



FORUM

Kramatorsk
28-29.11.2019

**Efficient local government
as a background of democratic
and rule-of-law state**



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**Kramatorsk, Donetsk oblast
Business centre "SA&GA"
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On 28-29 November 2019 with the support of the Council of Europe the Forum “Efficient local government as a background of democratic and rule-of-law state” (hereinafter the Forum) will be held in Kramatorsk, Donetsk oblast.

The Forum is organised by Donetsk Oblast State Administration, Luhansk Oblast State Administration, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development, Ministry of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine with the support of the Council of Europe within:

- Programme “Decentralisation and local government reform in Ukraine” – main organiser, and with the support of the Projects:
- “Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Building Solutions”;
- “European Union and Council of Europe working together to support freedom of media in Ukraine”;
- “Supporting the transparency, inclusiveness and integrity of electoral practice in Ukraine”;
- “Supporting constitutional and legal reforms, constitutional justice and assisting the Verkhovna Rada in conducting reforms aimed at enhancing its efficiency”;
- “Promoting civil participation in democratic decision-making in Ukraine”;
- “Protecting national minorities, including Roma, and minority languages in Ukraine”;
- “Promoting social human rights as a key factor of sustainable democracy in Ukraine”.

The event is organised annually since 2017 to discuss the state and prospects of local self-government development in Ukraine, in particular in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, namely current legislative regulation in the area, European experience and standards.

Expected participants: members of the Parliament of Ukraine, representatives of central and local executive bodies, local self-government authorities and their associations, experts and academics, international partners (in total above 200 persons).



PROGRAMME

28 November **DAY 1**

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS. CHECK-IN

14.00 – 15.00

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS. WELCOME COFFEE

15.00 – 15.30

OPENING OF THE FORUM. WELCOMING

- **Pavlo KYRYLENKO**, Head of Donetsk Oblast State Administration, Head of Oblast Military Civil Administration
- **Olena LYTVYENKO**, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
- **Ashley MULRONEY**, Counsellor, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Canada to Ukraine

*Moderator of the Forum: **Andriy KULYKOV**, journalist*

15.30 – 16.40

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND FURTHER TASKS, LEGISLATIVE REGULATION

- **Andriy KLOCHKO**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development
- **Vitaliy BEZHIN**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on administrative and territorial structure, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development Representative of the Office of the President of Ukraine
- **Vyacheslav NEHODA**, Deputy Minister of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine
- **Daniel POPESCU**, Head of Democratic Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy II, Council of the Europe

Questions and answers



16.40 – 17.00

PRESS CONFERENCE. Coffee

17.00 – 18.45

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TERRITORIAL STRUCTURE: CURRENT AGENDA AND FURTHER TASKS

• **Vitaliy BEZHIN**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on administrative and territorial structure, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development

• **Roman LOZYNSKYI**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, First Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development

• **Yuliya KOSTYUNINA**, Deputy Head of Donetsk Oblast State Administration, Head of Oblast Military Civil Administration

• **Vadym LAZNIKOV**, Head of Legal and Decentralisation Reform Department, Luhansk Oblast State Administration

• **Yuriy ANDRIYCHUK**, Head of Secretariat of the All-Ukrainian Association of Local Governments “Ukrainian Association of Rayon and Oblast Councils”

• **Liudmyla DAMENTSOVA**, Deputy executive director of the Association of Ukrainian Cities

• **Oleksandr KORINNYI**, President of the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities, Novoukrainka city mayor (amalgamated community, Kirovohrad region)

• **Vyacheslav NEHODA**, Deputy Minister of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine

Questions and answers

18.45 – 19.00

CONCLUSIONS OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE FORUM

19.00 – 19.30

AWARD CEREMONY OF DONETSK OBLAST CONTEST “BEST PRACTICES OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT”

• **Daniel POPESCU**, Head of Democratic Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy II, Council of the Europe

• **Vyacheslav NEHODA**, Deputy Minister of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine

• **Pavlo KYRYLENKO**, Head of Donetsk Oblast State Administration, Head of Oblast Military Civil Administration

19.30 – 21.00

Reception



08.30 – 09.00

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS. WELCOME COFFEE

09.00 – 10.00

PANEL DISCUSSION 3

NEXT LOCAL ELECTIONS: RISKS OR NEW OPPORTUNITIES?

