



Auswärtiges Amt



IRCEF

Interreligious & Civil Environmental
Forum of Eastern Europe

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

within the Nature Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) project

“Alliance of religious and public organizations to protect the climate of Eastern Europe”

PROGRAM

Accommodation for participants of international conference: Ukraine, Transcarpathian region, Mukachevo district, Synyak village 89642, Holovna street, Recollection center near the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as well as nearby hotels; tel.:+ 38-050-709-65-67.

Venue: Ukraine, Transcarpathian region, Mukachevo district, Synyak village 89642, Holovna street, Recollection center near the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, tel.:+ 38-050-709-65-67

Time: October 25-27, 2018.

The objective of the international conference in Ukraine:

1. Creation of the IRCEF Climate Protection Committee Program;
2. The approval of the IRCEF Climate Protection Committee and the composition of the working group of the committee (1-2 representatives from each country) who will coordinate joint work in their countries;
3. Discussing the prospects for finding funding for the IRCEF Program.

International conference in Synyak will sum up the results of the East European contest “Responsibility for Creation and climate protection in East Europe”; presentation of printed materials will be realized (methodical manual for religious and territorial communities on climate protection; children's coloring “Protect the climate”; collection of materials of East European contest “Responsibility for Creation and climate protection in East Europe”; environmental calendar of the Eastern Churches for 2019; a digital compendium of important publications on climate protection), as well as other initiatives planned by us within the framework of the project will be discussed.

International conference in Synyak will direct efforts of IRCEF member organizations to develop and conduct informational days on climate protection (open lectures and round-tables) for religious communities and environmental NGOs activists. During the conference printed materials will be presented, winners and active participants of the East European contest “Responsibility for Creation and climate protection in East Europe” will be awarded.

Delegates from “environmental” divisions of Churches and religious organizations, representatives of NGO, authorities, mass media and the scientific world of East Europe countries and Germany are invited to the international conference (15 representatives from Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Belarus and Germany and not less than 40 from Ukraine are expected).

Opening of the conference: Thursday, October 25, first half of day.

Closing of the conference: Saturday, October 27, second half of day.

Expenses on travel, accommodation and meal for invited participants are covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.

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25 OCTOBER, THURSDAY

(Recollection center, Synyak village Mukachevo district Transcarpathian region Ukraine)

- 14.00 Arrival of representatives of the Organizing Committee, participants from Moldova, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia and Germany
- 15.00 Registration of participants**
- 16.00 Opening of the conference – *Alexander Bokotey***
- Greetings (up to 5 min.):**
- Boris Tichomirow, director of programs of Nature Biodiversity Conservation Union of Germany, project coordinator (NABU, Berlin, Germany)
 - Bishop Majnek Antal, Head of the Commission of Ecology of Roman-Catholic Church in Ukraine, Ukraine
 - Narek Grigoryan, Program “Branch NABU in Armenia”, Yerevan, Armenia
 - Bishop Nil, Mukachevo Greek-Catholic Eparchy, Ukraine
 - Arsen Melikyan, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia
 - Gulnara Shoshitashvili, Georgian Civil Development Association, Tbilisi, Georgia
 - Sergey Yushkevych, Head of Direction “Church and Environmental Protection” of Center of Environmental Decisions, Minsk, Belarus
 - Fr. Igor Plevskyj, “Optima Fide”, Kishinev, Moldova
- 17.00 Presentation of conference participants and photo for memory (the prayer on Responsibility for Creation and Climate Protection in Eastern Europe, an interview for media are offered)
- 17.10 “Climate change and their impact on the economy, ecology and society” (Olga Shevchenko, Assistant Professor at the Department of Meteorology and Climatology of the Geographical Faculty of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
- 17.30 Questions and general discussion
- 17.40 “Climate and innovation. For what was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2018” (Alla Krukivska, Meteorologist, Assistant of the Department of Meteorology and Climatology of the Geographical Faculty of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
- 18.00 Questions and general discussion
- 18.15 *Dinner***
- 19.00 Get together

