

ALDA Talks on Green Reconstruction of Ukraine

#5 War-induced Soil Contamination: how to recover the most fertile soils of Europe?

Date: 24.06.2024 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
- **Increase awareness** among international and local stakeholders about the scale and impact of soil contamination and biodiversity loss in Ukraine, highlighting the urgent need for green reconstruction efforts.
- Provide a **platform** for experts and local communities to **share their knowledge**, experiences, and best practices related to soil contamination, biodiversity loss, and nature conservation during times of conflict.
- Inform stakeholders about EU support programmes, empower rural communities, and establish follow-up mechanisms to monitor progress and ensure ongoing collaboration.
- **Outline** clear, actionable steps and **recommendations for addressing soil contamination** and biodiversity loss in Ukraine, emphasizing the importance of immediate and long-term interventions.
- **Strengthen the capacity of local communities**, government agencies, and environmental organizations to effectively address environmental challenges through training, knowledge exchange, and resource mobilization.

Expected results:

- Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the extent and impact of soil contamination and biodiversity loss in Ukraine, informed by data and assessments from international and Ukrainian experts.
- Stakeholders, including rural communities, will be well-informed about EU support programmes and feel empowered to participate in environmental initiatives, with follow-up mechanisms established to monitor progress and ensure continuous collaboration.
- Enhanced capacity among local communities, government agencies, and environmental organizations to tackle environmental challenges through targeted training, knowledge exchange, and effective resource mobilization.
- Additionally, the event will lead to the development and dissemination of clear, actionable steps and recommendations for addressing soil contamination.

Speakers:

1. Marjukka Porvari, Lis Rosenholm DG NEAR Ukraine Service TBC
2. Diana Kolomyitseva, Deputy Executive Director at All-Ukrainian Association of Communities TBC
3. Khrystyna Kvartsyana - ALDA Representative in Ukraine
4. Valeria Fantini, Coordinator of Climate and Environment Hub at 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	
15:00-15:30	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 Kvartsyana - ALDA Representative in Ukraine Valeria Fantini, Coordinator of Climate and Environment Hub at ALDA
15:30-15:45	EU programmes and support to address soil contamination	Marjukka Porvari, Lis Rosenholm DG NEAR Ukraine Service TBC
15:45-16:00	Direct experiences of rural communities in Ukraine addressing the issue	Ivan Slobodianyuk, Executive Director at All-Ukrainian Association of Communities TBC
16:00-16:30	Q & A	
	End of the event	