

Swedish-Ukrainian Project

Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

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Monthly Flash Report

June 2021

Fiscal Decentralisation

In June, the Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on the following tasks:

- [In June, Project expert Tony Levitas finished drafting the Article on PIT place of collection, that will be published in July](#)
- In June, Fiscal team met with Mr. Jakobsson from Swedish-Ukrainian Partnership for Modern and Efficient Tax Service to discuss the PIT place of collection issue.
- In June, Fiscal team met with mr. Timoshenko from U Lead to discuss the residency issue linked to PIT place to collection

Project experts placed in the Reform Support Office worked on:

- Preparation of amendments to the Tax Code.
- Development of indicators for assessing the financial potential of territorial communities and methods of calculating the integrated indicator of financial capacity at the request of the Ministry of Regional Development
- [Participation in the development of an analytical dashboard with financial indicators of 1468 territorial communities](#)
- Preparation of information on LSG deposits as of 01.06.2021
- Preparation of materials for the VIII All-Ukrainian Forum of Local Self-Government at request of the Ministry of Regional Development
- Providing analysis of the draft law №5600 (amendments to the Tax Code) at request of the Ministry of Regional Development
- Preparation of materials for the OECD "Development of decentralization in Ukraine in 2021 – 2022") at request of the Ministry of Regional Development
- Preparation of additional documents on financial indicators of the territorial communities of the Voznesensky and Pervomaisky districts of the Mykolian region for the Ministry of Regional Development
- Preparation of materials and participation in meetings on the draft law "On local self-government in Ukraine"

Decentralisation of Education (national level)

During June 2021, the work of the education decentralisation team focused on:

- Support to the work of the intergovernmental Working Group on elaboration of amendments to the allocation formula of the education subvention for 2022
 - Analytical notes
 - SN 127 Distinction of Large and Small Territorial Gromadas
 - SN 128 Six Policy Options of Normative Class Sizes
 - MS Excel based allocation toolkit (Simulator for allocation of the education grant)
- Policy advice to MES and the Institute of Education Analytics regarding the development and implementation of statistical data collection

Decentralisation of Education (local level)

Local education component focused on:

- [On 22 June, Launch of the Project's support to education management in hromadas and oblasts - Mykolayiv](#)
- [On 22 June, Launch of the Project's support to education management in hromadas and oblasts - Kherson](#)
- Updating of the database of contacts of local education managers
- Preparation for the next seminar - Launch of the Project's support to education management in hromadas and oblasts - Poltava

Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- With the support of the Project, the Association held the Regional Week in [Poltava region](#) on May 31 - June 4, the Regional Week in [Sumy region](#) on June 10-17. Meetings of platforms, heads of communities and meetings of managers were held. Professional networks were launched.
- On June 11-12, a [meeting of the Board and Council of the AATC](#) was held.
- On June 29 informal meeting with hromada heads - [A Coffee with the Mayors](#) - was held by the Project experts. The purpose of the meeting was to gather mayors in an informal atmosphere to discuss strategic and foreign issues of the upcoming land reform
- On June 14, the Chairman of the Association - Mr. Oleksandr Korinniy [presented the position of the AATC](#) at the round table "Legal Status of Associations of Local Self-Government Bodies: Problems and Prospects" (organized by the Verkhovna Rada Committee).
- Representatives of the AATC took part in a meeting of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the preparation of a new version of the Law of Ukraine "On Service in Local Self-Government Bodies" on June 25.
- Presentation by the Association at the meeting of the working group on preparation of the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine" On Cooperation of Territorial Communities "to regulate certain issues of cooperation of territorial communities."
- Preparation for the All-Ukrainian Congress of Territorial Communities.

