

“Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini” Age Concern Ukraine

A cooperative effort by the NGO Committee on Ageing and Global Action on Aging

Section I

I. What has the NGO done to educate older persons and/or the general public about the Madrid Plan?

1. We have translated into Ukrainian and published the POLITICAL DECLARATION (by United Nations April 12, 2002) and FINAL DECLARATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD NGO FORUM ON AGEING “THE DEVELOPMENT AND RIGHTS OF THE ELDERLY” (Madrid, April 5th - 9th, 2002). These documents are circulated for free in Ukraine.
2. We inform older people about the issues through our magazine “Chas Zhity” (Life Time)
3. We carried out a series of meetings with the “TLU” volunteers to inform them about the Madrid Plan.

Section II

II. Which of the 3 priority directions of Madrid Plan (older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; ensuring enabling and supportive environments) is the principal focus of the NGO?

We are a big national NGO and we work in all above directions.

III. What specific accomplishments has the NGO achieved in that area? How has it worked with government, other NGO's and/or others to achieve its objectives?

First for most – this is the fact of involvement of older people into the non-governmental organisation.

We developed the network of consultation and advice point for older people run by older volunteers.

We developed the health and information centres in 10 Ukrainian cities.

We carried out a project on informing older women on mental health and depression.

We edit and circulate the magazine for older people “Chas Zhity” (Life Time)

IV. Are there other significant accomplishments of the NGO?

Some of our volunteers have been elected to the special committees and board of the local power and can influence the local policy.

- V. Every Government has been asked by the UN, but is not required, to conduct a "bottom-up" review and appraisal during 2007 of progress in their country in implementing the Madrid Plan. To your knowledge, has your government begun or committed to undertake that review? If yes, has your NGO been invited to participate? If so, how?

At a request of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine we participated in preparing the Report on National Follow-up to the UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)