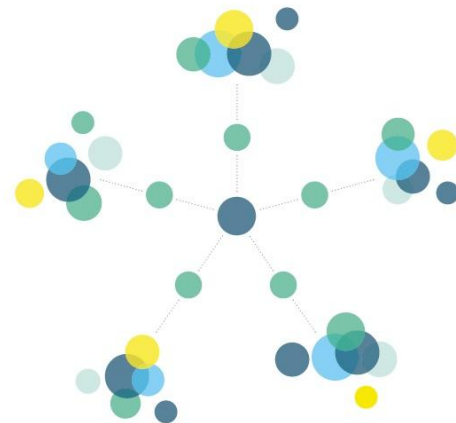


Swedish-Ukrainian Project

Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

2020-2022



Monthly Flash Report

December 2022

Fiscal Decentralisation

Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- [Experts prepared analysis of the implementation of local budgets for 10 months of 2022](#)
- Fiscal experts took part in the meeting to discuss the results of monitoring of de-occupied territorial hromadas
- Fiscal experts processed a letter of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on budget issues regarding the provision of expert opinions (processed 11 draft laws)
- Experts processed the appeal of all-Ukrainian local self-government associations regarding the settlement of the personal income tax payment issue
- 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
- Fiscal experts prepared information articles for the decentralisation.gov.ua:
 - [The government allocated UAH 27.3 million to compensate the costs of maintaining IDPs](#)
 - [The government distributed the amount of educational subvention for 2023, and also changed the order and formula of distribution](#)
 - [Territorial communities got the right to control land use](#)
 - [The government has made changes to the Treasury Service Procedure under martial law](#)
 - [In 2023, the excise tax on fuel will be included in local budgets according to the new procedure](#)
- Experts prepared information on fiscal risks in 2022 and 2023 and measures to be taken by the Ministry of Regions in accordance with competence
- Experts conducted a data comparison of the resources of local budgets in 2014, 2015, 2022 and 2023
- Experts prepared accompanying documents to the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Budget Code of Ukraine on Local Borrowing" and the draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Procedures Approved by Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 110 dated February 16, 2011 and May 14, 2012 year No. 541"
- Experts conducted an analysis of the financing of subventions from the state budget to local budgets, in particular those for which the Ministry of Regions is the main manager of funds
- Experts worked out the issue of using in 2023 transitional balances of subventions from the state budget to local budgets provided in 2021

- Experts prepared an explanatory note, a certificate of approval and a list of acts of the Cabinet of Ministers and central executive bodies, the adoption or revision of which must be carried out in order to implement the provisions of the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Tax Code"
- Experts conducted an analysis of revenues and expenditures of local budgets in the field of nature protection in fulfilment 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
- Experts conducted an analysis of the use of funds by district councils
- Prepared expert opinions on draft laws:
 - 8225 dated 24.11.2022 "Draft of the Law on Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding Compulsory Expropriation and Expropriation of Land Plots and Other Real Estate Objects Placed on Them Due to Public Need for the Construction or Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure Objects";
 - 8226 dated November 24, 2022 "Draft of the Law on Amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine and some legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the special regime of taxation of individual payers of the third group of the single tax";
 - 8236 dated November 28, 2022 "Draft of the Law on Amendments to Part Seven of Article 14 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Privatisation of State and Communal Property" on Clarification of Provisions and Facilitation of the Sale of Small Privatization Objects"
 - 5344-d dated November 18, 2022 "Draft Law on Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on Ensuring the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Work"
 - 8172-2 dated November 17, 2022 "Draft Law on some issues of the use of vehicles equipped with electric engines and amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine on overcoming fuel dependence and development of electric charging infrastructure and electric vehicles"
- [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
- Supporting MES in preparation of the policy options for allocation of education subvention for 2023
- Preparation of corrected simulator with options for allocation in 2023
- Discussions with MES officials regarding allocation of subvention in 2023
- Preparation of presentation for Council of Europe WG on education in Ukraine during the time of war
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- Discussions with MES officials regarding new format of subvention statements for 2023
- Work on subvention statements for 2023
- Work on simplified subvention statements 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:

- [Study visit to Denmark on profile education for education managers from pilot hromadas took place from 11 to 15 December](#)
- Project experts are preparing for collection of data of Nosivska hromada of Chernihivska oblast and future Profile school related events planned for 22-28 January 2023
- Project experts [continued working on new practices related to education management](#)

