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EU-Ukraine Municipal Partnership Forum in Wojnowice (Wroclaw)

January 25-27, 2023

Location of forum: *Zamek na wodzie (Zamek Wojnowice), Zamkowa 2, 55-330 Wojnowice, Poland, 8 km from Wroclaw*

Accommodation: *2 nights (January 25- 27th 2023 provided by organizers)*

Hotel Scandic Piłsudskiego 53, 51-152 Wrocław, Poland

Bus transfers for participants between hotel in Wroclaw and location of forum will be provided by organizers.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided by organizers. Consecutive interpretation for work in small groups will be provided in language of request.

Short description of the event

With the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainian communities received a lot of attention from their partners from EU countries, who provided assistance to their Ukrainian colleagues. Such cooperation worked fastest where long-standing ties already existed. Therefore, many communities in Ukraine, including newly created within the framework of the decentralization reform in Ukraine, realized the need to create their own networks of partnerships. In turn, there was a demand among communities in EU countries to find partners for long-term relationships in Ukraine.

The Municipal partnership forum in Wojnowice (Wroclaw) aims at development of partnerships between Ukrainian and EU municipalities. The event will gather around 60 participants who declare their interest in developing a long-term cooperation.

The forum is organized by **Cities4cities | United4Ukraine initiative**, with the financial support of the USAID.

Cities4cities | United4Ukraine is initiative co-organized by SALAR International, Lviv (Ukraine) and Sindelfingen (Germany). The strategic partners of the initiative are The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Association of the Ukrainian Cities, All-Ukrainian Association of the Amalgamated Communities.

Learn more about partnership with Ukrainian communities at: <https://unitedforua.org/>



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Draft program

January, 25

From 14:00

Arrival of participants to Wrocław

Check in at the hotel

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19:00

Welcome dinner at the city center

Introduction to the forum program, getting acquainted

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9:00

Departure from the hotel to forum location

10:00

Registration, welcome coffee

10:30

Ukrainian communities at war. Struggle. Bravery. Challenges

Speakers: 5 stories in 1 hour

11:30

The Role of municipal partnerships in Recovery of Ukraine after war

How the partners of the Ukrainian municipalities in the EU supported Ukraine in times of war. How municipal partnerships helped new member states to integrate into the EU. What are the existing instruments to support partnerships?

Moderator: Ostap Protsyk, Advisor to the Mayor of Lviv, Expert of Cities4 Cities
| United for Ukraine initiative

Speakers:

1. Representative from the Association of Polish Cities - tbc
2. Martin Assmuth, Member of Board on Young German Mayors Network;
3. Mykhaylo Tsykhulyak, Mayor of Trostyanets (Ukraine);
4. Ieva Kalnina, Senior Expert of SALAR International – tbc;



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5. Kateryna Batyshcheva, Cities4Cities Manager – tbc
6. + Polish city

13:00 Instruments for developing partnerships in 2023

Participants (TBC):

1. Riccarda Meissner, Senior Project Manager, GIZ;
2. Rober Lichtner, Head of the Danube Strategy Point;
3. Representative from European Commission;

Short presentation of EU programs, National programs to support partnerships

14:00 Lunch

15:15 Group work and introduction of cities

The potential pairs of partners will be split into 4 groups (14 – 16 people in each)

Each group will be provided with consecutive interpreter

(Preliminary languages – German, Polish, English)

Each community will have 3 min to present its community:

- profile of the community (location, population, economy sectors, specialization)
- challenges
- priority areas and possibilities of local cooperation

16:15 Coffee break

16:45 Brainstorming in groups – how to enhance partnerships between European and Ukrainian communities

What is the motivation to develop partnerships?

First steps – what is needed on each side to establish partnerships? formal or informal partnership?

Who could be the drivers of partnership in the community?

Are there enough instruments for partnerships? Do we know them?



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What could be the obstacles to develop partnerships?

17:45 Dinner. Networking evening

20:00 Departure to the hotel

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9:00 Departure from the hotel

Participants have to check out of the hotel and store their luggage in the luggage room or take to forum location

9:30 welcome coffee, networking

10:00 Developing projects

Each group will receive a task to develop a project in the frame of municipal partnership

(the topic of the project could be selected from the list -summer camp for children, culture festival, energy efficiency experience exchange visit, recovery plan for community)

Each group should discuss:

- The target beneficiary group (who in the community shall be involved on each side)
- Plan of the project (what are the main activities within the project – who will be responsible for it (Ukrainian or EU partner?)- how long will it take to organize?)
- Where will the resources for the project will come from (own, EU funds, other programs, business, local fundraising, etc.)
- What are the risks for the project? How to overcome these?
- How to promote the project among the citizens?

11:30 Presentations of project ideas

12:30 Sharing impressions from the meeting. Panel

13:00 Lunch



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14:00

Departure of participants

Transfer to Wrocław city center