



Putting the Lugano Principles into Action

Strengthening the Role of Local and Regional Governments in Ukraine's Recovery and Reconstruction Process, and on the Road to EU Membership

25 May 2023, 14.30 - 18.30

European Committee of the Regions

Brussels, Rue Belliard 101

Rooms JDE51-53

Interpretation in English – French – Ukrainian – Polish

The workshop aims:

- to promote **local self-governance and effective decentralisation** as a part of the reconstruction process of Ukraine (Lugano principle 4), and to link recovery with decentralisation reform and strong involvement of local and regional levels in Ukraine in the planning of recovery and reconstruction;
- to **raise awareness** of the link between multi-level governance, regional development and the EU enlargement process;
- to **discuss concrete steps to actively engage municipalities and regions** of the donor countries and beyond in these efforts;
- to **identify needs for a dedicated support** for local and regional self-government in Ukraine, as well as for the twinning actions with their counterparts in the donor countries, for their future reconstruction efforts for Ukraine;
- to **strengthen involvement** of private sector investments and public-private partnerships in reconstruction at local and regional level.
- to produce **recommendations**, as a result of the workshop discussions, **towards the London Ukraine Recovery Conference**.

DRAFT AGENDA

14.30-15.15	<p><u>Opening political statements:</u></p> <p>Local self-governance and effective decentralisation as drivers of resilience, cooperation and reconstruction in Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions • Mathias Cormann, OECD Secretary-General (video address) • Felicity Buchan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, United Kingdom • Oleksiy Kuleba, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine • Gert Jan Koopman, Director General at European Commission Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations • Andrea Studer, Ambassador and Deputy Director of the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency SDC and Head of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe Division • Vitaly Klitschko, Mayor of Kyiv and President of the AUC, honorary member of the CoR (video address)
15.15 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15.15 - 15:45	Press Conference (Room JDE51)

15.45 - 16.45 Parallel panel debates

<p>Panel Debate 1 Room JDE52-53 Chair: Emil Boc, Chair, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget, European Committee of the Regions</p>	<p>Panel Debate 2 Room JDE52-53 Chair: Aleksandra Dulkiwicz, European Committee of the Regions, Chair Ukraine Working Group, President of the City of Gdansk</p>
<p>Is the decentralisation and multi-level regional development planning fit for the recovery and reconstruction period, and for the EU membership?</p>	<p>Peer-to-peer support for local self-government in view of the immediate relief and longer-term recovery of Ukraine: recent experiences and opportunities for effective collaboration</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleksandra Azarkhina, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine • Andreas Schaal, Director Global Relations Centre, OECD (Presentation of recent OECD report) • Anna Jarosz-Friis, Director at European Commission Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleksandr Slobozhan, Association of Ukrainian Cities • Bernd Vöhringer, mayor of Sindelfingen and President of the CoE Chamber of Local Authorities, Cities4cities platform, tbc • Gunn Marit Helgesen, President of CEMR • Ewa-May Karlsson, Chair of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), tbc; • Benjamina Karić, Mayor of Sarajevo, tbc

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathieu Mori, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe • Władysław Ortyl, member of the European Committee of Regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Eray, Head of the Environment Department of the Canton of Jura • Ms Olena Shuliak, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, chair/member of the Regional Affairs Committee
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16:45 - 17.00: Coffee break
17.00 - 18.00

<p>Panel Debate 3 Room JDE52-53 Chair: Niina Ratilainen, Member of European Committee of the Regions</p>	<p>Panel Debate 4: Room JDE52-53 Chair: Ben Butters, Chief Executive Officer, Eurochambers</p>
<p>Reconstruction and infrastructure investments across all levels of government: principles, coordination, institutional capacity, and trust-building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothee Allain-Dupre, Head of the Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division in CFE, OECD • Dr. Ulrike Hopp-Nishanka, Head of Project Group Ukraine, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) tbc • Mustafa Nayem, Head of State Agency for Restoration of Ukraine tbc • Bastian Veigel, GIZ-Programme Director, U-LEAD Programme • Thomas Dedeurwaerdere, Policy Specialist at UNDP Brussels • Hennadiy Maksak, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Council 'UA Prism' 	<p>Public-private partnerships and financing of investments at local and regional level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Eric de Zagon, Head of European Investment Bank office Ukraine • Wolfgang Schläger, Director of the EBRD office in Brussels • Oleksandr Bankov, State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine • Véronique Willems, Secretary General, SMEUnited, tbc • Hennadiy Chizhykov, President of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce • Victor Mykyta, Governor of Transcarpathia, Ukraine • Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová, chair of the European Committee of the Regions' commission for Economic Policy tbc

18.00 - 18.30	<p><u>Final Session JDE52:</u></p> <p>Concluding remarks and adoption of recommendations for the London Ukraine's Recovery Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, European Committee of the Regions, Chair Ukraine Working Group, President of the City of Gdansk • Artem Rybchenko, Ukrainian Ambassador to the URC 2023, Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Duncan Norman, Head URC 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
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<p>Back-to-back with the final session (5 minutes walk)</p>	<p>Reception hosted by Switzerland at the premises of the Mission of Switzerland to the European Union <i>Place du Luxembourg 1, 1050 Brussels</i></p>
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