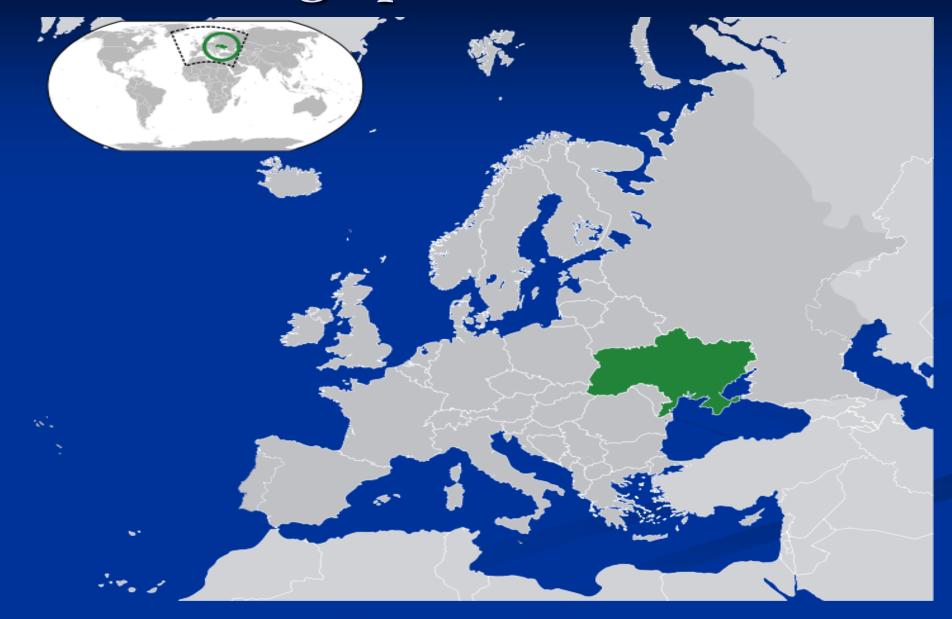


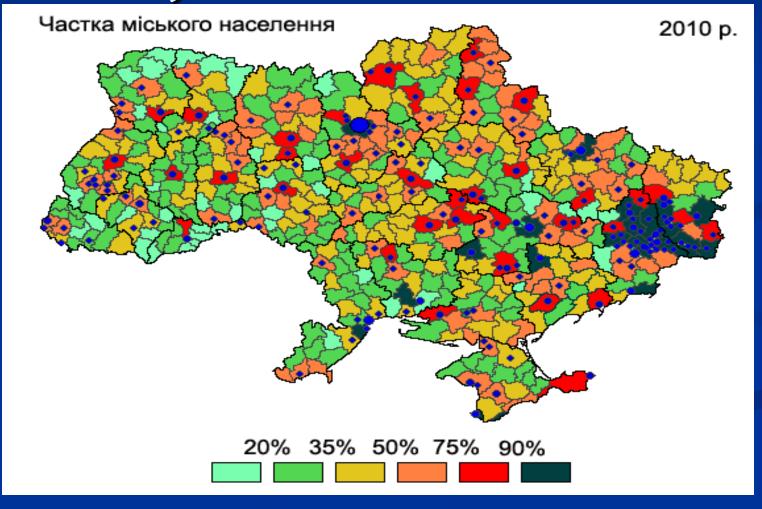
# My experience in rural networking. Ukraine

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#### Geographical location



#### Rural population 14,145 mln. or 31 %



I worked during 2004-2006 in EU TACIS programme for Ukraine "Support to SMEs in the Rural sector".

My responsibility was to help for rural entrepreneurs in Western Ukraine to prepare business plan and credit applications for banks or credit unions. Hundreds rural entrepreneurs received credits for own businesses.

2007-2010

Canada-Ukraine Grain Project (CIDA)

My responsibility was to help for grain producers in central and southern regions of Ukraine to prepare business plan and credit applications for banks or credit unions.

I collaborated with local farmers associations.

2010 - 2013

Common Project for milk cooperatives with Danone Ecosystem Fund.

According to Project goals we helped to organize 30 cooperatives in Southern Ukraine which supply milk in 80 villages.

March of 2010

My first meeting with Estonian NGO Village Movement "Kodukant" in Tallinn.

June of 2010

Representatives of "Kodukant" visited Ukraine. They had meetings with villages' authorities, activists, entrepreneurs and rural NGO leaders.

May of 2011

NGO "Association Karpatske kolo" was registered. I occupied position of an executive director.

#### August of 2011

4 members of NGO "Karpatske kolo" took part in

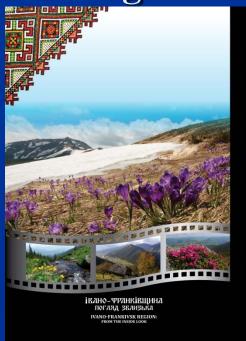
Estonian Rural Parliament. We participated also training "Village development partnership for rural animators"

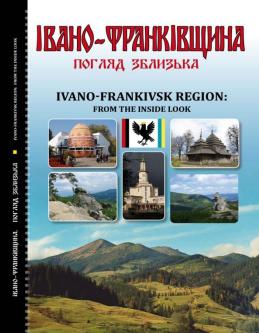
#### NGO "Karpatske kolo" main aims:

- 1) supporting and strengthening local initiatives.
- 2) to protect and promote cultural heritage which will help to enrich quality of life of the rural communities.
- 3) supporting networking and communication on national and international level.

NGO "Karpatske kolo" supported 2 photo albums about cultural heritage of region. It will attract tourists for many unknown villages.







We plan to organize umbrella organization from regional level (Ivano-Frankivsk region) and share activities to the other regions.

4 organizations started consultation about it:

NGO "Karpatske kolo"

NGO "SPG"

NGO "Gutsulija"

CU "Stanislavska"