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### HIGHLIGHTS

### THOUSANDS OF UKRAINIANS SUPPORTED THE MOVE FOR ANIMALS' RIGHTS

On Sep 30, 2018, thousands of Ukrainians joined the march for animals' rights, which took place in twenty cities across the country. The organizer - [UAnimals](#) - is an animals protection initiative promoting humane treatment of animals and advocating a ban on use of animals in entertainment business. Just Kyiv city witnessed 6000 participants in the march.

This year's march put forward eight specific demands: ban on use of animals in circuses and dolphinariums, ban on fur farms and hunting dogs trainings; ban on use of alive animals in contact zoos and use of animals for begging and street photo; ban on use of alive animals for experiments; to develop rehabilitation centers for animals which suffered cruel treat-

ment; setting up zoo police and introducing effective control and punishment for cruel treatment of animals; ban on use of euthanasia as a tool to regulate for homeless animals; to list near extinct wild animals of Ukraine in the Red Book of Ukraine.

At the same time, [FurOFF](#) campaign registered a [petition](#) to the Parliament of Ukraine to ban fur production in Ukraine, which already was supported by 27 thousand people (while 25 thousand were needed).

### NEW RULES FOR STATE WATER QUALITY MONITORING: INTRODUCING EUROPEAN STANDARDS

On Sep 19, 2018, The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved new Order for state water monitoring (decision No.758), which enters into force on Jan 1, 2019. Key features of the new water monitoring rules are:

- The purpose of the monitoring is to ensure information gathering about real state of waters and to take decisions based on the information about use, protection and rehabilitation of water resources;
- Monitoring objects: surface and ground waters, sea waters within territorial sea and exclusive economic zone of Ukraine;
- Monitoring subjects - better structure of public authorities, which carry out water monitoring, with general coordination and management by the Ministry of Environment;

- Monitoring indicators - an updated and wider list of monitoring indicators. Biological, physical-chemical, chemical and hydromorphological indicators applicable to specific monitoring objects are set in Annexes 1-3 to the new Order.
- Monitoring procedures - four water monitoring procedures are introduced (diagnostic and operational monitoring procedure for surface and ground waters, investigation procedure for surface waters and sea waters monitoring procedure).

Ukraine took an obligation to introduce water status monitoring programs for each river basin under Article 8 of the Water Framework Directive No.2000/60/EU (Annex XXX to the Association Agreement).

### NUMBER OF THE MONTH

87%

of Ukrainians believe that they can personally contribute to environmental protection

(Results of the public opinion survey of the attitudes of the Ukrainian citizens towards environment carried out under a project by the Resource and Analysis Center "Society and Environment")

## THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT AND CITIZENS OF UKRAINE: WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We start a series of blitz-analytics related to the public opinion in Ukraine regarding key environmental pillars of the Association Agreement. This series of analytical materials is developed on the basis of a [study](#) of the attitudes of the Ukrainian citizens towards environment, carried out by the Resource and Analysis Center "Society and Environment" in 2018.

The Association Agreement foresees implementation of a number of EU environmental regulations and directives. All in all, 71% of the Ukrainians consider that EU legislation is necessary to protect the environment in Ukraine.

Annex XXX to the Association Agreement includes a subsection 'Waste and resource management' listing three EU directives, in particular Directive 2008/98/EC on waste.

This area of reforms is the most expected by Ukrainians. 48,8% respondents consider it a top reform. It is particularly important for the residents of Western (59,0%), Northern (44,3%), Eastern (47,5%) and Central (52,1%) Ukraine.

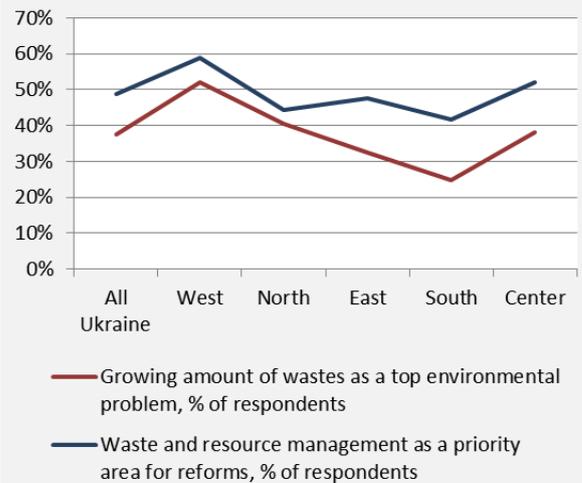
In addition, this public opinion corresponds to what citizens consider the most urgent environmental problem of Ukraine. Growing amount of waste hit the second place among top environmental problems identified by Ukrainians (37,4%) and is a top problem for residents of Western and Northern Ukraine.

Yet, only 35,7% of the Ukrainian citizens sort most of their waste for utilization, while 60,2% consider that this environmental practice shall help saving the environment in Ukraine. Only 17,7% of respondents avoid buying over-packaged products and 29,1% avoid buying single-use plastic products. Almost half (48,2%) of our citizens do not reduce consumption of single-use plastic bags.

Waste management is among top priorities of the Government of Ukraine in recent years. Most efforts are focused on develop-

ing new policy in the area of waste management by adopting respective strategies and plans, based on basic European principles and approached in this area.

### Citizens' attitudes towards waste problem



Own data, 2018.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“People start to understand that cleaning up a waste landfill in their town or village cannot depend on a public official in Kyiv. Nor Europeans will come to clean up garbage we threw near our park or river. At the same time, I understand that most of us do not do enough daily to protect the environment. There is still a gap between environmental values, intentions and daily behavior for saving the environment.”**

Ostap Semerak, Minister of Environment of Ukraine

### EVENT OF THE MONTH

**September 21, 2018**

**The first river basin council was set up in Ukraine -  
River Basin Council for Siversky Donets and Lower Don rivers**