



ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CITIES
BY JOINT EFFORTS



JOINT DECLARATION ON RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE

The Association of Ukrainian Cities, represented by Chairperson Vitalii Klitschko, and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, represented by President Leendert Verbeek, participating in the Forum “reVIVED Ukraine – reVIVED communities” organised by the Association of Ukrainian Cities,

With reference to the Declaration on “The Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine” (Declaration 5 (2022), adopted by the Council of Europe Congress on 24 March 2022,

Condemning the Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine, which has resulted in severe destruction of civilian infrastructures and residential areas and unprecedented number of refugees and internally displaced persons,

Taking into account the long-standing co-operation between the Congress and the Association of Ukrainian Cities on empowerment of local self-government,

Recognising the strong capacities of local and regional authorities, the solidarity shown between Ukrainian and other European municipalities and the co-operation efforts as fundamental for ensuring resilience and democracy,

DECLARE THEIR COMMITMENT TO:

1. Unite efforts for ensuring rapid and stable reconstruction of Ukrainian communities and the restoration of the full functioning of local governments to address unprecedented humanitarian, social, economic and environmental challenges they face as a consequence of war, to reconstruct democracy and rebuild resilience at local level, as well as to implement post-war recovery measures in Ukraine;

2. Promote solidarity with Ukrainian and other European municipalities through closer partnership and co-operation;

3. Develop and promote joint projects to restore the functioning of local authorities in line with the European Charter of Local Self-Government and the principles of openness, inclusiveness and accountability in view of the decentralisation efforts and the ongoing and future legislative changes.

Signed in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 2 June 2022, in two copies in English and Ukrainian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Association of Ukrainian Cities

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**Congress of Local and Regional
Authorities of the Council of
Europe**

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