



Lviv Municipal Partnership Forum

November, 27-28
2023

Venue

Lviv City Council, Rynok Sq, 1

Format

live format only, broadcasting

After the outbreak of Russian full scale war against Ukraine on February, 24, local governance in Europe got actively involved in supporting their peers in Ukraine by sending humanitarian aid, communal vehicles, raising political voice for support of Ukraine on national and international levels.

Many Europeans have discovered Ukraine since that time by involving into decentralized cooperation between municipalities with hundreds of new municipal partnership agreements concluded.

Time has come to boost the new meaning of partnerships - based on experience exchange, implementation of joint projects and integration of Ukrainian municipalities into European networks and structures.

The Lviv Municipal Partnership Forum is the annual event of the Cities 4 Cities | United 4 Ukraine partnership network, which

- aims at promoting the idea of inter-municipal partnerships between municipalities in Ukraine and the EU;
- by sharing best practices, enforcing cooperation, discovering opportunities and coordinating the efforts of national, international and local actors;
- for faster recovery from Russian war and European integration of Ukraine on a local level.

Who is invited to participate?

- representatives of municipalities from Ukraine and the EU;
- donor organizations;
- EU institutions;
- Ukrainian governmental institutions.

The Lviv Municipal Partnership Forum is a part of Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative, implemented with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and organized with the support of The Support to Decentralization in Ukraine project of the Swedish Association of Local and Regional Authorities (SALAR International).

Monday, November, 27

Arrival of the participants, transfers

Check in at hotel

Bank hotel, Lviv, Lystopadovoho Chynu, 12 Str.

15:00 **Thematic outings - cases of international cooperation**
Visit to UNBROKEN national rehabilitation center
Visit to Memorialization sites of the Russian-Ukrainian war

18:00 **Networking dinner**
Venue: Bank Hotel, Bank hotel, Lviv, Lystopadovoho Chynu, 12 Str.
Support of volunteer interpreters provided

Welcome speech

Andriy Sadovyi, Mayor of Lviv;

Martin Oberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine;

Ryan Knox, Director of SALAR International;

Tuesday, November, 28

08:30 Coffee, registration

Welcome

10:00 **The role of communities in the context of European integration**

↓ Public interview

10:40 Katarina Mathernova, EU Ambassador to Ukraine;

10:40 **Participation of communities in European programs and projects**

↓ **New opportunities for Ukrainian communities**

13:00 Normunds Popens, Deputy Director of DG Regio (online);

Government efforts to join European programs and projects

Rostyslav Tomenchuk, Director of the Department for Coordination of International Technical Assistance of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

Cooperation in the Danube Region

Nadiya Afanasieva, Director of the Ukrainian Institute of International Policy;

Participation in European networks and European statuses

Andriy Moskalenko, Deputy Mayor of Lviv;

Challenges of participation in projects and programs

Ihor Popadiuk, Director of the Department of Investment Policy, Projects, International Relations, Tourism and City Promotion of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council;

Experience of European integration of Polish communities

Ewelina Graban, Head of the Bureau of Support and Implementation of International Projects and Programs of the Lublin City Council (Poland);

EU integration on local and regional levels

Vitaliy Bezgin, Member of the Committee on Organization of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning, Head of the Subcommittee on Territorial Organization;

Legislative proposals on cross border cooperation

Oleksandr Aliksiychuk, Member of the Committee on Organization of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning, Head of the Subcommittee on Territorial Organization;

- 13:00
↓ Lunch
- 14:00 **Municipal partnership in time of war - what has been achieved and what to strive for**
Solidarity of European communities with Ukraine - from humanitarian support to partnership
Bernd Vöhringer, Mayor of Sindelfingen (Germany);
Humanitarian support Sweden-Ukraine
Per Johansson and Magnus Sjöholm, Representative of the Association of Veterans of Rescue Services Blåljus I Samverkan (Sweden);
Assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Europe and municipal partnerships
Bogusław Kośmider, Deputy Mayor of Krakow (Poland);
Solidarity with communities affected by war
Ivan Korud, Mayor of Ovruch;
Small steps to a strong partnership - Experience of small communities
Volodymyr Shmatko, Mayor of Chortkiv + Dominik Brasch, Mayor of Bad Soden-Salmünster (Germany);
Natalia Semeniuk, Head of Semenivska Community + Eric Skyronka, Mayor of Sailly-lez-Lannoy (France);
other pairs of municipal partnerships
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 **Fair of opportunities**
Svitlana Blinova, expert of the Cities 4 Cities | United 4 Ukraine project
Iryna Skaliy, SIDA;
Carlos Bolaños, TESIM (online);
Valentyna Hnasiuk-Terletska, SKEW Engagement global;
Representative of UCBI/USAID - to be specified;
Ruslan Popiuk, Senior Advisor of ULEAD
- 17:30 **Networking with donor organizations**
- 18:00 Dinner

See you at the Lviv Municipal Partnership Forum!

