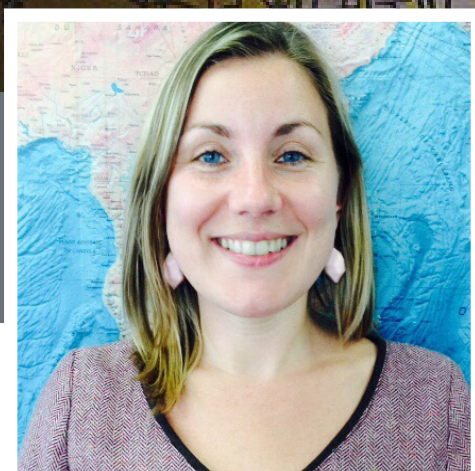




# CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY?

## CRISIS

## AN INVESTIGATION OF RESPONSES TO SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES IN UKRAINE



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After several decades of environmental policy and governance development at the international level (including at the UN), more than 60 percent of ecological life-support systems are declining worldwide, biodiversity loss continues unabated, global consumption of energy and materials keeps rising, CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations have surpassed 400 ppm, and costs of inaction with regard to climate change and biodiversity loss are rising. Humanity is moving faster and further away from sustainability than ever before, even as “green,” “ecological,” and “sustainable” have become ubiquitous notions in our daily life. Where are we going to find alternatives? Surprisingly enough, at this time of crisis, we can look at the sustainability alternatives proposed by people at the grassroots in Ukraine today. Although their numbers are marginal, they may yet prove capable of providing creative and up-to-date IT options for a transition to low-consumption and throughput society and economy.

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