



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 (Room JDE 52)</p> <p>Moderator: Béatrice Taulègne, Director for legislative work 1, European Committee of the Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions • Lee Rowley, Parliamentary Undersecretary for Local Government and Building Safety, United Kingdom • Mathias Cormann, OECD Secretary-General (video address) • Oleksiy Kuleba, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, Executive Secretary of the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities under the President of Ukraine (video address) • Olena Shuliak, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, Head of the 'Servant to the People' Political Party, chairwoman of the Parliamentary Committee on the Organization of the State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning • Anna Jarosz-Friis, Director for Ukraine Service, on behalf of 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 (remote participation)
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 JDE 52 Moderator: Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works, European Committee of the Regions.</p>	<p>Panel Debate 2 Room JDE 53 Moderator: Bert Kuby, Deputy Director for Members, Plenaries and Strategy</p>
Is the decentralisation and multi-level regional development planning fit for the recovery and reconstruction period, and for the EU membership?	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

<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 • Anna Jarosz-Friis, Director at European Commission Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) • Mathieu Mori, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe • Pierre Heilbronn, Special Envoy of the French President for Ukraine's relief and reconstruction • Władysław Ortyl (PL/ECR), member of the European Committee of the Regions, President of the Podkarpackie Region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleksandr Slobozhan, Executive Director, Association of Ukrainian Cities • Dr. Bernd Vöhringer, Lord Mayor of Sindelfingen and President of the Chamber of Local Authorities at the Congress of the CoE. Cities4Cities/United4Ukraine platform • Fabrizio Rossi, Secretary General of CEMR • Carola Gunnarsson, Mayor of Sala, SALAR Vice-President, and Vice-President of UCLG for Europe • Olena Shuliak, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, Head of the 'Servant to the People' Political Party, chairwoman of the Parliamentary Committee on the Organization of the State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning
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16:45 - 17:00: Coffee break

17.00 - 18.00

<p>Panel Debate 3 Room JDE52 Chair: Niina Ratilainen (FI/Greens), Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of Turku City Council</p>	<p>Panel Debate 4: Room JDE 53 Moderator: 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>	<p>Public-private partnerships and financing of investments at local and regional level</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD • Jean-Erik de Zagon, Head of European Investment Bank office Ukraine • Dr. Ulrike Hopp-Nishanka, Head of Project Group Ukraine, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) • Mustafa Nayyem, Head of State Agency for Restoration of Ukraine (remote participation) • Georges van Montfort, Deputy Director of UNDP's Representation Office in Brussels • Hennadiy Maksak, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Council 'UA Prism' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfgang Schläger, Director of the EBRD office in Brussels • Oleksandr Bankov, State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine • Luc Hendrickx, Director Enterprise & Legal Affairs & External Relations, SMEUnited • Hennadiy Chyzykov, President of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UCCI) - (remote participation); • Anna Liubyma, Director of International Cooperation Department UCCI • Viktor Mykyta, Chairman of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities under the President of Ukraine,

	<p>Head of Transcarpathian Regional Military Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Semenyshyn, Team Leader, U-LEAD with Europe
18.00 - 18.30	<p><u>Final Session JDE 52:</u></p> <p>Concluding remarks and adoption of recommendations for the London Ukraine's Recovery Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niina Ratilainen (FI/Greens), Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of Turku City • Artem Rybchenko, Ukrainian Ambassador to the URC 2023, Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Danae Dholakia, Envoy and Senior Responsible Owner for Ukraine Recovery Conference 2023, United Kingdom
<p>Back-to-back with the final session</p> <p>(5 minutes walk)</p>	<p>Reception hosted by Switzerland at the premises of the Mission of Switzerland to the European Union</p> <p><i>Place du Luxembourg 1, 1050 Brussels</i></p>