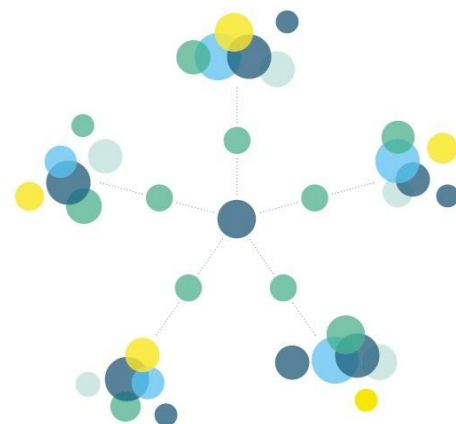


# Swedish-Ukrainian Project

## Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

### 2020-2023



# Monthly Flash Report

January 2023

## Fiscal Decentralisation

### Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- [Experts prepared analysis of the implementation of local budgets for 11 months of 2022](#)
- Experts prepared at the request of the Ministry of Infrastructure a draft response to the appeal of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine regarding the revenue and expenditure parts of district budgets and the state of their financial support
- Fiscal experts prepared information articles for the decentralisation.gov.ua on finances and budgeting:
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15981?page=12>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15980?page=12>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15987?page=11>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16035?page=8>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15972?page=13>
- Experts prepared information on the reasons for the formation of balances of forwarded unused open appropriations as of 12/30/2022, as well as the presence of accounts payable as of 01/01/2023 for the Ministry of Infrastructure
- Experts processed the draft of the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approving the distribution of additional subsidies from the state budget to local budgets for the exercise of the powers of local self-government bodies in the de-occupied, temporarily occupied and other territories of Ukraine that were negatively affected by the full-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation in 2023 year"
- Experts prepared an informational and analytical report on the provision of subventions from the state budget to local budgets for the development of communal infrastructure, including the purchase of communal equipment
- Submitted comments and suggestions to the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine regarding the peculiarities of taxation during the period of martial law"
- Prepared a report on the executed of local budgets of the Chernihiv region
- Prepared a certificate on the use of subvention to ensure certain expenses of district councils aimed at fulfilling their powers in 2022
- 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"

- 8232 dated November 28, 2022 "Draft of the Law on Amendments to Chapter VI "Final and Transitional Provisions" of the Budget Code of Ukraine on the Restoration of the Independence of Local Budgets"
- 8263 dated 05.12.2022 "Draft of the Law on de-Sovietization of the procedure for solving certain issues of the administrative and territorial system of Ukraine"
- 8283 dated 13.12.2022 "Draft of the Law on Amendments to Article 9 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Regime of Martial Law" regarding the procedure for using funds from the local budgets of territorial communities whose territory is temporarily occupied"
- 8298-1 dated 06.01.2023 "on amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine and other legislative acts of Ukraine regarding additional support for domestic industry and business, improvement of the mechanism of registration of tax invoices and introduction of voluntary tax audits in lieu of separate tax audits during martial law"
- [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 re-allocation of education subvention for 2023
- Preparation of corrected simulator with options for redistribution in 2023
- Discussions with MES officials regarding re-allocation of subvention in 2023
- [Prepared with MES officials subvention statements for 2023 in new format](#)
- Work on subvention statements for 2023 full version
- 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:**

- Follow up of the study visit to Denmark for the education managers on profile education (11-15 December this year):
  - preparation of the questionnaire
  - preparation to the strategic session with the participants of the study visit
  - preparation of the concept of the study visit to Slavuta community of Khmelnytska oblast to share their experience of the profile education network
  - preparation of the zoom meeting with partners from Poland and Denmark for the participants of the study visit
- Preparation of the variants of profile education network optimisation for Volodymyr community of Volyn oblast jointly with hromada and for the Vyshneva community in Kyiv oblast
- Preparation for the webinar on Governmental strategy regarding gender issues which is planned for March
- [5th webinar - Extracurricular and school partnership as a component of high school success. Experience of the Solonne territorial community, Dnipropetrovska oblast](#)
- Start of the preparation of the ToT for Optimisation Game (selection of the candidates, preparation materials, planning possible dates and place)

