

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.

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, CEMR-PLATFORMA, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine and the EU Delegation to Ukraine.

AGENDA

Morning Session		
09.00-09.30	Connection of participants to Microsoft Teams	
09.30-10.00	<p>Welcome words</p> <p>Viacheslav A. Nehoda, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine</p> <p>Xavier Camus, Head of Co-operation Section 1 — Good Governance and Rule of Law of the EU Delegation to Ukraine</p> <p>Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of CEMR</p> <p>Bastian Veigel, GIZ Programme Director of U-LEAD with Europe</p>	<p>Moderated by Mariana Semenyshyn, Team Leader, U-LEAD with Europe</p>
Break		
10.15-10.45	Presentation of the “Bridges of Trust” Initiative, objectives and first results	Yana Brovdiy , Project Officer, CEMR-PLATFORMA
Break		
11.00-12.00	<p>Ways of building up successful municipal partnerships – Panel discussion</p> <p>Yuliia Noskova, Director of Communal Enterprise “Development Agency of</p>	<p>Moderated by Boris Tonhauser, Executive Advisor, PLATFORMA</p>

	<p>Shyroke municipality (Ukraine)” (“U-LEAD with Europe” supported partnership) Olena Ovcharenko, Project manager, Engagement Global, „Municipal partnerships with Ukraine “/ The Service Agency “Communities in One World” (SKEW) Lyudmyla Damentsova, Deputy Executive Director, Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) Roma Žakaitienė, Director, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania (ALAL)</p>	
LUNCH BREAK (12.00-13.00)		
13.00-15.00 EET/Kyiv	<p>Presentations by representatives of partner municipalities of the “Bridges of Trust” Initiative</p>	Jointly moderated by Yana Brovdiy , Project Officer, CEMR-PLATFORMA and Mariana Semenyshyn , Team Leader, U-LEAD with Europe
13.05-13.15	<p>Kakhovka, Kherson Region, Ukraine Vitalii Nemerets, Mayor</p> <p>Narva city, Estonia Victoria Punga, Mayor’s Adviser on International Relations</p>	
13.15-13.25	<p>Novohuivynske, Zhytomyr Region, Ukraine Tetyana Parfentiyeva, Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Lazdijai district municipality, Lithuania Sonata Dumbliauskiene, Adviser to the Mayor</p>	
13.25-13.35	<p>Fastiv, Kyiv Region, Ukraine Mykhaylo Netyazhuk, Mayor</p> <p>Druskininkai municipality, Lithuania Antanas Urbonas, Chief Specialist for Tourism and Culture</p>	
13.35-13.45	<p>Chuhuiv, Kharkiv Region, Ukraine Lyudmyla Makarenko, Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Kuldiga district municipality, Latvia Artis Gustovskis, Senior Expert on Innovations and Tourism</p>	
13.45-13.55	<u>Break</u>	
13.55-14.05	<p>Zboriv, Ternopil Region, Ukraine Yaroslav Garandzhuk, Deputy Mayor Joniskis district municipality, Lithuania Vaida Aleknavičienė, Deputy Mayor</p>	

14.05-14.15	<p>Henichesk, Kherson Region, Ukraine Oleksandr Tulupov, Mayor</p> <p>Wieliczka town, Poland Magdalena Golonka, Director of the Department of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Public Relations</p>	
14.15-14.25	<p>Korosten, Zhytomyr Region, Ukraine Oleksandr Yasynetsky, Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Ukmergė district municipality, Lithuania Airida Klevinskienė, Senior Specialist, Information Technology and Public Relations Unit</p>	
14.25-14.35	<p>Solotvyno, Zakarpattya Region, Ukraine Janosh Kocherga, Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Sol', Slovakia Jozef Berta, Mayor</p>	
14.35-14.45	<p>Dolyna, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine Ivan Dyriv, Mayor</p> <p>Šiauliai district municipality, Lithuania Antanas Bezaras, Mayor</p>	
14.45-14.55	<p>Polyanytsya, Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine Mykola Poliak, Mayor</p> <p>Polanica-Zdroj commune, Poland Agnieszka Pełyńska, Infrastructure and Municipal Property Inspector</p>	
15.00 EET/ Kyiv	Closing remarks/ Next steps	Durmish Guri , Director of External Resources and Knowledge Strategy (CEMR)



The selection of Ukrainian municipalities of the “Bridges of Trust” Initiative happened with the support of the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC).

The following Associations helped to disseminate information about the Initiative:



Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania (ALAL)



Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments



The Association of Polish Cities



Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia



Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities