



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (APPENDIX II)

between

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

and

the <City/Municipality of name>

for the support in the implementation of
<name of local initiative>

We, the signatories to this memorandum, hereby:

Acknowledge the principles of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and its Additional Protocol on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority, ratified by Ukraine in 1997 and in 2014 respectively;

Recall the relevant resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (hereinafter the Congress), and in particular Recommendation 348 (2013) on Local and Regional Democracy in Ukraine and the Roadmap for its implementation signed between the Congress and the Ukrainian national authorities in Kyiv on 20 May 2015;

Recognise the commitments of Ukraine, and the role of local authorities, in implementing the Open Government Partnership 4th Action Plan for Ukraine and in achieving Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, in particular Goal 5 (Gender equality), Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities), Goal 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions).

Express our readiness to:

Improve the quality of local democracy in Ukraine by promoting ethical decision-making and more citizen-oriented, inclusive and transparent governance, in particular within the project “Strengthening democracy and building trust at local level in Ukraine” implemented by the Congress, as part of the Action Plan for Ukraine 2018 – 2021.

The signatories to the Memorandum of understanding commit to:

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- Provide expert support to the <City/Municipality of name> for the implementation of the local initiative in accordance with the objectives outlined in the Application form submitted on <date>;
- Provide opportunities to share good practices and experiences nation- and European-wide by involving national associations of local and regional authorities and relevant actors to disseminate the results achieved through the implementation of the local initiative.

<The City/Municipality of name>

- Implement the local initiative in accordance with the objectives outlined in the Application submitted on <date> with a view to achieving <goal and objectives>;
- Ensure effective co-operation between the consultants engaged by the Congress and the municipal team in charge for the implementation of the local initiative and relevant stakeholders throughout the implementation process;
- Consider applying the recommendations provided by the consultants engaged by the Congress into local policies and practices in order to achieve the goals of the local initiative;
- Submit to the Council of Europe a final report on the implementation of the local initiative and the main results achieved.

Signed in Kyiv, Ukraine, on <xx December 2019>, in English and Ukrainian language, both texts being equally authentic.

<name>
Mayor
<City/Municipality of name>

Andreas KIEFER
Secretary General
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
of the Council of Europe