

## **Viacheslav Oleshchenko - Legal and Financial Instruments: challenges and opportunities in Ukraine**

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Development of the legal and financial instruments for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, better protection and using of the Landscape Diversity is a very important component and aim of the Environmental Strategy of Ukraine until 2020, adopted by Parliament in 2010. Council of Europe workshops and seminars, organized in different countries - it's a very useful and interesting form for exchanging of experience, information and spreading of the best practice in this field in all European countries.

In Ukraine European Landscape Convention was ratified on Sept. 7, 2005. We accepted this Convention as a very important further step in development of ideas and tools of the Bern, Bonn, Ramsar and other international convention. That's why we try to integrate into common system effective legal, financial and other instruments, which were adopted for such conventions, putting into account rather wide and long term national experience, concrete requirements of international acts not only in the field on nature protection, but concerning sustainable development, territorial planning, especially CEMAT documents, forest and land management as well.

In the same time it's very important to look at landscapes not only from perception point of view, but to see it as a complicate geosystem, and as natural complex, ecosystem. On the base of such approaches we usually solve different problems in the field of development and optimization of specially protected territories network, their management according to the aims and tasks which were appointed, for the formation of National Econet and other territorial systems of specially protected territories, for better integration of environment, economical, social and other aims and factors.

It's rather important too that existing system of national legislation in this field was formed mostly more than 20 years ago. Since that time positions of private property and system of market economy become much more influential in Ukraine. Local self-government become much more powerful as well. Putting into account such situation and a lot of other circumstances, including experience of implementation of environmental legislation, positions of European Landscape Convention Concept of Systematization of Environmental Legislation of Ukraine was developed last year by our Institute with participation of the most prominent scientists and now we are working for preparation of the Environmental Code and other drafts of laws for the implementation of this Concept.