participants had very diverse views about the subject. During the break British Council presented Human rights and International terrorism book exhibition. About 30 students were present at the seminar.

##### **4) Europe Day celebration (Kyiv, May 14)**

On May 14<sup>th</sup> on the premises of British Council there was held a celebration of Europe Day in the form of a roundtable about Ukraine's integration to the EU with participation of the head of the department of European Integration Mr. Perlyhin, H.E Roland Smith,

Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Ukraine and Mr. Francesco Bogo, Deputy Head assistant of the European commission representative office in Ukraine.

#### **5) Conference EU – Ukraine Institutional cooperation (Kyiv, May 17)**

EYP – Ukraine initiated the scientific conference on the topic of institutional basis of Ukraine and EU's cooperation, which took place in the premises of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. Among the participants there were representatives of the Center of comparative law in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Center of international law research, junior and senior students of IIR and EYP –Ukraine members. During the conference the participants touched upon the institutional aspects of Ukrainian legislation approximation into the EU law system, EU economical and technical support to Ukraine, perspectives of economical and political cooperation between the EU and Ukraine as well as the role of the Center of comparative law in the process of Ukrainian legislation adaptation to the EU legislation. In the course of discussion there was a debate as for the positive and negative consequences of European integration for Ukraine. The majority of the present were convinced that the approach to the EU is very beneficial for Ukraine and won't effect its relations with the Russian Federation.

#### **6) Selection of the delegates to the international sessions (May – June)**

**Regional selections (Lviv, Odessa, Kyiv, May 21-29).** In order to form delegations to the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> international EYP sessions there were 3 regional selections held in 3 Ukrainian cities (Lviv, Odessa and Kyiv). First the candidates had to write an essay on the topic "Perspectives of cooperation between Ukraine and EU." EYP – Ukraine members spread the information about the opportunity to take part in the international sessions among the University and high school students from different cities of our country in order to involve the youth into the international politics of Ukraine. The last task of the contenders was to work in the committees and to write resolutions on the proposed topics.

**National selection (Kyiv, June 8).** The regional selections were finished by the General Assembly that took place in Klovsky liceum #77. As a result there were delegates selected to the session in Turin (Italy) and Prague (Czech Republic).

#### **7) Race for Life 2002 (Kyiv, September 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Race for Life is a first public charity event initiated by the UN office in Ukraine in order to raise funds to support people living with HIV/AIDS.

The motto for the event that took place on September 15<sup>th</sup> on the Independence Square in Kyiv was: "Take care of yourself and those you love". The event's three primary messages were: to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, to encourage compassion and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, and to promote a healthy lifestyle. The Race for Life proved a tremendous success – over 3600 runners participated with thousands upon thousands onlookers. As the result over USD\$ 8604 was collected for equipment and renovations for the AIDS hospice in the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra.

Together with Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Family and Youth Social Service Center, Kyiv City Administration, All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, British Council, Red Cross Society and other organizations European Youth Parliament-Ukraine was a co-organizer of the event.

For two and a half months members of EYPU participated as the coordinators and volunteers of the outreach campaign and in the organization of the event. The team of EYP-Ukraine members took part in the Race as well.

### **13) International Videoconference on Stigma and Discrimination of HIV-positive People among Youth (Kyiv, December 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Initiated by the World Bank and UNESCO six video conferences on Stigma and Discrimination of HIV-positive People among Youth were held on December 1st-6th for the International HIV/AIDS Day. Representatives of more than 30 countries participated in the event.

Forty representatives from Ukraine had an opportunity to take part in the Russian language video conference, held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 from the Distant Learning Centre of the Ukrainian Academy of State management. Among the participating countries were Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyziya and Azerbaidzhan.

The organizers of the event were: EYP-Ukraine, Distant Learning centre, Ukrainian Academy of State management, Charity Foundation for prevention of chemical addiction, International Institute on HIV/AIDS. The moderators of the discussion were Christina Verackso (International Institute on HIV/AIDS) and Denis Kudin, vice-president of EYP-Ukraine.

