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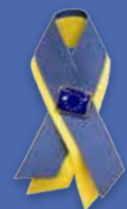


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Practical tips on organising a summer camp



Summer camps for Ukrainian children



What is the Summer Camps for Ukrainian children's initiative?

Summer camps for Ukrainian children is a joint flagship initiative of the European Committee of the Regions and the Association of Ukrainian Cities, which was launched in 2022.

The initiative welcomes Ukrainian children to cities and regions across Europe and provides them with a safe place to enjoy cultural, sport, educational and recreational activities.

European cities and regions make a difference by giving Ukrainian children a break from the brutal realities of war. Summer holiday projects also help children and young people from Ukraine feel that the European Union is their home and a place where they can be safe, build a community and feel supported.

Who can organise summer camps and what should they know?

The summer camps are organised and hosted by cities and regions of the European Union.

Summer camp projects are implemented in cooperation with the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC). The AUC can facilitate this work by coordinating needs and processing proposals from European cities and regions. It can also manage all issues related to preparing groups of Ukrainian children in Ukraine.

The summer camps should be organised free of charge for the Ukrainian children.

What should summer camp activities aim to achieve?

They should:

- distract the children from the traumatic experiences of war;
- reduce their psycho-emotional burden;
- promote and facilitate their recovery and personal growth;
- encourage social contacts and recreational activities;
- help them to gain new cultural insights and useful skills in a safe environment.

What is the duration of the camps?

The duration of the summer camp project is determined by the host city / region, based on its capacity and resources for the project and the availability of Ukrainian children. Usually summer camps last between 7 and 20 days.

All offers are welcome!

What is the responsibility of the hosting authority?

The following (minimum) conditions must be met by the city or region hosting a summer camp for Ukrainian children:

- accommodation in boarding houses or similar facilities in groups;
- health insurance during the children's stay;
- regular meals per day, as well as sufficient water or other non-alcoholic drinks;
- equipment, depending on the children's needs and the activities planned;
- clothes, shoes, towels, hygiene products and support materials for activities, if needed.

The host city or region is also responsible for the safety of the children during their stay in their host communities.

Who will cover the travel expenses?

Outside Ukraine

The transport for the groups of children from the Ukrainian border to their final destination and back is organised by the EU local/regional host authority.

Inside Ukraine

Transport to the agreed pick-up points at the EU-Ukraine land border would be the responsibility of the Ukrainian partners.

What documents are required?

Documents required for Ukrainian children travelling to the European Union:

- a passport that is valid for travelling abroad;
- a power of attorney from both parents (notarised);
- an order from the Ukrainian local government on the formation of a group, and the appointment of people responsible for the children during their stay in the camp;
- an agreement between the European receiving authority and the Ukrainian municipality.

Important note

The AUC, in close cooperation with the European host authorities, ensures that all requirements in terms of documentation and administrative procedures necessary for travel and stay in the host authority are fulfilled in a transparent, coordinated and timely manner.

How are the summer camps organised?

Cities and regions hosting summer camps are encouraged to explore public-private partnerships and fundraising possibilities.

The CoR and AUC will be holding an online informative session on how to organise summer camps on 24 April from 10:30 to 12:00 CET. This session will bring together local and regional authorities that have already hosted Ukrainian children and are keen to share their experiences and practical insights on how to get started and run a successful summer camp project. The session will be held in English.

To take part in this session and learn how cities and regions can be part of this initiative in 2024, [register here!](#)

Promotion of summer camp projects

In order to be able to promote the summer camp initiative and the work of each city and region hosting a summer camp project, the CoR kindly asks organisers for the right to use visual materials from the summer camps.

Summer camp organisers are invited to fill in an EU survey to facilitate the process of providing visual materials (pictures, visuals, motion clips, videos, etc.), copyrights and necessary authorisations (including ownership and permission to publish).

Contacts

If you are interested in hosting a summer camp in your city or region, please let us know at the following addresses:

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