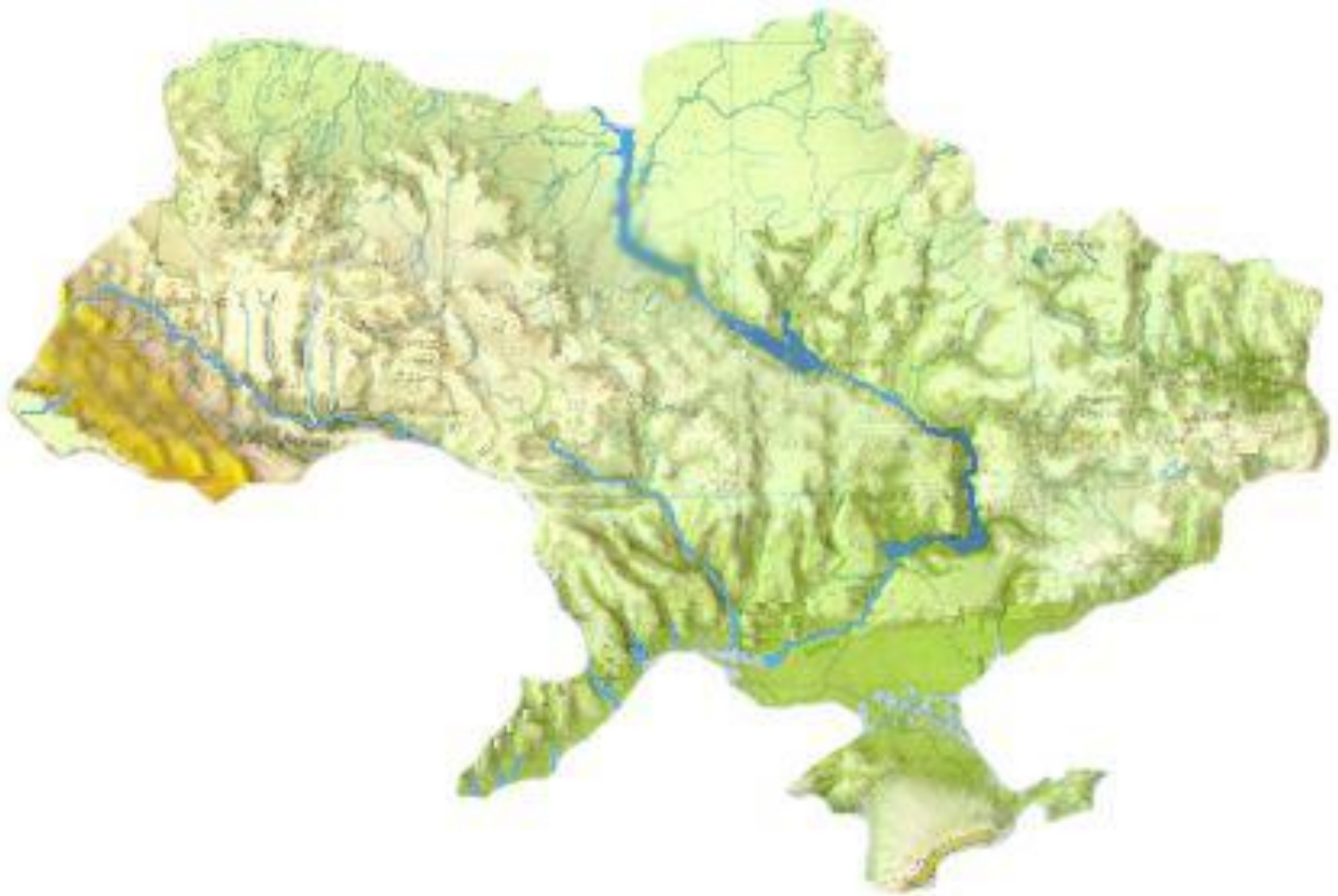




Ukraine is situated in the eastern part of Europe, and it is one of the largest countries of Europe.

It borders on Russia, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova. It is washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.



The territory of Ukraine is 603,700 square kilometers.

Its population is about 47 million people.



Most of the territory of Ukraine consists of plants. There are the Carpathian Mountains in the west and the Crimean Mountains in the in the south of the country.



The main river in the country is the Dniپر which is the third longest in Europe. Other large rivers are the Dniester, the Southern Bug, the Desna, the Pripyat and about 70 thousand small rivers.



The climate of Ukraine is moderately continental. In the Crimea it is subtropical.





Ukraine is traditionally an agricultural country. Wheat, maize, vegetables and all kinds of fruit are grown here. Ukraine takes the first place in Europe in production of sugar.



The country is rich in natural resources. It has developed a varied industry, concentrated mostly in and around big cities, such as Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa, Harkiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv and others



Ukraine consists of 24 regions and Crimean Autonomous Republic. Ukraine is an independent state. The capital of Ukraine is Kyiv.



Ukraine has its own government, state symbols, Constitution and currency. State symbols of Ukraine are: national flag, national hymn and national herb. Ukrainian flag is blue-yellow. Ukrainian herb is ... Ukrainian hymn: text by P.Chubinskij and music by M.Werbitskij. Hymn begins with words:

"Ukraine have not died yet..."



Ukrainian people are very friendly and hospitable. We keep the traditions of our ancient and beautiful country with great love.