- Preparation for the Profile education network set of activities which is planned to be held in Nosivska community Chernihivska oblast and Vyshneva hromada Kyivska oblast (20-24 February)
  - Collecting data of the community
  - Preparation of the handouts
- Prepared stories on hromada experiences regarding profile education for the decentralisation.gov.ua portal:
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15983?page=12>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16042?page=8>
- Preparing [descriptions from hromadas](#) of working in war times. By the end of January, the online platform of best practices on education management contained **118 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 **1 593 511** times. All best practices can be downloaded at [www.wiki.skliinternational.org.ua](http://www.wiki.skliinternational.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 January the repository had **8,978** unique visitors and **17,403** 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 January 2023:

- More than 125 Ukrainian community profiles have been prepared in English and Ukrainian and posted are on the website <https://unitedforua.org>
- More than 25 community profiles are under development
- The EU-Ukraine Partnership Forum was organized in Wojnowice (Wroclaw), attended by representatives of municipalities from Ukraine, Germany, and Poland
- At the Forum, 17 pairs of Ukrainian-German and Ukrainian-Polish municipalities launched partnerships
- A panel presentation of opportunities for communities from the European Commission, the Danube Strategy, GIZ, Engagement Global/SKEW, the Council of Europe program, and the Solidarity Foundation was organized at the Forum.
- The EU-Ukraine Municipal Partnership Forum is planned in Sindelfingen, where 100 participants will take part and more than 22 partnerships are planned.
- Project communications: Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages have been created and are being maintained.
- 10 videos about community courage were filmed and published, as well as promotional videos for international conferences
- Work is underway to update the initiative's website.
- An educational residence for community mayors is planned for mid-March (Lviv, Stryi)
- Cooperation with Engagement Global/SKEW is being established. An online presentation of support opportunities for Ukrainian-German partnerships established within the framework of the Wroclaw and Sindelfingen Forums is planned for March

## Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- AATC held seminar for communities of Kherson oblast where there was discussion with Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights
- AATC held webinar on Budget Code
- On 7 February Board meeting of the AATC is planned
- AATC held a joint meeting of the thematic platforms of the ATC Association 'Education' and 'Local Budgets and Finances' with the participation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine on the topic 'Features of the distribution of educational subvention under martial law'
- Analysis and elaboration of the Law of Ukraine "On associations of local self-government bodies". Preparation of proposals of the OTG Association to the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Associations of Local Self-Government Bodies" (presentation of proposals in the Comparative Table of the draft law). Presentation of the OTG Association and its position at the working meeting of experts regarding the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Associations of Local Self-Government Bodies"
- Analysis and development of the draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On the approval of the State anti-corruption program for 2023-2025"
- AATC conducted a survey on behalf of the Association regarding the key priorities of legislative regulation on reforming of local self-government and territorial organization of power for 2023
- Cooperation with Lviv City Institute will continue in 2023 - residences of mayors will resume from February 2023. Participants of each residence will be formed from members of AATC and AUC. The most important aspect of the residences is the communication and networking between the mayors
- [SALAR International Day took place on 25 January in Stockholm](#). The Chair and the Deputy Chair of the AATC participated. The aim of this year's international day is to promote partnerships between Ukrainian and Swedish municipalities. There was also a meeting between the political leadership of the AATC and SALAR. This meeting focused on strategic issues related to future of decentralisation in Ukraine, on Ukraine's recovery, on EU accession, on role of LSGs and LGAs in recovery and reform processes; how strategic cooperation between AATC and SALAR can help?
- Project starts piloting regional branches of the AATC in 2013. On 03 January experts received applications from the 14<sup>th</sup> regional branches and on 5 January there were selected 10 for piloting: Zaporizhska, Kirovohradska, Cherkasska, Kyivska, Zhytomirska, Khmel'nitska, Lvivska, Ternopylska, Dnipropetrovska, Odeska.
  - The first seminar for the pilot teams is planned for 9-10 February in Cherkasy city
- Joint working plan was drafted by experts and approved by AATC
- Magnus during the visit to Kharkiv met with the heads of Kharkiv communities members of AATC in particular with Veniamin Sitov, head of Merefya community and discussed future cooperation and support needed

#### **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:
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16039?page=8>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16002?page=10>
- [Prepared an article "Gender equality in education: how to implement it in the community"](#)
- [Yulia prepared an article for the AATC web page on Women's Day in science](#)

#### **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/15983?page=4>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/15992?page=3>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16007?page=2>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16002?page=2>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16017>
  - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16050?page=7>
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)