



**European Committee
of the Regions**

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Frequently Asked Questions **Summer activity camps for children and young people**

Who are the organisers and whom to contact?

Cities and regions in the European Union, in coordination with of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, and in collaboration with the European Committee of the Regions. If you are a potential interested host, please contact: SupportUkraine@cor.europa.eu.

Who can benefit from the summer activity camps?

- Children and young people in primary and secondary school (6 to 17 years)
- Accompanying caregivers (1 adult per 10 children).

What is the main purpose of the summer activity camps?

The idea is to create a space where children and young people can feel safe and find normality through a balanced daily routine and activities that can contribute to restoring their confidence in the future and distract them from traumatising experiences they have experienced.

How would these summer activity camps help the children and young people?

- By distracting them from traumatic experiences of the war
- By reducing their psycho-emotional load
- By providing organised recreational activities
- By having a cultural exchange
- By boosting their recovery and personal growth
- By helping them acquire language or other skills during the school holidays in a safe environment.

How long are the summer activity camps for?

The duration will depend on the availability of the hosts. All offers are welcome but we recommend four week or more.

Which costs have to be covered by the hosting authority?

All costs connected to the children and the accompanying caregivers from Ukraine (including potential journeys during their stay and activities during the camp) would need to be covered by the host local/regional authority with the potential involvement of local private partners.

Who will cover the travel expenses?

- Outside Ukraine: the local/regional hosting authority will organise the transportation of the group of children/young people from the Ukrainian border to the final destination and back.
- Inside Ukraine: The Ukrainian partners would be in charge of safely accompanying the children/young people to the agreed pick-up points at the border.

What would be provided during the children/youngsters' stay in the camps?

The local/regional hosting authority should provide:

- Accommodation in boarding houses or similar facilities in groups
- 3 to 4 meals a day as well as sufficient water, or any other non-alcoholic drink
- Regular opportunity to contact relatives
- Health insurance during their stay
- Support equipment, depending on the respective needs of the children/young people and the planned activities
- Clothes, shoes, hygiene products, and towels.

What kind of activities could be organised in the camps?

Sports, team building, active games, master classes, training sessions, classes in arts and crafts, design, photography, directing, trips and city tours, organised psychological assistance (any categories of existing camps: sports, language, scouts, creative, etc.)

What documents are required?

General documents include:

- Passport (foreign passport for accompanying caregivers)
- Child's birth certificate
- Power of attorney from one of the parents (notarised)
- Order from the local government to establish a group and determine those responsible for the children during their stay in the camp
- Agreement between the host party and the Ukrainian community.

Additional Information and privacy statements

- The Association of Ukrainian Cities in close cooperation with the European receiving authorities should ensure that all necessary documents and administrative procedures needed for the journey, as well as the stay in the host authority, are provided in a transparent, coordinated, and timely manner.
- The Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) collects the needs of each municipality and processes proposals from European countries. It connects specific foreign municipalities ready to facilitate summer camps for host children from the Ukraine. It gives clear instructions to the mayor of the community to maintain confidentiality and not to disseminate information about the details of the children's departure.
- The host party is responsible for the safety and security of the children while they are in the host camp.

Further information:

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