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Members of the CoR

Dear colleagues,

The war Russia is waging on Ukraine is shocking us all. Members of the European Committee of the Regions strongly condemned the Russian military aggression of Ukraine, and expressed their unwavering support for Ukrainians, their sovereignty and their freedom in the Declaration on Solidarity with Ukraine adopted at the Summit in Marseille, on 3 March.

Many of you have already approached the CoR asking about the ways to help our Ukrainian partners. The meeting of the CoR Working Group on Ukraine, taking place on 30 March, will focus on humanitarian aid and on refugees. These are the topics we are best placed to address at the moment.

At the same time, the needs of Ukrainian partners are pressing and have to be met as quickly as possible. You can find relevant information on various initiatives and methods to help our Ukrainian partners on the **CoR webpage on Help for Ukraine** (<https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/help-for-ukraine.aspx>) where requests for concrete help from Ukrainian LRAs associations are collected and regularly updated, including the most recent and comprehensive list of needs from the **Ukrainian association of regional and district councils**.

On the following link you can access the contacts of the crisis centres of the Member States civil protection authorities https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/civil-protection/national-disaster-management-system_en. The **Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)** is coordinating the EU's response to the requests for material assistance submitted by the Ukrainian authorities under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Let us share with you some of the initiatives we fully support and which are also listed in our dedicated webpage of our site.

Together with the President of the **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region** Renaud Muselier, we launched on the 3rd of March in Marseille an appeal for supporting the largest humanitarian aid organization active on the ground in Ukraine, ACTED (www.acted.org/en/humanitarian-convoys-for-ukraine): their call is open to all local and regional authorities of Europe wishing to contribute. We also welcome several initiatives of our members, like the one of the **city of Gdansk** gathering requests for help and matches them with offers from individuals and organisations via a dedicated website <https://ukraina.gdanskpomaga.pl>.

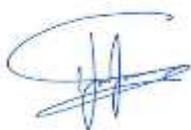
Moreover, in Poland, a collection point was organised in Rzeszow with support of our member Władysław Ortyl, President of the **Podkarpackie Region** (pomoc.ukraina@podkarpackie.pl).

Please note that there are also many other opportunities: in several regions bordering Ukraine, **humanitarian hubs** were set up, either by their local and regional authorities, or by international organisations, such as the Red Cross. Please find attached for your reference the list of such hubs and centralized foreign warehouses for the transfer of humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Finally, let us remind you that the CoR is also supporting the initiative launched by the Mayor of **Florence**, Dario Nardella, to demonstrate our solidarity with Ukraine on Saturday **12 of March** by gathering in front of our respective city halls and call for peace in Europe.

We trust that together we can make a difference.

Yours sincerely,



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