

Swedish-Ukrainian Project

Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

2020-2023



Monthly Flash Report

July-August 2023

Fiscal Decentralisation

Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- Experts prepared information on the growth rates of all PIT components for 2021-2022 and 5 months of 2021-2023 by regions and communities
- Experts prepared a draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on attracting microgrants by utility companies
- [On August 21 experts took part in the strategic session "local finance" organised by the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine](#) and presented the vision on "How Should Ukraine Share PIT with Hromada and Oblasts"
- Experts prepared the Budget Request for 2024 and supporting materials on financing rayon councils and additional subsidies to equalise the financial capacity of local governments
- Experts prepared clarifications on the transfer of funds from the special fund of the local budget to the general fund of the local budget and the use of such funds
- Experts prepared proposals for the distribution of subvention to rayon councils for 2024-2026, together with relevant analytical data
- On 25 August experts took part in the [CES webinar "What prevents cities from effectively attracting donor money for recovery?"](#)
- Expert processed and provided comments to the following documents:
 - draft law 9518 dated 24.07.2023 "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" on Improving the Legal Regulation of the Institute of Starostas and its Activities under Martial Law"
 - draft law 9520 dated 24.07.2023 "On Amendments to Article 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Status of Deputies of Local Councils" regarding the early termination of powers of a deputy of a local council"
 - draft law 9522 dated 24.07.2023 "On Amendments to Article 11 of the Law of Ukraine "On Social and Legal Protection of Servicemen and Members of Their Families" regarding the guarantee and provision by the state of social and psychological rehabilitation and psychological assistance to servicemen"
 - draft law 9539 of 28.07.2023 "On Amendments to Subparagraph 5 of Clause 27 of Section X "Transitional Provisions" of the Land Code of Ukraine"

Decentralisation of Education (national level)

The work of the education decentralisation team focused on:

- Experts continued the work regarding reforming of teachers salaries and drafting the conceptual document. [Experts prepared analytical note N150 regarding teacher salary](#) reform
- Experts worked on the preparation of the future 2024 allocation education formula and started the work with data in the IAKOM system
- Experts continue to work on the dashboard with educational indicators. In August dashboard was presented to the Management of the MES
- On August 11 meeting with the World Bank. Project experts prepared the document on quality of data coverage which is needed for future educational reforms in Ukraine and further discussions
- On August 23 - meeting of the Working Group on teacher salaries
- Work on requirements of law regulating teacher salaries
- Monograph on budgeting prepared, translated and now is on the stage of pre-print desing
- On July 6 - 5 [national webinar on education was held](#)

Decentralisation of Education (local level)

The work of the expert team of local education component focused on:

- On July 6 - 5 [national webinar on education was held](#)
- [On July 7 - conducting training with heads of community education management bodies of Khmelnytskyi oblast on issues of forming a high school network](#)
- [On July 14 seminar with education managers of Odesa oblast on profile education](#)
- [On August 04 seminar with education managers of Ternopil oblast on profile education](#)
- [On August 09 seminar for education managers of Kodymyska community of Odesa oblast on school network optimisation and profile education](#)
- [On August 16 participation in the conference of donor organisations of educational cluster](#)
- [On August 17 participation in annual conference on education in Poltava](#)
- [On August 23 seminar for education managers of Yuzhne community of Odesa oblast on school network optimisation and profile education](#)
- Experts continued working on preparation of the manual on profile education and methodology of work with pilot hromadas
- Preparing experiences [from hromadas](#) on working in war times. By the end of June, the online platform of best practices on education management contained **129 practices** on effective management of education at local level. Each good practice record contains a description of the practice, analysis of the problem it aims to resolve, approach taken and results achieved, as well as description of risks, relevant regulatory and legal acts developed by the hromadas. Since the launch of the platform it has been visited **1 601 420** times. All best practices can be downloaded at www.wiki.sklinternational.org.ua
- [Online repository of the products and resources related to education management in local self-governments](#) supports the capacity building of the local self-government employees. In June the repository had **9,063** unique visitors and **17,981** visits

United for Ukraine

This is a campaign with the goal to help establish long-standing partnerships between Ukrainian communities and peer-communities abroad.

What was done by the end of August 2023:

- 172 Ukrainian community profiles have been prepared in English and Ukrainian and are posted on the website <https://unitedforua.org>
- More than 25 Ukrainian community profiles are under development
- Till the end of the 2023 it is planned to hold 6 residencies on urban issues, international cooperation and education with the support of USAID:
 - [On August 16-18 residence on international cooperation](#) was held
 - [On August 28-30 residence on tourism was held](#)
- Team is preparing Forum on municipal partnership in Lviv
- Articles prepared for decentralization.gov.ua:
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17000?page=11>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17017?page=10>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17072?page=6>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17074?page=6>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17105?page=4>
- Project communications: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Linkedin](#) pages are being actively maintained <https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/germany/sindelfingen>
- Work is underway to update the [initiative's website](#)

Support to the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (AATC)

- Hromada to hromada initiative is ongoing
- [AATC prepared №69 digest on work of local governments under martial law](#)
- [Grants for communities](#)
- 2 meetings of the AATC office staff regarding the preparation of the regulation documents on Platforms activities and regional branches functioning in August
- [On 28 August AATC took part in forum of specialists on safety issues in the educational environment to discuss topical issues of implementation and further scaling of the pilot project "Safety Specialist in the Educational Environment" as a component of a safe educational space](#)
- [On 27 August representatives of Odesa Regional Branch of the Ukrainian Association of Local Self-Government Organisations took part in the Open Dialogue on Optimisation of the Administrative and Territorial Structure and its Impact on the Territorial Organisation of Election Administration](#)
- [10-11 August General Assembly of AATC](#). Oleksandr Korinnyi was selected as a Head of Association. Project experts are working on the informational reference regarding the results of the AATC's General Assembly
- [Crimean regional branch was created as one of the results of AATC Assembly](#)
- Work with regional coordinators:
 - [On August 29 - Methodological seminar for the executive structure of the AATC](#)
 - [Event for the regional coordinators on 29-30 June on work coordination with the Executive office](#)
 - [General meeting of Ternopil regional branch of AATC on 28 June](#)
 - Working with regional coordinators on plans for future work

Gender Component:

- [Preparation of best practices of communities on gender issues](#)
- [On 17 August webinar was held on the topic "Gender aspects of community recovery and development programming"](#)

Communication:

- [Preparation of the digest of AATC events](#)
- 2 interviews with the heads of communities who are defending the country are on the preparation stage. [1 interview is 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](#)
- [Informative digest on grants for the members of AATC](#)
- Information and communication support of the Association's activities, creation of visualisations, content distribution

Communication

Project's Communication expert worked on the following tasks:

- [Preparation of the Monthly and Quarterly reports](#)
- Administration of the Facebook groups for education practitioners, Viber groups of regional teams of education managers
- Support to the colleagues in preparation of the events (announcements, invitations, infographics, translation etc.)
- Support in communication issues of the AATC regional coordinators: preparation of the tutorial videos etc
- Supporting colleagues in preparation of the infographics for the reports and design of the documents
- [Interviews, videos, streams from the events](#)
- Work on the new Project web-page - <https://salarinternational.org.ua>
- [Preparation of stories on LSG work in times of war for the decentralization.gov.ua portal](#):
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17000?page=11>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17017?page=10>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17072?page=6>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17074?page=6>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/17105?page=4>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16835?page=0>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16944?page=0>
 - <https://decentralization.gov.ua/news/16815?page=0>
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)