#### **Events Abroad:**

##### **1) 39<sup>th</sup> International Session of EYP (Riga, Latvia, March 15-24)**

39<sup>th</sup> International Session of European Youth Parliament in Riga gathered about 250 delegates. 15 committees discussed the problems of EU, worked out the resolutions and presented them at the General Assembly. Six delegates represented Ukraine at this session.

All Ukrainian delegates had made thorough research on their topics to present our country properly and to demonstrate the understanding of the situation during the committee work. The experience of debates and compromise with representatives from different countries who had his or her own point of view was of a significant importance for them.

The members of Ukrainian delegation were: Denis Kudin, Anna Pobedymska (Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, International Relations Institute), Oxana Nesterenko, Anna Opanasiuk (International Christian University), Oleg Shimanskyi (Klovskyi Lyceum # 77), Tatiana Poladko (National Linguistic University).

##### **2) Regional Session of EYP (Zagreb, Croatia, April 6-8)**

Two delegates (Tatiana Garbul, National Linguistic University, and Sergiy Boyev, Kyiv National Economic University) and one chair (Tatiana Poladko, National Linguistic University) represented Ukraine at this session.

##### **3) 40<sup>th</sup> International Session of EYP (Gent/Brussels, Belgium, July 13-21)**

40<sup>th</sup> International session of European Youth Parliament in Gent and Brussels gathered about 200 delegates from EU member and candidate countries, Switzerland, Norway, Ukraine and Belarus. 12 committees discussed current EU problems (mostly related to future policies of enlarged EU), drafted resolutions in the city of Gent, and defended their resolutions during General Assembly in the European Parliament in Brussels.

At this session Ukraine was represented by nine delegates and one journalist. Apart from committee work they performed Ukrainian songs and dances during Eurovillage and song Bohemienne by Richard Cocciante from opera "Notre Dame de Paris" during Euroconcert in Gent Flemish Opera House.

Ukrainian delegates also had a chance to participate in the panel discussion on the topic "A view to the Future Europe: the Convention. Role of the regions" with representative of European Parliament to the Convention on the Future Mrs. Van Lancker and representative of Flemish Ministry of External Policy Mr. T. Haenebalck.

The list of Ukrainian delegates: Oleg Shimanskyi (Klovskyi Lyceum # 77), Oxana Nesterenko, Anna Opanasiuk (International Christian University), Tatiana Poladko, Natalia Voinarovska (Kyiv National Linguistic University), Klaudia Sheveliuk, Olga Morozova, Dmytro Kushneruk (Kiev National Taras Shevchenko University) and Oksana Yakuha, Tamara Slanova, (Kiev National Economic University).

#### **4) "Weimar Triangle and Ukraine"(Krakow, Poland, October 23-26)**

On October 23-26, 2002 Anna Opanasiuk represented EYP-Ukraine at the conference "Weimar Triangle and Ukraine", which was held in Krakow, Poland. The conference was devoted to the relations of the Weimar Triangle countries (France, Germany and Poland) and Ukraine. The main emphasis was put on the debate over the creation of Weimar Square which could include Ukraine. In this case the experience of Poland could be passed to Ukraine by three countries providing support to it as it used to be when France and Germany decided to create Weimar Triangle and assist Poland.

The event was divided into two parts: students' presentations and experts' panel discussion. Anna delivered the presentation on the main activities and objectives of EYP-Ukraine.

The conference was a very interesting event which gave an opportunity to representatives of various organizations to address the issues on European integration of Poland, its reflection on the relations with Ukraine and Ukraine's situation regarding the integration into EU.

#### **5) Regional session (Minsk, Belarus, November 8-10)**

There were 7 countries present at the conference; namely, Ukrainian committee on the Future, Lithuanian committee on Foreign Affairs, Polish committee on the Human Rights, 10 Belarusian committees and international board (Norway, Estonia and the UK).

The Ukrainian delegates were: Tatiana Poladko, Natalia Voinarovska, Tatiana Garbul (National Linguistic University), Olexandra Andrusik, Olga Golichenko (National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy).

