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THE PROJECT: SUPPORTING DECENTRALISATION REFORM IN UKRAINE

The OECD project will run until 2018 with the aim of helping the Ukrainian authorities implement their decentralisation reforms and strengthen the institutions of public governance at national and sub-national levels across the country. It is jointly implemented by the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and the Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, in close collaboration with the Government of Ukraine. The project is **co-financed by the European Union, and the governments of the Czech Republic, Flanders (Belgium), and Poland.**

■ ABOUT THE EVENT

This capacity-building seminar will frame the topic of decentralisation and deconcentration in the context of the ongoing territorial reform in Ukraine, in terms of amalgamation of municipalities, forms of co-operation and incentives, as well as the administrative process for the mergers. The seminar will present practical lessons from OECD countries in implementing decentralisation and deconcentration reforms, including key success factors for achieving greater co-ordination among different levels of government, as well as for building accountability and improving services at sub-national level. It offers participants the opportunity to hear how other countries have met the challenges associated with such reforms and to discuss experiences with other government officials and academics. This seminar is the first in a series which will be held in Kyiv and in regions over the course of this project.

Simultaneous interpretation in **English and Ukrainian** will be provided during the event.

■ PARTICIPANTS

The target audience are policy makers and practitioners from the public sector, think tanks, representatives of sub-national administrations and relevant associations involved in the decentralisation reform. We are expecting approximately 40-50 participants, a relatively small number that should allow for fluid exchanges of ideas and experiences between OECD experts and Ukrainian stakeholders.

■ REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge, but **registration** is mandatory. If you wish to participate, please send an email to the OECD's local consultant in Kyiv, Mr. Mykhailo Semchuk at mykhailo.semchuk78@gmail.com, by **Friday, 20 January 2017**.

■ CONTACTS

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Day 1: Thursday 26 January, 2017

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

9.30-10.00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vyacheslav Nehoda, First Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Municipal Economy of Ukraine • Mr. Benedikt Herrmann, First Secretary, Policy Officer Decentralisation, Sectoral Reform, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine • Mr. William Tompson, Head of Eurasia Division, OECD
10.00-10.45	<p>Introduction: Decentralisation trends in OECD countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dorothee Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD Secretariat
10.45-11.15	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.15-12.30	<p>Session 1: Trends and responsibility assignment in decentralised contexts</p> <p>Presentation of OECD country experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assigning responsibilities to lower levels of government with an eye on improving public service delivery</i> – the Dutch Experience by Ms. Iris de Graaff, Department of Intergovernmental Relations, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, The Netherlands • Questions and Answers <p>Presentation of Ukraine experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vasyl S. Kuybida, President, National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine • Ms. Olena Tomniuk, Director of the Center for Development and Projects Implementation, Deputy Executive Director of Association of Ukrainian Cities, Director of "PUL" Project <p>Open discussion</p>
12.30-14.30	<p><i>Break for lunch</i></p>

<p>14.30-16.15</p>	<p>Session 2: Building effective co-ordination approaches</p> <p>Presentation of OECD country experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Building dialogue among actors at all levels of government for greater vertical co-ordination</i> – the Swedish Experience, Mr. Sverker Lindblad, Senior Advisor, Division for Regional growth, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Sweden • <i>Increasing co-ordination between local governments for effective horizontal co-operation</i> – the French Experience by Mr. Jean-Christophe Baudouin, Director, Directorate of Territorial Strategies, General Office for Territorial Equality [Cget], France • Questions and Answers <p>Presentation of Ukraine experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Liudmyla Damentsova, Deputy Director of the Department of Regional Development, Chief of Division, Ministry of Regional Development • Mr. Serhii Yatskovskiy, Director of Khmelnytski separate subdivision of the “Local Government Development Centre” (LGDC). <p>Open discussion</p>
<p>16.15-16.45</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>16.45-17.50</p>	<p>Regional development strategies in a multi-level governance context</p> <p>Presentation of OECD country experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun, Policy Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD • Questions and Answers <p>Presentation of Ukraine experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Yanina Kazyuk, Expert on local finance and budgets, Ukrainian Association of District and Region Councils • Mr. Yuri Tretyak, Deputy Team Leader, Support to Ukraine’s Regional Development Policy <p>Open discussion</p>
<p>17.50-18.00</p>	<p>Conclusions of Day 1</p> <p>Summary of the discussions and key takeaways of the day by Mr. William Tompson, Head of Eurasia Division, OECD</p>

Day 2: Friday 27 January, 2017

Moderator: Ms. Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD

9.00-9.15	<p>Introduction of the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Isabelle Chatry, Project Manager, Subnational Finance and Territorial Reforms, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD
9.15-11.00	<p>Session 3: Linking decentralisation to effective territorial development</p> <p>Presentation of OECD country experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Implementing decentralisation and territorial reform in Eastern Europe</i> by Mr. François Bafoil, Director of Research, CNRS, Sciences-Po Paris, France • <i>Ensuring coherence between national and subnational development strategies/policies – the Polish Experience</i> by Ms. Malgorzata Lubinska, Chief Expert, Department of Development Strategy, Ministry of Development, Poland • Questions and Answers <p>Presentation of Ukraine experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olena Kucherenko, Director of Department for Regional Development, Ministry for Regional Development, Building and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine • Mr. Daniel Popescu, Special Advisor to the Government of Ukraine on Decentralisation, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine <p>Open discussion</p>
11.00-11.15	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.15-13.00	<p>Session 4: Launching decentralisation reform experiences in newly decentralised countries</p> <p>Presentation of OECD country experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Dr. Jörn Grävingholt, Senior Researcher, Department of Governance, Statehood and Security, German Development Institute • Presentation – <i>Launching Decentralisation Reform in Colombia</i> – the Colombian Experience by Ms. Tatiana Escovar Fadul, Deputy Director of Sustainable Territorial Development, Department of National Planning, Colombia • Questions and Answers <p>Presentation of Ukraine experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olena Boïko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Committee on Construction, Regional Policy and Local Self-Government • Ms. Olena Simonenko, Head of Project Office for Sectoral Decentralisation <p>Open discussion</p>

13.00-13.15	Conclusions of the seminar and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments and closing remarks by Mr. Vyacheslav Nehoda, First Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Municipal Economy of Ukraine• Comments and closing remarks by Mr. Benedikt Herrmann, First Secretary, Policy Officer Decentralisation, Sectoral Reform, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine• Comments and closing remarks by Ms. Dorothee Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD
13.15	End of seminar



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