- **Daniel POPESCU**, Head of Democratic Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy II, Council of the Europe
- **Alina ZAHORUIKO**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Elections, Referenda and Other Forms of Direct Democracy, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development
- **Yuriy KLIUCHKOVSKIY**, Council of Europe expert, Member of the Working Group on elaboration of legislation on local elections (in terms of citizens' representation in the community council as well as of territorial communities in rayon and oblast councils) under the Ministry of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine
- **Yuriy MIROSHNYCHENKO**, Member of the Central Election Commission
- **Natalia BOROVSKA**, Manager of the project "Democracy for people", representative of the NGO "Access point"
- **Tatyana DURNYEVA**, Executive Director of NGO "Civic Holding "Group of Influence"
- **Oleksandr BURMAHIN**, Media Lawyer, Executive Director of NGO "Human Rights Platform"

Questions and answers

10.00 – 11.00

PANEL DISCUSSION 4

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS OF UKRAINE

- **Ruslan KALININ**, Advisor to the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine
- **Olena TOKAREVA**, Director of the Social Protection of Population Directorate of Donetsk Oblast State Administration
- **Serhii KOMNATNYI**, Chairperson of the State Fund for Youth Housing Assistance
- **Sergiy KADYHROB**, Deputy Executive Director of the Ukrainian Social Investment Fund
- **Stepan MAKHSMA**, Mariupol City Council Secretary
- Representative of the Council of Europe Project "Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Building Solutions"



• **Ganna KHRYSTOVA**, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Project “Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Building Solutions”, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Questions and answers

11.00 – 11.20

Coffee

11.20 – 12.20

PANEL DISCUSSION 5

CREATIVE ECONOMY IN UKRAINE: THE MYTH OR BACKGROUND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

• **Ivana Nikolić POPOVIĆ**, President of Croatian Creative Industries Cluster

• **Vyacheslav RUBLIOV**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Regional Policy and Local Budgets, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development

• **Oksana HOLOVKO**, Director of Investment and Innovation Development and External Relations Directorate, Donetsk Oblast State Administration

• **Markiyan DACYSHYN**, Expert of the Council of Europe Programme “Decentralisation and local government reform in Ukraine”, project coordinator of the NGO “Civil Society Institute”

• **Natalia SWIANCICKA**, Director of the Communal enterprise “Local organic development agency”, Baranivka City Council (amalgamated community, Zhytomyr region)

Questions and answers

12.20 – 12.40

Coffee

12.40 – 13.50

PANEL DISCUSSION 6

CIVIL SOCIETY, OPEN GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION SPACE

• **Daniel POPESCU**, Head of Democratic Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy II, Council of the Europe

• **Dmytro HURIN**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Local Self-Government and Bodies of Self-Organisation of Population, Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development

• **Nataliya CHUKOVA**, Director of Information and Internal Policy Directorate, Donetsk Oblast State Administration

• **Maksym LATSZYBA**, Expert of the Council of Europe Project “Promoting civil participation in democratic decision-making in Ukraine”, Head of the Civil Society Development Program of Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)

• **Diana DUTSYK**, Media expert, Executive Director of NGO “Ukrainian Institute of Media and Communication”

• **Olga YURKOVA**, Media expert, co-founder of media project “StopFake”

Questions and answers



13.50 – 14.50

PANEL DISCUSSION 7

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL RIGHTS AS A BASIS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY

- **Apostolos VLACHOGIANNIS**, Council of Europe international expert
- **Pavlo LYSIANSKYI**, Representative of Ombudsperson of the Verkhovna Rada on Human Rights in Donetsk and Luhansk regions
- **Sergiy NIZHYNSKYI**, Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine for European Integration
- **Mykhailo PODYUK**, Expert on the communication strategy for the national minorities organisations
- **Bohdan MOISA**, Analyst of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

Questions and answers

14.50 – 15.00

CONCLUSIONS OF THE FORUM. CLOSING OF THE FORUM

15.00 – 16.00

Lunch
Departure of participants

Separate invitation list

10.30 – 12.30

PANEL DISCUSSION 8

CHALLENGES FACED BY JOURNALISTS COVERING ELECTIONS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS

Moderator: **Diana DUTSYK**, Media Expert, Executive Director of NGO "Ukrainian Institute of Media and Communication"

- **Olga YURKOVA**, Media Expert, Co-founder of media project "StopFake"
- **Oleksandr BURMAHIN**, Media Lawyer, Executive Director of NGO "Human Rights Platform"
- **Yelyzaveta KUZMENKO**, Media Expert of Commission on Journalism Ethics, Head of CSO "Association "Women in Media"
- **Galyna SMIRNOVA**, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Project "European Union and Council of Europe working together to support freedom of media in Ukraine"