26 OCTOBER, FRIDAY

- 8.00 *Breakfast***
- 8.50 Thematic film “Climate change - why should Christians care?”
- 9.00 Biblical meditation «Climate», Fr. Mykola Pryshlyak
- 9.10 “Negative consequences of climate change for food security” (Tetyana Dyman, Agrarian University in Bila Tserkva)
- 9.35 Questions and general discussion
- 9.45 Presentation of the base of ecological-religious and in particular Christian-ecological information resources on climate protection in support of the IRCEF activities (Alexander Bokotey)
- 10.15 Questions and general discussion
- 10.30 *Coffee-break***

- 11.00 How to involve the Catholic parish to protect the climate (Mykhailo Bilanych, Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies)
- 11.30 Planning of Information Days on Climate Protection (open lectures and round tables), Bogdan Motuzenko
- 12.00 Presentations by IRCEF participants of their new project ideas and their discussion for correction with the purpose of inclusion to the IRCEF Program:
 - “Church and Environmental Protection” of Center of Environmental Decisions, Minsk, Belarus;
 - Georgian Civil Development Association;
 - “Optima Fide”, Kishinev, Moldova;
 - Program “NABU-Armenia”, Yerevan, Armenia;
 - Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia.
- 12.30 Lunch**
- 13.30 Discussion of the database of working ideas based on the results of the discussion and their assessment
- 14.00 Report on the activities carried out:
 ● East European contest “Responsibility for Creation and climate protection in East Europe”;
 ● Installed bike parkings;
 ● Conducted TV programs;
 ● Children's coloring “Protect the climate”;
 ● Environmental calendar of the Eastern Churches for 2019;
 ● Preparation of the methodical manual for religious and territorial communities on climate protection.
- 14.30 Report on the adoption of new members IRCEF
- 15.00 Coffee-break**
- 15.30 Continuation of the report on the activities carried out
- 16.00 Information of the organizers on the work done to find the financing of the IRCEF Program:
 ● Cross-border level
 ● European level (Germany)
 ● Transnational level (Brussels)
- 17.00 Coffee-break**
- 17.30 Summing up the first results on the implementation of the main tasks of the project to the functioning of the IRCEF Climate Protection Committee, Bogdan Motuzenko
- 18.00 The possibilities for financing the IRCEF Program with the help of the EU (information on the results of the meeting in Lviv (17.09.2018) with Mrs. Rebecca Harms, the European Parliament), Alexander Bokotey
- 18.30 Excursion to the castle of Saint Miklos
- 20.00 Dinner / Folk music evening**

27 OCTOBER, SATURDAY

- 09.00 Breakfast**
- 10.00 Thematic film "Father Samaan and the trash city"
- 10.10 Biblical Meditation "Climate", Fr. Roman Romanovich
- 10.20 Informing the IRCEF members about the launch conference of the project

- "Tolerance at the European Frontiers" on October 4-6, 2018 in Uzhgorod (Ukraine) with the support of the German Foreign Ministry, Bogdan Motuzenko
- 10.30 Informing the members of IRCEF about the project application "Forest and Climate. Information infrastructure in Transcarpathia (Ukraine)", Ivan Timofeev, DBU
- 11.00 Round table *"Discussion of possibilities to expand the activities of the Committee to the Eastern Partnership countries with the help of IRCEF partner organizations"*
- Armenia
 - Moldova
 - Belarus
 - Georgia
 - Ukraine
- 11.30** *Coffee-break*
- 12.00 Round table *"Preparation of project applications on the behalf of the IRCEF Climate Committee in accordance with the Committee Program"*
- 13.00** *Lunch*
- 14.00 Round table *"Exchange of views on the search for financing of the IRCEF Program"*
- 15.30** *Coffee-break*
- 16.00 Principles of project work / project applications
- 16.30 Summing up the results of the conference
- 17.30** *Coffee-break*
- 18.00 Time for individual negotiations
- 19.00** *Lunch*
- 20.00 Departure of participants

28 OCTOBER, SUNDAY

- 07.30** *Breakfast*
- 08.00 Departure of representatives of the Organizing Committee and participants from Germany