Project's support to the work of the thematic platforms of the Association

- **In the framework of the Association's Legal platform:**
 - Presentations of the Platform "Legislation for ATC" in the framework of the [Poltava Regional Week](#) on June 1 and [Sumy Regional Week](#) on June 15, the formation of a group of lawyers.
 - Preparation, organization and holding of the webinar on June 10 - "[Responsibility of local self-government officials in conducting tender procedures and acceptance of work performed \(Judicial practice\)](#)"
 - Preparation, organization and holding of a webinar on June 25 - "[Conflict of interest in local governments: prevention and settlement of conflicts of interest \(case law\)](#)"
 - Preparation for the All-Ukrainian Congress of Territorial Communities.
 - Providing consultations to members of the Association on legal and organisational issues of the new local government functioning

- **Within the framework of the Association's platform "Local budgets and finances":**
 - Meeting with financial managers of territorial communities of Poltava region in the framework of the project "Regional Week" on [June 1](#) and Sumy region on [June 17](#).
 - Participation in the meeting on the development and approval of methods for assessing the level of capacity of territorial communities (pursuant to the Decree of the President of Ukraine from 29.04.2021 № 180/2021 "On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine from 15.04.2021").
 - Participation in the meeting of the working group on the settlement of the issue of PIT enrollment at the place of activity by separate subdivisions of the legal entity; presentation of the position of the OTG Association.
 - Participation in the meeting of the Ministry of Culture "On approval of the Procedure and conditions for providing subventions from the state budget to local budgets for the establishment of centers of cultural services."

- **In the framework of the Association's Gender platform:**
 - [Participation in 3 groups of joint trainings with the Council of Europe and the Ukrainian School of Government on gender mainstreaming](#) in local policies, plans, budgets for the representatives of communities of AATC members - [presented successful practices of AATC](#) (67 participants, out of them 3 men, 64 women)
 - Prepared articles for the AATC website on the following topics: AATC policy on signing the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Communities Life, development of a draft of national strategy for gender equality in Ukraine until 2030, advices to communities on [how to honor Father's Day](#), announcement [of the Gender Equality Platform working meeting](#)
 - Participation in an online meeting on development of draft national strategy for gender equality in Ukraine until 2030
 - A proposal has been prepared for the component of work with the parliament - to the Secretariat and the Committee - to join the European initiative #NotInMyParliament (the purpose of the initiative is to stop sexism in all spheres of life, in particular - in politics)
 - A proposal has been prepared for the component of work with the parliament - gender monitoring of communication channels of Internet resources of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, as well as, in case of request, Internet resources of deputies
 - [On June 24, a meeting of the platform "On Gender Equality" on "Urgent issues of signing the European Charter for Equality between Women and Men in Local Communities Life" was held, a presentation was developed, a protocol was delivered \(19 participants, all of them are women\)](#)
 - Information sessions "Gender Policy of the Association: how we can be useful to communities" were held at the regional weeks of AATC for 2 regions: Poltava and Sumy

- An online training program on gender sensitive communications for communities has been developed (based on the results of gender monitoring of Internet resources of communities of AATC members), call for those wishing to participate has been launched

Communication:

- [The digest covering the activities of the Association in May was released](#)
- [Facebook page](#), [Association's official web-site](#), [the "The best practices" web-site](#) were continuously updated
- Ongoing support and maintenance of the AATC's [Telegram channel](#) and [Viber channel](#).
- Creation of the monthly calendar of events.
- Information support of the Regional Week in Poltava (31.05 - 4.06) and Sumy (10-17.06) regions. Organization, preparation and sharing of interviews, with the participation of heads of regions for the regional week: [Andriy Druzhenko](#) (Vorozhbyanska ATC, Sumy region)
- Creating and distributing a [digest of relevant grants](#) available for hromadas

Communication

Promoting decentralisation reform

Project's Communication expert worked on the following tasks:

- [Quarterly Newsletter for the 2nd quarter of 2021](#)
- Administration of the Facebook groups for education practitioners, Viber groups of regional teams of education managers
- Support in preparation of the Launch of the Project's support to education management in hromadas and oblasts - Mykolayiv and Kherson
- Project related data updates for the MinRegion's Capacity building database
- Preparation for the Teacher Salaries publication presentation
- Support to preparation and delivery of the 3rd informal 'Coffee with Mayors' meeting on land reform
- Preparation for the promotion of the Tony Levitas article ["How Should the Personal Income Tax be Shared with Ukrainian Local Governments?"](#)

Project communication

- [Publication "Local Government in the Nordic and Baltic Countries" finalised and posted on project's website](#)
- [Publication "Teacher salaries" finalised and posted on project's website](#)
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)