

## DRAFT AGENDA



# Supporting Decentralisation in Ukraine: Fostering Inter-Municipal Co-operation for Improved Public Service Delivery

**Tuesday 18 July 2017**  
**9:30 – 17:00**

Hotel Reikartz  
Zamkova Square 5/8, Zhytomyr, Ukraine

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## ■ ABOUT THE EVENT

This capacity-building seminar provides a platform for the local authorities of Zhytomyr, its region and neighbouring localities to exchange on experiences and challenges they face in the implementation of the decentralisation reform in terms of co-operation among cities/communities for public service delivery at the local level. The seminar offers participants a chance to hear how their peers tackle the challenges of public service-delivery in transport, infrastructure, education and waste management through the co-operation mechanisms available. It also provides an opportunity to learn from the OECD countries' experiences in enhancing the public service delivery through the inter-municipal co-operation tool. Each session combines the Ukrainian experience with practical input highlighting OECD experience, as well as question and answer sessions.

This seminar is the fourth in a series held throughout Ukraine over the course of this project.

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

## ■ PARTICIPANTS

The target audience are municipal-level policy makers and practitioners, and representatives of regional-level organisations involved in Ukraine's decentralisation process. The seminar will gather approximately 40-50 participants, a number that should allow for fluid exchanges of ideas and experiences between Ukrainian stakeholders and OECD experts.

## ■ REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. If you wish to participate, please contact the OECD's local consultant in Kyiv, **Mr. Mykhailo Semchuk**, at [mykhailo.semchuk78@gmail.com](mailto:mykhailo.semchuk78@gmail.com), by **Friday 14 July 2017**.

## ■ CONTACTS

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**Moderator: Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun**, Project Manager, OECD Regional Development Policy Division

9:30-10:00

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Mr. Matviy Khrenov**, Deputy Mayor of Zhytomyr City Council
- **Mr. Benedikt Herrmann**, First Secretary, Policy Officer Decentralisation, Sectoral Reform, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine
- **Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun**, Project Manager, OECD Regional Development Policy Division

10:00-11:15

#### Session 1: Inter-municipal Co-operation in Ukraine's Decentralised Context: Framework and Challenges

##### Presentation of OECD experience:

- **Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun**, Project Manager, OECD Regional Development Policy Division

##### Presentation of Ukraine's experience:

- **Mr. Petro Rydnytskyi**, Expert on Decentralisation, Adviser to the Head of Zhytomyr Regional Council

##### Key topics for discussion:

- What are the benefits for communities to co-operate?
- How is national/local government encouraging inter-municipal co-operation?
- What are the forms of co-operation available? Which of them are more/less effective in terms of initiative/implementation/monitoring of the impact?
- What are the common barriers hindering inter-municipal co-operation?
- What are the features of a conducive legal framework for more co-operation and efficiency?
- How can inter-municipal cooperation in Ukraine better support local level investment needs?

11:15-11:45

*Coffee Break*

11:45-13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Inter-municipal Co-operation as a Tool to Foster Infrastructure Development and Efficient Public Transport Service Delivery</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of OECD experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Michał Wolański</b>, Department of Transport, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of Ukraine’s experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sergiy Gorbaliuk</b>, Expert of the Zhytomyr Local Government Development Centre, U-LEAD with Europe Programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Key topics for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main infrastructure needs and how they can be addressed through inter-municipal co-operation?</li> <li>• How is the responsibility for public transport provision divided between different levels of government (e.g. region/rayon/community, cities/towns/villages) and what are the possibilities for co-operation?</li> <li>• What are the main challenges in infrastructure development at local level? What can be done at the national/regional/rayon/hromada levels to address these challenges?</li> <li>• What is the experience in delivering efficient public transport services at local level?</li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<p>14:00-15:15</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Delivering Education at the Local Level: Good Practices and Room for further Co-operation.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of OECD experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Julián Talens</b>, Technical Counsellor, Secretary of State for Territorial Administrations, Ministry of the Presidency and Territorial Administrations, Spain</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of Ukraine’s experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Grygorii Rudiuk</b>, Head of Novoborivska Amalgamated Hromada, Deputy Head of the Association of Newly Amalgamated Communities</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Natalia Semenuk</b>, Head of Semenivska Amalgamated Hromada</li> </ul> <p><b>Key topics for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the room for co-operation in terms of education infrastructure? (school construction, renovation, maintenance, infrastructure facilities)</li> <li>• How can inter-municipal co-operation be used as means to improve education quality and learning opportunities?</li> <li>• How can municipalities/cities/towns co-operate in organisation of the transportation system for the hub-schools?</li> <li>• How can the municipalities through the co-operation mechanism attract investment into local education services?</li> <li>• What are the main challenges in delivering quality education at local level? What can be done on national/regional/rayon/hromada level to address these challenges?</li> </ul>
<p>15:15-15:30</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>15:30-16:45</p>	<p><b>Session 4: Enhancing Waste Management at the Local Level via Inter-municipal Co-operation.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of OECD and other international experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Alba Dakoli Wilson</b>, Director, Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance, Albania</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of Ukraine’s experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Vyacheslav Sorokovsky</b>, Expert in Public Services and Inter-Municipal Co-operation, DESPRO project in Ukraine</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Olexiy Riabokon</b>, Head of Pyryatyn Hromada, Deputy Head of the Association of Newly Amalgamated Communities</li> </ul> <p><b>Key topics for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key issues at the local level in terms of waste management? How can they be addressed through co-operation among cities/municipalities?</li> <li>• What are the obstacles for co-operation in this area? (legal/technical/organisational)</li> <li>• How can municipalities leverage co-operation mechanisms to attract investment in waste management services?</li> </ul>

16:45-17:00

### Conclusions and Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Benedikt Herrmann**, First Secretary, Policy Officer Decentralisation, Sectoral Reform, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine
- **Mr. Matviy Khrenov**, Deputy Mayor of Zhytomyr City Council
- **Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun**, Project Manager, OECD Regional Development Policy Division



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