



## What benefit do you have from successful participation in the contest?

- Obtaining a grant up to EUR 10 000 (excluding taxes) to implement your project.
- Cooperation with highly qualified experts from Germany and Ukraine.
- Receiving a winner's certificate that can serve a good basis to obtain future grants.
- Coverage of your activity in the media.
- Improving the image of your organization and your biosphere reserve.

## Deadlines and addresses to submit application documents

**In printed form:** before 10th April 2020 until 16:00 in the administration of the National Nature Park «Desnyansky-Starogutsky» at the address: 62 Novgorod-Siverska Str., Town of Seredyna-Buda, Sumska Oblast.

**In electronic form:** before 12 April 2020 till 24:00 at the address: [idea-contest@eba-ukraine.net](mailto:idea-contest@eba-ukraine.net)

## Forms of application documents you can find:

- **on web site of our project:** <https://eba-ukraine.net/idea-contest.html>;
- **in the administration of the National Nature Park «Desnyansky-Starogutsky»** at the address: 62 Novgorod-Siverska Str., Town of Seredyna-Buda, Sumska Oblast, in workdays from 9.00 till 16.00 (Mon-Fri).

## Any questions?

The Park administration invites all interested persons to consulting events on participation in the idea contest in the following days:

- **13 March** from 14.00 till 17.00 at the address: 6 B. Maistrenka Str., Town of Novgorod-Siversky 16000, Chernigivska Oblast, premises of Novgorod-Siverska District Administration;
- **19 March** from 09.00-12.00 at the address: 1 Shkilna Str., Village of Znob-Novgorodske, 41022, Seredyno-Budsky District, in the premises of Znob-Novgorodska Amalgamated Community;
- **27 March** from 09.30-13.30 at the address: 62 Novgorod-Siverska Str., Town of Seredyna-Buda, Sumska Oblast, office of the National Nature Park «Desnyansky-Starogutsky», room no. 3.

*The contest results will be announced after May 4, 2020.  
The preliminary start of the project – June 2020.*

## Who is invited to take part in the contest?

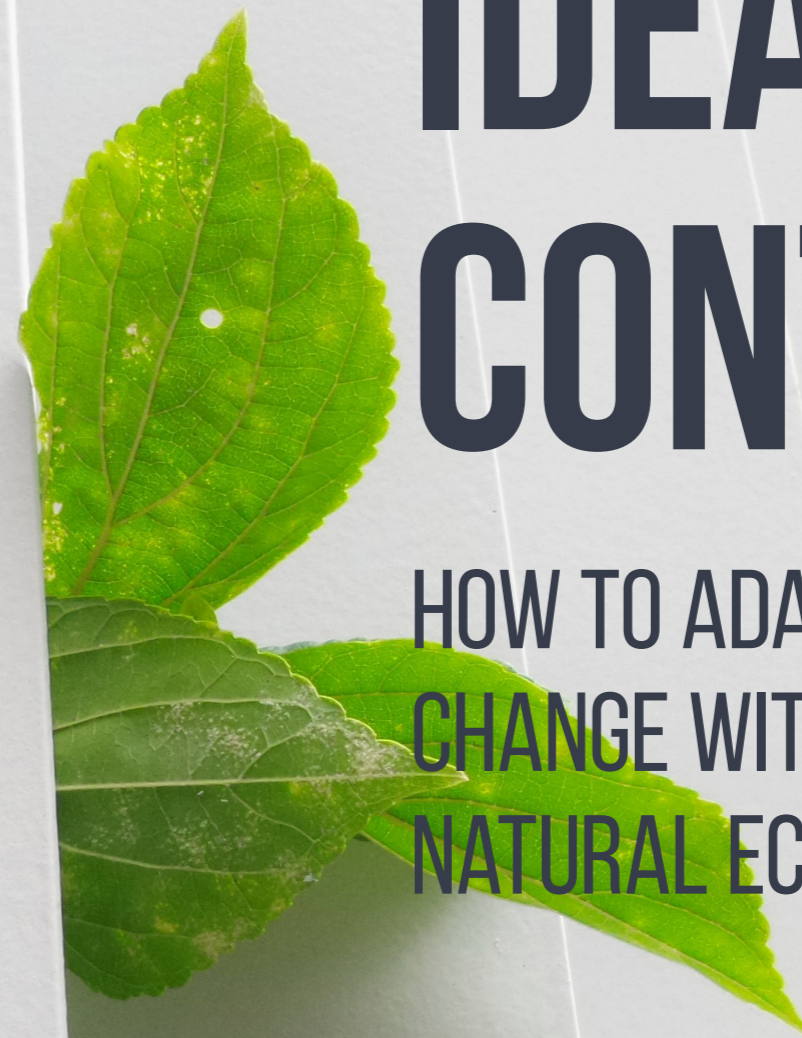
Legal entities and/or individuals (over 18) with permanent residence or place of registration of legal entity on the territory of biosphere reserve.

For applicants in partnership: place of registration or permanent residence of leading partner on the territory of biosphere reserve...

Establishment of consortia and partnerships – not mandatory criterion for participation in the contest, but it very welcomed by the organizers!

## What formal criteria should be met to be considered?

- Project proposal for an amount from EUR 4.000,00 up to EUR 10.000,00 (excluding taxes).
- Availability of a bank account to conduct all monetary transactions related to grant obtaining and allocation.
- Right of ownership or a respective right of use for planned project territory.
- Submission of complete package of application documents (Form A and B) before expiration of the deadline at the indicated address



# IDEA CONTEST

## HOW TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE WITH THE HELP OF NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

Організатор конкурсу



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## What is «Ecosystem-based Adaptation» and why does it matter to our region?

