

Swedish-Ukrainian Project

Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

2020-2022



Monthly Flash Report

November 2022

Fiscal Decentralisation

Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- [Experts prepared analysis of the implementation of local budgets for 9 months of 2022](#)
- Fiscal experts provided consultative and methodological support to the heads of military administrations of settlements in the de-occupied territories of Kherson region regarding the activities, functioning and financing of local government in conditions of martial law, as well as ensuring the stability of the budget process
- Experts conducted an analysis of the draft Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2023"
- Experts worked out the issue of using in 2023 transitional balances of subventions from the state budget to local budgets provided in 2021
- Conducted an analysis of revenues and expenditures of local budgets in the field of nature protection in fulfillment of the mandate of the Office of the President of Ukraine, in particular, prepared an analysis of the receipts of environmental tax and charges for damage caused to nature for 2021
- Conducted an analysis of the use of funds by district councils
- Prepared expert opinions on draft laws:
 - 8198 dated 10.11.2022 "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Mandatory State Pension Insurance" regarding the assignment of pensions to persons living in the temporarily occupied territory or in the territory where hostilities are taking place";
 - 8200 dated 10.11.2022 "On amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine regarding support for war veterans, their family members and family members of fallen (deceased) Defenders of Ukraine";
 - 8172-1 dated 15.11.2022 "On amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine regarding overcoming fuel dependence, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing electric charging infrastructure and electric vehicles";
 - on the draft law under registration number 7632 dated 08/03/2022 "On amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine regarding exemption from payment of tax on immovable property, other than land, for destroyed or damaged immovable property"
- [Experts prepared infographics on the Budget of Ukraine 2023](#)
- Experts took part in various ministerial meetings on Excise tax on fuel and on the issue of financing educational, health care and other budgetary institutions in the temporarily occupied territories
- [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
- Meeting with Deputy Ministers of Finance and Education on allocation of education subvention for 2023
- Supporting MES in preparation of the policy options for allocation of education subvention for 2023
- Experts worked on preparation of preliminary options for use of special fund at MES' discretion in 2023
- Experts supported the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine in collection of personalised statistical data of teachers and students

Decentralisation of Education (local level)

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

- [1-4 November Visit to Chernihivska oblast. Conducting the seminar "PROVIDING THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF WAR. FORMATION OF LOCAL EDUCATION POLICY" for Heads of territorial communities\(Deputy Heads, Secretaries of Councils\)](#)
- [On 10 November Closure event for the School Gardens of Victory](#) in Horodotska community of Khmelnytska oblast
- [On 11 November closure event of Local economic development initiative in Chortkiv community Ternopil'ska oblast](#)
- Preparation of the study visit to Denmark for the education managers on profile education in December 2022
- [On 18 November Webinar - Scientific lyceum as a form of functioning of profile education](#)
- [On 22-26 November Profile optimisation game in Vyshneva community, Kyiv oblast](#)
- Holding [the 4th webinar on 29 November regarding Profile education](#)
- Preparing [new best practice descriptions from hromadas](#) in war times. By the end of November, the online platform of best practices on education management contained **114 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 **1 593 008** 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](#). The repository supports the capacity building of the local self-government employees. In November the repository had **8,801** unique visitors and **17,203** visits

United for Ukraine

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

What has been already done by the end of November:

- More than 100 community profiles are on the website <https://unitedforua.org/>
- More than 50 community profiles are under preparation
- In December the [Conference of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership \(CORLEAP\)](#) is planned where the initiative will be presented

- [Residence for hromadas was held on 11-13 November, for Odesa and Zakarpattia oblasts.](#) The dates were aligned with the wine festival in Lviv. During the wine festival, the focus was on winemaking in Ukraine - hence, the hromadas that have winemakers could benefit from the residence
- Next residence is planned for December
- 3 events planned on searching for partners for hromadas in Rzeszów, Wrocław(Poland), and Sindelfingen (Germany)
- There is a plan to organise an international event branded by the Chamber of Local Self-Governments under the President's Regional Development Council to invite LSGs Associations from Europe to share the information about the initiative
- Preparation to the summit of LSG in Czech Republic
- Preparation for the World for Ukraine Forum in Rzeszow, Poland. Work with hromadas and organisers of the event

Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- AATC continues working on the initiative "Hromada-Hromada support"
- [AATC is preparing weekly digest on work of local governments under martial law](#)
- AATC worked on preparations for World for Ukraine Forum in Rzeszow, Poland: AATC delegates are being identified. 14 oblasts will be represented.
 - Separate session is proposed for Rzeszow, on local governments - linked to the day of local governments which is celebrated on 6 December in Ukraine. The side event targets the participating municipalities from Europe
- [AATC prepared list of grants for the members](#)
- AATC has prepared a position calling for the safeguarding of the Ministry of Regional Development. It was sent to the Prime Minister and Verkhovna Rada. The position was also announced at the conference in Strasburg, at the Democracy Forum of the Council of Europe. Chair of the AATC also called for involvement of local self-governments in recovery and rebuilding processes
- Experts drafted two procedure documents for the AATC. Need to be adopted. USAID Dobre also asks for these procedures to be transparent and adopted as a pre-condition of their support to the AATC
- Experts worked on the renewal of the work with regional branches of the AATC

Gender Component:

- [On 15 November webinar on Gender aspects in project applications for receiving financial assistance from international financial organizations was held](#)
- [Gender analysis of regional development of Ukraine](#)
- [International Men's Day – 2022. Article prepared for AATC web-page](#)
- Gender expert took part in coordination meeting of Donors in Sumy oblast regarding gender issues
- [16 days of activism against gender-based violence started in 60 cities of Ukraine](#)
- [Responsibility is the first step to leadership.](#) Interview of gender expert
- [Women's leadership in local self-government in the context of war.](#) Gender story
- [Searching and preparing best practices on Gender](#) in municipalities

Communication:

- [Preparation of the digest of AATC events](#)

- [Facebook page](#), [Association's official web-site](#), [the "The best practices" web-site](#) 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
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Communication

Promoting decentralisation reform

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](#)
- [Preparation of stories for the decantralisation portal](#)
- Preparation of the design of the calendar planner
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)