



## CELEBRATION OF THE DANUBE DAY IN UKRAINE (ZAKARPATTYA OBLAST)

### Establishment of Memorial Plates at the Source of the Tisza River

At the Ministerial Meeting, initiated under the Ukrainian ICPDR Presidency, held in Uzhgorod on 11 April 2011, the relevant Ministers (Ukraine, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia and Hungary) expressed their support to establish memorial plates at the source of the Tisza River. This should underline the significance of the transboundary cooperation between the countries sharing the Tisza River Basin. This action will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> of June 2011**, starting from Yasinya village, Rakhiv rayon, Zakarpatska oblast at 12:00. The source of Tisza (Chorna Tisza) itself is located in the Ukrainian Carpathian Mountains at the height 1240 m above sea level.

The agenda includes symbolic opening of the plates at the Tisza source, music concert and press-conference.

### Children festival “Tisza – Younger Sister of the Danube”

Danube Day is a public event under the International Commission for Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and celebrated simultaneously in 14 European countries. Since 2007, this event has been celebrated in Zakarpattya Oblast. The event will take place in Yasinya at 10:30 on **26<sup>th</sup> of June 2011**.

The program of the Danube Day 2011 festival includes:

1. Children performance **«Ecological advertisement»** - a short performance in the style of advertisement for protection of environment, water saving, proper waste management behavior.
2. Competition **«Battle for Water»** - competition between the teams of different rayons, showing their knowledge of Tisza basin as well as skills.
3. Competition **«Tisza fish soup»** – cookery competition.
4. Competition **«Tisza has Talent»** - competition of songs, dances, and other types of performances related to environmental conservation.

5. All-Danube competition **«Danube Art Master»** - competition of art sculptures, pictures etc, made of materials collected at river banks. They will be presented in the form of exhibition at the festival. The topic of the year is “Get Active for the Rivers”.

It is expected that the festival will unite 100 children from different rayons of Zakarpattya as well as Prykarpattya.

The celebration is organized with the support of Zakarpattya Oblast Administration, International Commission of Protection of the Danube River, EU-funded project EU funded project *“Enhanced support to the Ukrainian authorities responsible for implementation of the Danube and Ramsar Conventions”*, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. The honored guests of the festival are representatives of Delegation of the European Union in Ukraine.

Main partner is Coca-Cola Beverages Ukraine. Organizers are NGO Zakarpattya Oblast branch of All-Ukrainian League and Zakarpattya Water Management Board.

More information about Danube Day celebrations in the relevant countries can be found at the web-site of ICPDR <http://www.danubeday.org/>.

