

Forum

“Bridges of Trust”: Strengthening Municipal Cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union

10 December 2021

Time: 09.30 – 15.00 EET/Kyiv
08.30 – 14.00 CET/Brussels

Format: ONLINE

The aim of this Forum is to exchange experience and ideas between municipalities of Ukraine and European Union in the framework of the “Bridges of Trust” (BoT) Initiative, implemented by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and PLATFORMA with the support of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme.

Language: The language of the Forum will be Ukrainian and English. Simultaneous translation will be organised.

Moderation: To be moderated from the CERM-PLATFORMA in BRUSSELS and the U-LEAD studio in KYIV, respectively.

Participants: representatives of 20 partner municipalities of the “Bridges of Trust” Initiative, heads of municipalities who have the experience of international municipal partnerships, international partners of the Ukrainian municipalities, national associations of local governments in Ukraine and in relevant EU member states, the U-LEAD with Europe Programme, CEMR-PLATFORMA, MinRegion and the EU Delegation to Ukraine.

AGENDA

<i>Morning Session</i>		
09.30-10.00 EET (30 min)	Welcome words Vyacheslav A. Negoda , Deputy Minister of MinRegion (TBC) Xavier Camus , Head of Co-operation Section 1 — Good Governance and Rule of Law of the EU Delegation to Ukraine (TBC) Bastian Veigel , GIZ Programme Director of U-LEAD with Europe Frédéric Vallier , Secretary General of CEMR	Moderated by Mariana Semenyshyn , Team Leader of Sustainable Development Unit, U-LEAD with Europe
<i>Break</i>		
10.15-10.45 EET (30 minutes)	Presentation of BoT Initiative, its objectives and first results (mapping & analysis of existing partnerships between EU and Ukraine and recommendations)	Yana Brovdiy , Project Officer, CEMR-PLATFORMA
<i>Break</i>		
11.00-12.00 EET (60 minutes)	Ways of building up successful municipal partnerships – Panel discussion 1. UA mayor from “U-LEAD with Europe” supported partnerships (Denys	Moderated by Boris Tonhauser , Executive Advisor, PLATFORMA

	<p>Korotenko, Head of Shyroke municipality, Ukraine)</p> <p>2. EU mayor from “U-LEAD with Europe” supported partnerships (Frank Nase, Mayor of Barleben municipality, Germany)</p> <p>3. Association of Ukrainian Cities (Oleksandr Slobozhan, AUC Executive Director)</p> <p>4. Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania (representative TBC)</p>	
LUNCH BREAK (12.00-13.00)		
13.00-15.00 EET (120 minutes)	Presentations by representatives of partner municipalities of the “Bridges of Trust” Initiative	Jointly moderated by Yana Brovdiy , Project Officer, CEMR-PLATFORMA and Mariana Semenyshyn , Team Leader, U-LEAD with Europe in an “Eurovision format”.
13.05-13.15	Kakhovka, Kherson Region, Ukraine Narva city, Estonia	
13.15-13.25	Novohuivynske, Zhytomyr Region, Ukraine Lazdijai district municipality, Lithuania	
13.25-13.35	To be confirmed To be confirmed	
13.35-13.45	Chuhuiv, Kharkiv Region, Ukraine Kuldiga district municipality, Latvia	
13.45-13.55	<i>Break</i>	
13.55-14.05	Zboriv, Ternopil Region, Ukraine Joniskis district municipality, Lithuania	
14.05-14.15	Henichesk, Kherson Region, Ukraine Wieliczka town, Poland	
14.15-14.25	Korosten, Zhytomyr Region, Ukraine Ukmergė district municipality, Lithuania	
14.25-14.35	Solotvyno, Zakarpattya Region, Ukraine Sol’ village, Slovakia	
14.35-14.45	Dolyna, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine Šiauliai district municipality, Lithuania	
14.45-14.55	Polyanytsya, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine Polanica-Zdroj commune, Poland	

15.00 EET	Closing remarks/ Next steps	Durmish Guri , Director of External Funded Resources and Knowledge Management Strategy (CEMR)
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