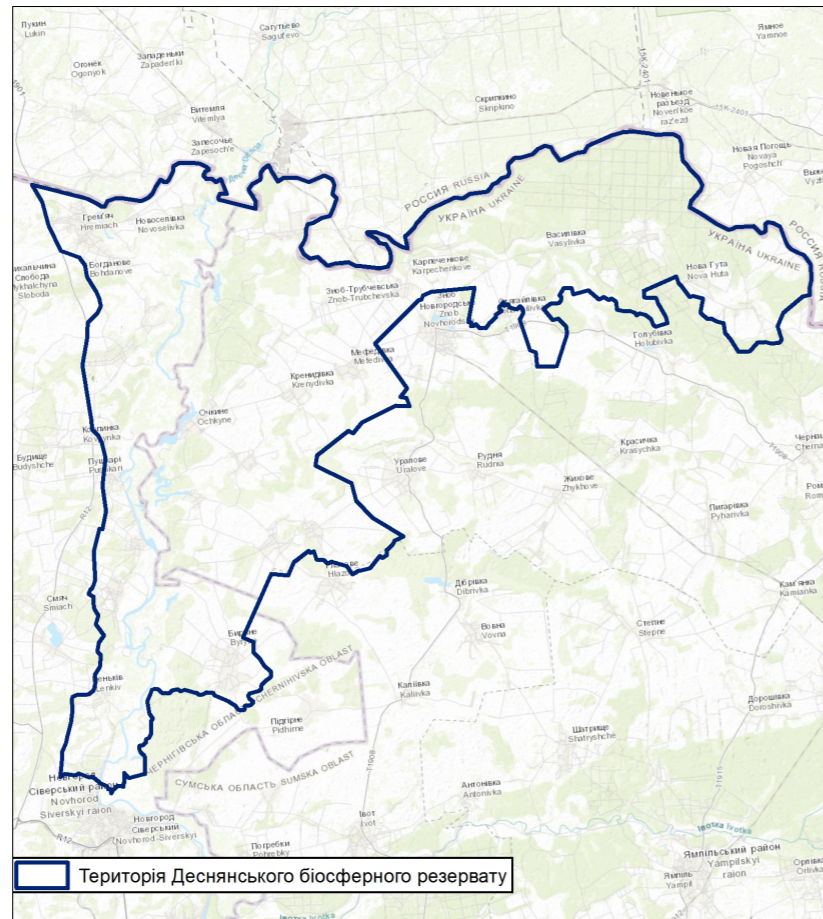
Natural ecosystems in Ukraine, including the biosphere reserve Desnyanskyi, provide a number of regulating functions, which are essential for the well-being of our region and its inhabitants. For centuries, our region finds itself particularly dependent on using diverse and rich natural resources and services.

However, over the last years, the effects of climate change are increasingly threatening the functionality of our ecosystems. They have a negative impact not only on the economic activities of rural inhabitants but also on their health.

Already now, a decrease in agricultural production, groundwater drawdown, the danger of erosion and flooding, along with a growing spread of parasites can be observed in our region. In this context, it is urgently demanded to preserve and – as far as possible – to restore the regulative and buffering ecosystem functions.

Ecosystem-based Adaptation to climate change (EbA) is the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall adaptation strategy to help people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. EbA aims to maintain and increase the resilience and reduce the vulnerability of ecosystems and people (SCBD 2009).

Announcing this idea contest, we invite all interested participants to work out proposals for EbA-interventions in the Desnyanskyi Biosphere Reserve.



## Which projects will be considered in this contest?

- Projects aiming at support and/or restoration of ecosystem functions.
- Use of biodiversity, ecosystem functions and services for adaptation to climate change.
- That can be implemented by minimal use of technical equipment.
- Have measurable increase of functionality and decrease the vulnerability of ecosystems and people.



## Examples of eligible projects (non-exhaustive list)

Projects for conservation and restoration of natural or near-natural forests. Efforts supporting near-natural diversity of species and structures by conversion of coniferous tree monocultures into mixed forests, promotion of deadwood enrichment, change from clear-cutting to gradual and selective cutting. Reforestation, securing and networking forest areas along corridors.

Mire or wetland conservation and restoration projects. Rewetting of peatlands, sustainable use (e.g. Paludiculture), set-aside and strict protection.

Projects aiming at renaturation of standing and running water as well as floodplains.

Deconstruction of drainage systems, creation of riparian strips with complex, near-natural vegetation structure (including reeds, tall perennials and woody plants, such as willow, corridors, and bank protection).

Projects of organic farming or agroforestry. Support of small water bodies, hedges, and woody plants in the open land.

Promotion of crop diversity, mulching, crop rotation, adjusting of sowing dates, continuous soil cover, conservation tillage, and fertilization, efforts to increase humus content...)

Projects of settlement and urban green infrastructure. Securing, developing and networking urban green and recreational areas, unsealing of surfaces, greening of streets and squares by tree and plant species resistant to climate change, greening of buildings (roofs and facades)...

## Examples of non-eligible projects (non-exhaustive list)

Projects altering natural water regimes and regulation processes. Construction and maintenance efforts of dams, drainage systems, canals.

Projects developing and requiring technology and physical infrastructure such as Windbreaks (nets, walls, fences), physical erosion control (e.g. gabions, plasticulture, riprap, sand fences...)

Introduction of industrial soil cultivating technologies. Building of recreation facilities.

Installation or extension of waste disposal system and sewage systems.

Projects aiming at climate change mitigation by introduction of renewable energy sources like solar, wind and small hydro.

Sustainable transport (electric vehicles, biofuels, car-sharing, etc.).

Promoting energy efficiency. Greenhouse gas emission reduction and technologies for carbon sequestration