#### **6) 41<sup>st</sup> International Session of EYP (Turin, Italy, November 8-17)**

41<sup>st</sup> International session of European Youth Parliament in Turin gathered about 250 delegates from 27 countries of Europe. 15 committees discussed current EU problems, drafted resolutions, and defended them during General Assembly. At this session Ukraine was represented by seven delegates, one chair and one journalist.

During General Assembly (Nov.15th -16th) in Politecnico di Torino 15 committees presented, defended, attacked and voted on the resolutions. Ukrainian delegation was very active in the debate, both presenting their own committee and attacking others. GA is essential for the participants to practice their public speaking and debating skills in front of a large auditorium; at this point they can also see what the rest of the delegates (apart from their committee) think about each resolution. Ratified resolutions will be passed to European Parliament as initiatives of European youth.

During Eurovillage (November 10th) Ukrainian delegates performed national song and dance and also presented Ukrainian dishes. On Nov. 12th they participated in the panel discussion with former member of European Parliament and former Vice-president of the EU Justice Commission Rinaldo Bontempi, former mayor of Turin and President of the executive committee of the 20th Olympic Games Turin 2006 Valentino Castellani and others.

The participation in the session is a crucial experience for the delegates in problem solving, team work and decision making. It broadens their horizons and gives incredible opportunities for intercultural communication and formation of international friendships.

Ukrainian delegates to the session in Turin: Mariya Klymovych (Kyiv Slavonic University), Rodion Pryntsevskiy (Kyiv National Linguistic University), Ksenia Oksamytna (Klovskiy Lyceum), Maria Polner (Odessa National University), Anastasia Kurdina, Konstantyn Timonkin, Dmytro Kushneruk (Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Institute of International Relations), Natalya Kaptyukh (Kyiv National Economic University), Oxana Nesterenko (International Christian University).

#### **7) Conference “People among us. Irregular migration into and from Europe and the consequences” (Berlin, Germany, November 22-24)**

Stepan Shakhno represented EYP-Ukraine at this conference. The conference was held for representatives from the EU countries governments, who are in charge of illegal migration, representatives from the European Commission, professors and students. The problem of illegal migration is of great importance for Ukraine, which is a source of illegal workers to Europe.

#### **8) Study Session of the Council of Europe IV General Directorate on Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (Strasbourg, France, December 1-8)**

Council of Europe IV General Directorate on Education, Culture, Youth and Sport jointly with YOUTH PLANET (Youth Participation in Local Authorities Network in Europe Today) has conducted a Study Session on the topic: “Youth Council and youth parliaments: a form of participation in the Human Rights education” that place on 1- 8 of December 2002 in Strasbourg.

The participants of the Session have touched upon the theoretic and practical concepts and practical ways of implementation of human rights, institutional basis of protection of human rights on the local as well as international level.

The role of the youth associations in the development of legal culture and legal awareness became the subject-matter of the Study Session.

Around 30 youth organizations from all over Europe were represented at the Session. As a consequence of an open competition, carried out by the Council of Europe and YOUTH PLANET; Ukraine was represented by the members of the European Youth Parliament – Ukraine Maria Polner (Odessa National University) and Kateryna Yasko (Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, International Relations Institute).

#### **9) Conference “Global Work with Youth. Development from Experience” (Strasbourg, France, December 6-12)**

The organizers of the conference were Student Forum 2000 and the European Council. The EYP member Stepan Shakhno was among 30 representatives from different countries of the world (including Venezuela and Palestine).

#### **IV. European Youth Parliament – Ukraine structure**

The organization consists of 80 members. The executive body is the Board, which is represented by President (Vasyl Myroshnychenko), Honorary President (Olga Smyrnova), two Vice-Presidents (Denis Kudin and Oxana Nesterenko), board member on legal issues (Dmytro Kushneruk), board member on PR (Olexandra Andrusik) and on projects coordination (Svitlana Bazhanova).

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