

# Swiss Cultural Programme

## Model 21: Cultural transformers



Country / region or city(ies):

**Ukraine / Kyiv**

Name of the Cooperation Project:

**Model 21: Cultural Transformers**

Partner organization:

**Democracy through Culture, Kyiv**

Coaching/monitoring partner:

**Changels (Berne)**

Duration of the project:

**January 2006 – December 2008**

**Model 21 aims to activate and democratize five communities through culture and thus develop, share and promote inspiring models for creative cities and creative rural regions in the Ukraine. The project is realized by “Democracy through Culture”, a non-governmental organization specialized in cultural research which has already realized mapping of cultural resources throughout the country.**

The Ukraine is in a process of social and cultural changes. Local communities are ready to transform and regenerate themselves by recognizing and using actively their cultural and creative resources in order to develop and improve the quality of life. The key problem is the lack of collaboration within the sectors of communities. The innovative approach, which is now required, should adjust different objectives on the basis of a common development policy.



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The project Model 21 aims to formulate such an innovative approach and to spread this methodology among a number of local communities. The vision is to create lively and blossoming cities and towns/counties through the collaboration of the key-players in the cultural field: the local administration, the new non-governmental cultural organizations and independent artists as well as the business sector. The project will provide a toolkit for developing local core groups, which become a meeting point for partnerships at different levels, promote the elaboration of a local development strategy and dynamise the cultural life in the community.

"Democracy through Culture" is an experienced NGO in the fields of research and cultural policy analysis, mapping cultural resources and developing legal frameworks for policy development. The organization also provides a large international network. For the project Model 21, Democracy through Culture is coached by "Changels" a Swiss consulting agency with large experience in community development processes.

The project Model 21 embraces five local communities in the Ukraine: two cities – Pryluky and Nizhyn in Chernihiv oblast – and three rural areas – Reshetylivka district, Kremenchuk district and Khorol district in the Poltava oblast.

The overall objectives of the project are

- creative cities and creative rural regions in the Ukraine,
- to develop, share and promote two types of inspiring models for to raise awareness, promote and debate the possibilities of new cultural policy development,
- to develop "Democracy through Culture" into a Development Centre for cultural policy implementation and monitoring.

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**The Swiss Cultural Programme is a joint initiative of the Arts Council of Switzerland PRO HELVETIA and of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC. The SCP encompasses Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Kosovo and the Ukraine.**

**It supports local partners, which emphasize the variety, independence and performance of cultural life. The SCP cooperation projects focus on the capacity building and institutional development processes of cultural organizations. ■**