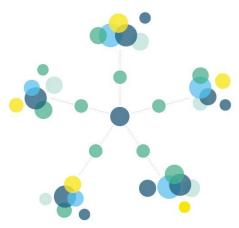
Swedish-Ukrainian Project Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine 2020-2023



Monthly Flash Report

February 2023

Fiscal Decentralisation

Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- Experts prepared a detailed analysis of the execution of local budgets in 2022
- Fiscal experts prepared information articles for the decentralisation.gov.ua on finances and budgeting:
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16105?page=12
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16063?page=15
- Experts prepared an analytical report on local budgets of Chernihiv oblast
- Experts prepared an explanation regarding the payment of the land fee
- Experts prepared an explanation regarding the implementation of the powers of the financial body in the non-controlled territory
- Processed a draft order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on approving the distribution in 2023 of
 the amount of additional subsidies from the state budget to local budgets for the exercise of the powers
 of local self-government in the de-occupied, temporarily occupied and other territories of Ukraine that
 have been negatively affected by the full-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation
- UPDATED Peculiarities of the budget process under the martial law

Decentralisation of Education (national level)

The work of the education decentralisation team focused on:

- Experts are in permanent touch with the Ministry of Education
- Prepared options for redistribution of education subvention for 2023
- Work on subvention statements for 2023 full version
- Experts worked on elaboration of the ToR for the dashboard: requirements for indicators
- Experts worked on visualisation approaches for dashboard data
- Experts are working on the preparation of the national webinars on education





Decentralisation of Education (local level)

The work of the expert team of local education component focused on:

- 15-16 February event for education managers of Chernihiv oblast on improving institutional capability
- Preparation for the webinar on Governmental strategy regarding gender issues
- Preparation to the residence of mayors on education with UfU team at the end of March
- Preparation of the expert decision of profile education network optimisation for Volodymyr community of Volyn oblast and for the Vyshneva community in Kyiv oblast
- Preparation of the ToT for Optimisation Game (selection of the candidates, preparation materials, planning possible dates and place). <u>Announcement was posted</u>
- Holding the Profile education network set of activities in Nosivska community (Chernihivska oblast) and Vyshneva hromada Kyivska oblast (20-24 February). Seminars in <u>Nosivska community (</u>Chernihivska oblast) and <u>Vyshneva hromada (Kyivska oblast)</u> were held
- Preparation of the manual on profile education and methodology of work with pilot hromadas on profile education
- Recollection with the participants of study visit to Denmark and other local education managers in Slavuta (Khmelnytska oblast) on profile education network optimisation is planned in mid March
- Prepared stories on hromada experiences regarding profile education for the decentralisation.gov.ua portal:
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16196?page=6
- Preparing <u>descriptions from hromadas</u> of working in war times. By the end of February, the online
 platform of best practices on education management contained 119 practices on effective management
 of education at local level. Each good practice record contains a description of the practice, analysis of
 the problem it aims to resolve, approach taken and results achieved, as well as description of risks,
 relevant regulatory and legal acts developed by the hromadas. Since the launch of the platform it has
 been visited 1 597 517 times. All best practices can be downloaded at www.wiki.sklinternational.org.ua
- Online repository of the products and resources related to education management in local self-governments supports the capacity building of the local self-government employees. In February the repository had 8,982 unique visitors and 17,601 visits

United for Ukraine

This is a campaign with the goal to help establish long-standing partnerships between Ukrainian communities and peer-communities abroad.

What was done by the end of February 2023:

- More than 150 Ukrainian community profiles have been prepared in English and Ukrainian and posted are on the website https://unitedforua.org
- More than 25 Ukrainian community profiles are under development
- The EU-Ukraine Partnership Forum was organized in Sindelfingen (Baden-Würtemberg, Germany), attended by representatives of municipalities from Ukraine, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and France
 - At the Forum, 15 pairs of Ukrainian-German municipalities launched partnerships
 - A panel presentation of opportunities for communities from the European Commission, the Danube Strategy, GIZ, BMZ, Engagement Global/SKEW and the the Land Fund of Baden-Würtemberg was organized at the Forum
- Project communications: <u>Facebook</u>, Instagram, and <u>Linkedin</u> pages are being actively maintained <u>https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/germany/sindelfingen</u>
- Work is underway to update the <u>initiative's website</u>
- An educational residence for community mayors is planned for the end of March (Lviv, Stryi)

- Developing a residence on international cooperation
- Working on signing a memorandum with Engagement Global

Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- Hromada to hromada initiative is ongoing
- AATC held webinar on Budget Code
- On 7 February Board meeting of the AATC was held
- AATC prepared №46 digest on work of local governments under martial law
- Grants for communities
- · Webinar on accounting rules for reception of charitable assistance was held
- Materials prepared regarding Certain aspects of receiving charitable (humanitarian) aid, grants
- Webinar Tender purchases in 2023 what to consider for authorized persons of customers
- Webinar Compensation for damage caused by violation of property rights in armed conflict
- Legal expert prepared materials for the online Conference <u>Decentralization 2023</u>. <u>Legislative agenda in wartime</u>
- Head of AATC tool part in the conference in Warsaw "Rebuild Ukraine"
- 8 new communities became members of the AATC
- Board meeting of the AATC is planned for 30 March
- Work with the regional branches of the AATC
 - Experts have been working on selection of coordinators in selected oblasts. Pilot oblasts are:
 Zaporizhska, Kirovohradska, Cherkasska, Kyivska, Zhytomirska, Khmelnitska, Lvivska,
 Ternopylska, Dnipropetrovska, Odeska
 - The seminar took place on 8-9 February in hybrid format in Cherkasy. The seminar consisted of (1) presentations of regional teams how they work currently, (2) role of leader and manager in the regional team, clear separation of functions, (3) context analysis for the work of regional teams on both regional and national levels, (4) launch of actual work of regional teams in new format + launch their work on action plan for 2023, (5) review in details the regulations of the regional branches of the AATC
- Experts finished the new methodology of development of the new participative strategy of the AATC

Gender Component:

- Preparation of best practices of communities on gender issues
- Preparation for the webinar on Governmental strategy regarding gender issues which is planned for the beginning of 3rd March
- Expert prepared a letter of appeal to the politicians regarding the cancelling of the International women's day in Ukraine
- Seminar "How to develop a gender-sensitive concept of community recovery" for communities
- Expert prepared an article for the AATC web page on Women's Day in science

Communication:

- Preparation of the digest of AATC events
- <u>Facebook page</u>, <u>Association's official web-site</u>, <u>the "The best practices" web-site</u> were continuously updated
- Ongoing support and maintenance of the AATC's Telegram channel and Viber channel
- Informative digest on grants for the members of AATC

 Information and communication support of the Association's activities, creation of visualisations, content distribution

Communication

Project's Communication expert worked on the following tasks:

- Preparation of the Monthly and Quarterly reports
- Administration of the Facebook groups for education practitioners, Viber groups of regional teams of education managers
- Support to the colleagues in preparation of the events (announcements, invitations, infographics, translation etc.)
- Supporting colleagues in preparation of the infographics for the reports and design of the documents
- Interviews, videos, streams from the events
- Work on the new Project web-page https://salarinternational.org.ua
- Preparation of stories on LSG work in times of war for the decentralization.gov.ua portal:
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16050?page=16
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16064?page=15
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16098?page=13
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16114?page=12
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16169?page=8
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16196?page=6
 - https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16214?page=5
- Continuous updates to the <u>Project's website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>