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LARGEST GLOBAL TRAINING EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF GFEI WAS HELD IN PARIS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM UKRAINE

The Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI) held its largest ever global training event in Paris on 9-10th of June 2016. Over 70 participants from around fifty countries have attended the event, including Ukraine, which made commitments to improving fuel economy as part of the COP21 climate agreement.

The event was a huge success and became a unique opportunity for participants to learn from GFEI world-leading experts, as well as exchange gained experiences and build momentum for the development and implementation of a new national policy with fuel economy targets.

For information: The Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI) was launched on March 4, 2009 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), with the participation of the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Transport Forum (ITF), the International Automobile Federation Foundation (FIA Foundation), International Council on clean transportation (ICCT) and the Institute of transport studies UC

Davis (IST). The project is aimed at accelerating the process of large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and oil consumption by means of a more efficient automobile fuel economy in a rapidly growing global vehicle fleet.

Sheila Watson, GFEI Executive Secretary, and Deputy Director of the FIA Foundation said «Our global training event is always exciting, as we bring together global experts, implementing partners and country policy makers to share experiences, understand emerging challenges and find new ways to accelerate progress in improving fuel economy. The energy in the meeting this year was particularly inspiring, with a real commitment to implementing policy change».

The event brought together participants from all around the world. These included G20 countries such as Canada, France, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia, as well as developing countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Costa Rica, Panama, Malaysia and Vietnam, Ukraine and others.



Ukraine in this global GFEI training was represented by Oleg Tsilvik – Executive director of the International Academy of Standardization, an Associate professor of Odesa State Academy of Technical Regulation and Quality.



In his address to the participants of this event O. Tsilvik focused on the features of the implementation of the most important and time-consuming phase of the Global Fuel Economy Initiative project in Ukraine. A positive cooperation was highlighted with the Main Service Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. Center's head V. Krikliyi was able to grasp the essence of the project and minimize bureaucratic delays in obtaining the necessary and reliable information. It should also be noted here that this is one of the few precedents, when the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which is traditionally in the post-Soviet and Eastern European countries have been involved in the registration of vehicles, have assisted GFEI project by providing information in a very short time. We see an impact of the reforms in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. The openness of the Ukrainian ministry was positively acknowledged by international partners and colleagues, because many of the latter have spent from six months and up to two years on unproductive correspondence with officials to gain access to the required information.

During the course of the meeting O. Tsilvik shared the first results of the Ukrainian team with the international GFEI experts. In particular, the report that was prepared following GFEI

instructions, presented the database of initial registration of vehicles in Ukraine for the year 2014, with the information on the amount of fuel consumption and amount of CO₂ emissions per vehicle. The quality of initial information and the work done to process it has been highly appreciated by the experts.



It should be noted that it was not the first time that O. Tsilvik represented Ukraine in the framework of GFEI project. At a similar event in 2015 he participated as an invited guest and on the basis of working meetings and panel discussions with the project's top management, the latter made a decision to start implementation of GFEI objectives in Ukraine. In November of 2015, as a result of the preliminary agreements, the Executive director of the International Academy of Standardization, an Associate professor of Odesa State Academy of Technical Regulation and Quality O. Tsilvik have signed a formal agreement with UNEP on the implementation of Global Fuel Economy Initiative in Ukraine. The goal of the first phase of the project is to create a national database of the vehicle fleet being first registered in Ukraine in the predetermined years and preparation on its basis of the economy data of the national vehicle fleet and trends in their changes.

The current global training event covered a range of issues, including getting acquainted with the concepts of fuel economy, in-depth training on trends in the fuel economy and the creation of the initial vehicle database for the participating countries in order to assess trends in the preferences of consumers to purchase fuel-efficient cars and the development of scenarios of State's influence on the formation of the demand for energy-efficient cars.

This year within the framework of expert meetings a discussion also took place on energy efficiency of trucks and electric vehicles. The GFEI event was held with collaboration of the Energy Efficiency training week, organized by the International Energy Agency, which is a unique global opportunity for hands-on training, exchange of experiences and extend working practices.

