

## DRAFT AGENDA



# Project launch meeting

## Supporting Decentralisation in Ukraine 2021-2022

**Tuesday 11 May 2021**

**14:30 – 16:30 pm (CET)**

**15:30 – 17:30 pm (Ukraine)**

**Virtual meeting**

## ■ ABOUT THE EVENT

This online meeting officially launches the project *Supporting Decentralisation in Ukraine 2021-2022*. It will include the presentation of findings from previous work – notably the [Maintaining the Momentum of Decentralisation in Ukraine](#) (2018) report – in order to provide a contextual background for discussion. Following this, it will outline the basis for this new project, delineate expected outcomes and provide a series of key milestones that will shape the project's implementation. Ukrainian mayors and representatives from the Association of Ukrainian Cities and the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities will participate in a panel to share their experiences and perspectives on success factors for amalgamated hromadas, in particular, and regional development more broadly. European and Ukrainian stakeholders will also be invited to discuss the project in the context of Ukraine's ongoing institutional, multi-level governance and sub-national finance reform process.

The aim of the meeting is to help a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from Ukrainian national and local government, donor and international organisations gain insight into the OECD project and its objectives, thereby providing a basis for fruitful collaboration. It also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to clarify issues they may seek to raise about the project and to align expectations.

More about the project → [oe.cd/UAdecentralisation](https://oe.cd/UAdecentralisation)

## ■ PARTICIPANTS

The target audience includes representatives from the central administration involved in the decentralisation reform including the competent ministries (Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Communities and Territories Development, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Digital Transformation) and other national agencies. Participants from the subnational level will include municipal leaders and policy makers, representatives of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, as well as the Association of Newly Amalgamated Communities. Heads of regional reform offices, business associations and international donor agencies will also be invited.

## ■ REGISTRATION and ACCESS

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory.

- **Please register here:**  
<https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/j/96294027897?pwd=SStHY2F6S21xUC9PMDI0RHBCazdiQT09>
- Advance registration is required for the virtual session. A personalised confirmation link will be sent following registration by email. Please check both your inbox and spam folder.
- Please join 10 minutes prior to the start of the session, with the personalised confirmation link provided following your registration.

**Working Languages:** English and Ukrainian

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**Moderator: Mr. William Tompson**, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

**15:30-16:00**  
(Kyiv time)

**Welcome and opening remarks**

- **Mr Ihor Korkhovyi**, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine
- **H.E. Mr Ulrik Knudsen**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- **Mr Frederik Coene**, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine
- **H.E. Mr Juris Poikāns**, Ambassador of Latvia to Ukraine
- **H.E. Mr Valdemaras Sarapinas**, Ambassador of Lithuania to Ukraine
- **Mr Matúš Korba**, Deputy Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine

**16:00-16:20**  
(Kyiv time)

**Overview of OECD work supporting decentralisation in Ukraine: past and present**

*Building on the key findings of previous work by the OECD in Ukraine, this session will present the project's objectives, expected outcomes and key activities. It will also explain how sub-national governments can contribute to its implementation.*

- **Ms Maria Varinia Michalun**, Senior Project Manager, Decentralisation, Public Investment and Subnational Finance Division, OECD

Question and answers about the project

**16:20-17:00**  
(Kyiv time)

**Panel discussion: What makes a successful hromada: the perspective of mayors and associations**

*Selected mayors and representatives of two associations of local governments share their insights into what makes an amalgamated hromada successful and how local leaders contribute to regional development. They will also discuss whether, as amalgamated communities, they have more effective tools to manage the COVID-19 crisis and advance the post-pandemic recovery in their region.*

- **Ms Lyudmyla Damentsova**, Deputy Executive Director, Association of Ukrainian Cities
- **Ms Valentyna Poltavets**, Executive Director, Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities
- **Mr Yuriy Fomichev**, Mayor of Slavutyich, Kyiv Oblast
- **Mr Ihor Hnatusha**, Chairman of the Komysh-Zoryan Territorial Community, Zaporizhia Oblast **(tbc)**
- **Ms Lyudmyla Pavlinska**, Head of Zavodske Village, Ternopil Oblast **(tbc)**

**17:00-17:25**  
(Kyiv time)

**Open discussion with panellists and OECD**

*Question and answer session with the audience about the key characteristics of a successful hromada, how hromadas contribute to regional development, and whether priorities for regional and local development should be adjusted in light of COVID-19.*

17:25-17:30  
(Kyiv time)

#### Closing remarks

- **Ms Gabriela Miranda**, Country Manager for Ukraine, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
- **Ms Natalia Starostenko**, Sector Manager, Regional and local development, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine

## ■ ABOUT THE PROJECT SUPPORTING DECENTRALISATION IN UKRAINE 2021-2022

The OECD project runs from March 2021 until September 2022 with the aim of helping the Ukrainian authorities enhance their decentralisation reform and strengthen the institutions of public governance at national and subnational levels across the country. Activities include one work stream that will measure the outcomes of decentralisation and amalgamation (cities and hromadas) in Ukraine, and another work stream that will evaluate regional development performance in Ukraine. The activities will improve understanding by the Ukrainian authorities of the success factors leading to effective decentralisation at local/municipal level, providing benchmarks that can be replicated to enhance investment capacities, advise on the assignment of responsibilities across levels of government and promote local economic development.

The project is jointly implemented by the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, in close collaboration with the Government of Ukraine and U-LEAD. **The project is co-financed by the European Union, and the governments of Latvia, Lithuania and Slovak Republic.**

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## ■ OECD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

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