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## Ribbon-cutting ceremony



On 28th September, Branch Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat officially started its operations in Lviv. It is one of the first branch offices across all European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Programmes. We invite you to see what was on. The opening was organized under the motto: Branch Office for the fruitful cooperation.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by (from the left): Paweł Słowikowski (Joint Technical Secretariat), Dominika Mickiewicz (Joint Managing Authority), Myron Yankiv (Lviv Oblast State Administration) and Olga Parasotska (Branch Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat).

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## Meeting of central and local authorities



The opening was an opportunity for central and local authorities to discuss benefits of the cross-border cooperation and possibilities offered by the Programme. Mr. Myron Yankiv, Deputy Head of Lviv Oblast, mentioned necessity of building integrated society, protecting the nature, further development of self-government in Ukraine and facilitating development of the borderland. Ms. Aliona Melnikova (Ministry of Economy of Ukraine) was happy to hear that Ukrainian border regions would have additional assistance

From the right: Olga Parasotska (JTS Branch Office in Lviv), Myron Yankiv (Lviv Oblast State Administration), Aliona Melnikova (Ministry of Economy of Ukraine), Dominika Mickiewicz (Joint Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland), Vasyl Khimyak (JTS Branch Office in Lviv).



in taking advantage of the Programme from the Branch Office side after its opening. Ms. Dominika Mickiewicz (Joint Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland) reminded that the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 Programme is the biggest among all ENPI programmes in terms of budget allocation and the 307 applications received during the I call accounts for a specific record. Representatives of other border regions of Ukraine also took part in the opening. After the break Mr. Paweł Słowikowski (Head of the Joint Technical Secretariat) presented recent Programme developments and Olga Parasotska (Head of the JTS Branch Office in Lviv) summarized the tasks of the Branch Office.

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## Press briefing



The opening was a great opportunity to explain the public by medium of press the idea of the Programme, present current stages of its implementation and discuss future plans. To highlight the opening of its Branch office the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Programme announced three major events planned still for 2010: competition for school children "Call for Young Ideas", Partner Search Forum and Cross-border Forum of Journalists.

## The experts of the JTS Branch Office in Lviv

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Graduated from L'viv State University, Foreign Languages Faculty, She has more than 15-year experience in implementing international projects. Specialises in cross-border cooperation since 2001. Since 2006 – Executive Director of the Information and Cross-border Cooperation Support Centre “Dobrosusidstvo”.

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Graduated from Belarusian State Economic University with specialization- legal provision for external economic activities. Since 2003 worked as a National Expert in TACIS National Coordination Unit in Minsk and then, since 2006 as a Senior Expert in the Information and Cross-border Cooperation Support Centre “Dobrosusidstvo”.

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Graduated from L'viv State University with specialization “Teacher of Polish language and literature, interpreter”. Since 1997 worked as a Project Coordinator in Lviv Regional Fond “Ukraine-Europe”. Since 1998 – one of founders, project coordinators and interpreter in NGO “European Dialog”.



From the left: Dina Goncharova, Olga Parasotska, Vasyl Khimyak

## The tasks of the JTS Branch Office in Lviv

The JTS Branch Office was set up in the Programme area in order to ensure publicity and provide appropriate information to potential applicants and beneficiaries. The competences of the JTS Branch Offices include the following tasks implemented under the supervision of the JTS:

- implementation of the information and communication plan,
- support in the organisation of the meetings of the Joint Monitoring Committee, trainings and other events,
- collection of data to improve the monitoring of projects,
- other tasks supporting JMA and JTS in their day-to-day implementation of the Programme.

## Branch Office for the fruitful cooperation



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