- [Presentation on education in Ukraine under martial law was prepared and delivered during the Rzeszów Forum](#)
- Prepared stories on hromada experiences for the decentralisation.gov.ua portal:
 - [Reform of profile education in Stryiska community of Lvivska oblast](#)
 - [School Victory Gardens](#)
- Preparing [descriptions from hromadas](#) of working in war times. By the end of December, the online platform of best practices on education management contained **116 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 **1 593 112** times. All best practices can be downloaded at www.wiki.skilinternational.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 December the repository had **8,913** unique visitors and **17,311** 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 December 2022:

- More than 100 Ukrainian community profiles have been prepared in English and Ukrainian and posted are on the website <https://unitedforua.org/>
- More than 50 community profiles are under development
- In December the meeting of the [Conference of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership \(CORLEAP\)](#) is planned where the initiative will be presented
- [32 mayors from Ukraine participated in Rzeszow event on 7-9 December.](#)
- During the Rzeszow event, the Ovruch community of Zhytomyrska oblast [signed a memorandum of cooperation with Polish Gmina Tsedry-Vel'ki](#)
- During the Rzeszow event, a meeting was held with the BNI Group (business) who are willing to work with Ukrainian communities in two directions: support of local businesses and philanthropy. BNI is already supporting 76 businesses in different communities
- Communication work on promoting UfU and mayor residences has started. Facebook page has been created
- [Last residence of mayors in 2022 was held on 23 December](#) in Lviv
- Two networking events are planned on searching for partners for hromadas in Wroclaw(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

Another direction of work under this component is related to advocacy of the interests of Ukrainian local self-governments in different European foras and networks. On 6 December, project experts participated in the

meeting of the working group of the European Alliance of Cities in Regions in support of Ukraine. Presentations were made on the current situation in Ukraine in the areas of education and local government finances.

Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- AATC continues working on the initiative “Hromada to Hromada”. In December representatives of AATC visited unoccupied communities in Kharkivska oblast to collect data and needs of the support. [Here is the report](#)
- [AATC continues issuing weekly digests on work of local governments under martial law](#)
- [Rzeszow event 7-9 December: 32 mayors from Ukraine participated in the event](#). During the event Ovruch community of Zhytomyr oblast [signed memorandum of cooperation with Polish Gmina Tsedry-Vel’ki](#)
- [AATC prepared information on grants available for local self-governments](#)
- [On 14 December, a webinar was held on changes in approaches to the organisation of the budget process at the local level under martial law](#)
- [On 8 December, a webinar "End and start of the budget period under martial law: nuances of treasury service" was held](#)
- [On 15 December, discussion took place of the draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "Some issues of organizing a capable network of health care institutions"](#)
- Two procedure documents have been prepared for the AATC
- Experts were involved in the preparations of the December mayors’ residence in Lviv
- Experts worked on the launch of the work with AATC’s regional branches
- AATC met with representatives of National Service of Health of Ukraine to discuss the possible support by AATC to communities in the sphere of healthcare
- AATC Board meeting took place online on 21 December 2022. Board discussed the AATC action plan for 2023, 2023 budget and proposals for the update of procedures
- AATC took part in the seminar organised by the Minregion and the Council of Europe regarding the municipal partnerships
- [AATC met with Ministry of veterans to discuss cooperation](#)

Gender Component:

- [Preparation of best practices of communities on gender issues](#)
- Stories on women's leadership in local self-government in times of war were prepared and published:
 - [Women's leadership in local self-government in the context of war](#)
 - <https://hromady.org/viktoriya-balcer-sekretar-voznese%20nska-tg-mikola%20vsko-oblast/>
 - <https://hromady.org/zhinoche-liderstvo-u-miscevomu-samovryaduvanni-v-konteksti-vijni-velina-zavac-qolova-dunayevecko%20teritorialno%20gromadi-xmelnicka-oblast/>
 - <https://hromady.org/zhinoche-liderstvo-u-miscevomu-samovryaduvanni-v-konteksti-vijni-lyudmil-a-makarenko-keruyucha-spravami-chugu%20vsko-tg-xarkivsko-oblasti/>
 - <https://hromady.org/zhinoche-liderstvo-u-miscevomu-samovryaduvanni-v-konteksti-vijni-nataliy-a-musiyenko-vilnyanska-tg-zaporizko-oblasti/>
- [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

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](#)
- [Preparation of stories on LSG work in times of war for the decentralization.gov.ua portal:](#)
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15827?page=12>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15822?page=12>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15845?page=11>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15838?page=11>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15864?page=10>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15878?page=9>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15870?page=9>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15915?page=6>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15940?page=5>
- Preparation of the design of the project promotion materials - 2023 wall calendar
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)