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Green Communities in Action: Environmental Festivals Reach 2,000 Students in Ukraine's Volyn Region

Kamin-Kashyrskiy & Kovel, Volyn Region, Ukraine, May 2026

In May 2026, ALPS Resilience Ukraine partnered with local NGO Brainstorm, with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Kyiv, to deliver two large-scale environmental festivals for schoolchildren in Ukraine's Volyn region. Held in Kamin-Kashyrskiy on 18 May and in Kovel on 22 May, the events formed part of the wider "Green Communities: Nature, Children, Community" initiative and brought together around 2,000 students from schools across the region to explore environmental science, robotics and sustainable living through hands-on, interactive learning.



Students gather beneath one of the ALPS-supplied event tents at the Kovel festival, 22 May 2026.

At a Glance

Project	Green Communities: Nature, Children, Community
Implementing partners	NGO Brainstorm and ALPS Resilience Ukraine
Supported by	Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Kyiv
Dates	18 May 2026 (Kamin-Kashyrskiy) and 22 May 2026 (Kovel)
Locations	Lyceum No. 2, Kamin-Kashyrskiy; Lyceum No. 1, Kovel, Volyn region, Ukraine
Participants	Approximately 2,000 students from schools across Kovel, Kamin-Kashyrskiy and neighbouring communities

Activities

15+ interactive stations on biodiversity, robotics, water resources and waste sorting

Two Festivals, One Mission

The first festival took place on 18 May at Lyceum No. 2 in Kamin-Kashyrskiy, followed on 22 May by a second event at Lyceum No. 1 in Kovel. Together, the two festivals drew students from schools in Kovel, Kamin-Kashyrskiy and the surrounding territorial communities, part of a broader initiative that, in 2026 alone, is reaching 15 communities across Volyn, with a further 15 planned for 2027.

What Students Experienced

Across more than 15 interactive stations, students conducted scientific experiments, explored local biodiversity and took part in educational workshops. They learned how robotics can help solve environmental problems, and picked up practical skills in waste sorting and the responsible use of water and other natural resources in daily life.



A robotics exhibit draws a crowd of students between two of the event tents.

Several respected institutions set up their own demonstration and research zones at the festivals, including the Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, Lutsk National Technical University, the Volyn Regional Small Academy of Sciences, Lutsk Scientific Park, and the Museum of Science and Technology and Industrial Design of the Korsak Family. A dedicated activity space also gave trainers the chance to run interactive exercises on water resources and to share the project's future plans with students and visitors.



A biodiversity station draws close attention from students at the Kovel festival.

ALPS Resilience's Role

ALPS Resilience Ukraine led the on-the-ground delivery of both festivals. The team supplied and erected event tents and sound equipment for each location, and took full responsibility for safely and punctually transporting the project team, representatives of the ecological exhibitors, and students from participating schools to and from the sites. Catering was arranged throughout the day for staff and exhibitor representatives, and every station was pre-stocked with the consumables needed to run its experiments, interactive exercises and handouts.

ALPS also managed the design and printing of the festivals' visual identity: a large informational photo zone, themed banners, and take-home materials for participants, including flyers made from flowering paper and branded sticker packs, alongside team-branded merchandise that helped visitors identify the organisers and their partners throughout the day.



Team members in branded eco-festival T-shirts run an interactive board game station with students.

A Growing Partnership

The festivals were delivered by NGO Brainstorm in partnership with ALPS Resilience Ukraine, with support from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Kyiv. Project coordinator Taisiia Tokarchuk has described the festivals' core purpose as helping young people understand the practical role they can play in protecting their own communities' environment. By connecting schools directly with universities, research institutions and local scientific clubs, the events strengthened lasting links between education, science and community life across Volyn, and created space for more active youth engagement in local environmental action.



The project team, Brainstorm, ALPS Resilience Ukraine and the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, in front of the festival banner.

Looking Ahead

The “Green Communities” initiative continues beyond the festivals. Planned next steps include water-quality training and ecological expeditions over summer 2026, schools receiving their own water-testing equipment, and the development of an environmental board game and a digital platform for students to log their own nature observations. The project is set to expand from 15 to 30 participating communities across Volyn by 2027.

In the Media

- [Volyn Newspaper: “In Volyn, student environmental festivals took place”](#)
- [eco.rayon.in.ua: “Robots, experiments, and sorting rubbish: 2,000 schoolchildren of Volyn took part in the eco-festival”](#)
- [Instagram: @brainstorm.ngo event post](#)
- [Full photo gallery \(Google Drive\)](#)
- [Event highlights video \(Google Drive\)](#)

Report compiled from a field narrative and photography provided by the ALPS Resilience Ukraine team, and published local media coverage of the events.