

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

LVIV AGGLOMARATION 2026 - Ukraine

? How can we preserve and use our water resources sustainably?

The assembly brought **together 50 randomly selected residents from 13 communities** of the Lviv Agglomeration, including 25 residents of Lviv and 25 residents from the other 12 communities. The selection process was designed to reflect demographic diversity while ensuring balanced representation between the city of Lviv and its neighbouring communities. Over three weekends (6 days) of learning and deliberation, assembly members explored shared challenges related to water quality, wastewater treatment, environmental protection and the sustainable use of water resources. They developed **19 recommendations** for the local authorities of the Lviv Agglomeration.

This was Ukraine's **first citizens' assembly at the metropolitan level**, bringing residents from different municipalities together to address **challenges that extend beyond individual administrative boundaries** and require joint solutions.

Recommendations (highlights)

- Develop a joint digital platform for management of water resources, enabling information-sharing, monitoring and co-operation across the Lviv Agglomeration.
- Improve sewerage and wastewater treatment infrastructure, including connections to centralised networks and the modernisation of treatment facilities.
- Introduce financial support programmes for households to improve access to appropriate wastewater management solutions, including sewerage connections and septic tanks.
- Strengthen monitoring of water resources and environmental violations, including action to prevent water pollution.
- Eliminate illegal dumpsites and improve waste management practices to protect rivers, lakes and other water resources.
- Promote rainwater collection and reuse through practical demonstration projects and local initiatives.
- Launch environmental education and awareness-raising campaigns, including the proposed "Water without Myths" initiative, to encourage responsible water use.
- Strengthen inter-municipal co-operation through joint planning, shared initiatives and co-ordinated action on water-related challenges.

"If we want changes in policymaking and, more broadly, stronger democracy, we need to listen more to citizens. That is why I believe this tool is unique. Here, we have a cross-section of residents from the Lviv Agglomeration who can express their views on various issues. That is why it was so important for us to hear what they had to say."
Roman KIZYMA, Executive Director, Association "Lviv Agglomeration"

"What really impressed me was how we started with so many scattered, unformed ideas and ended with a clear understanding and articulation of the problems. I also gained great satisfaction from taking part in the process and meeting new people. I am grateful for the opportunity to express my opinion and share my own perspective."
Citizens' assembly member

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