



Meeting of ICC-Ukraine Local Coordinators

16 February 2022, 12.00 – 14.30 (Kyiv)
Online Format

AGENDA

12.00 - 12.40 Welcome and Objectives of the meeting

- National ICC-Ukraine Coordinator

Introductory notes from Local Coordinators representing the cities of

- Lutsk
- Melitopol
- Odessa
- Pavlograd
- Sumy
- Vinnytsia

5-7 min to each participant for an introduction, a summary of the most important achievements and challenges of 2021, and a brief overview of ideas for cooperation between the cities of the ICC-Ukraine network in 2022.

12.40 – 13.00 **Open discussion** of potential cooperation between ICCUA or other ICC cities based on intercity grants of the "Intercultural Cities" Program of the CoE (participating cities).

13.00 – 13.30 **Brainstorming:** collection of concrete proposals/ideas for implementation in 2022 following a more detailed review of the progress made in implementing the ARS strategy in Ukrainian cities, discussion of next steps.

- Review and approval of the ICCUA 2022 Activity Plan for the 1st part 2022
- New ICCUA logo approval
- Identification and approval of the date of the 2nd annual meeting of the local coordinators of the ICC-Ukraine

Local coordinators are invited to speak in the following order:

- Vinnytsia
- Sumy
- Pavlograd
- Odessa
- Melitopol
- Lutsk

13.30– 14.15 ICC Business:

Discussion:

- *Annual ICC Cities Programme Survey 2022 (results and conclusions)*
- *ICC Index Analysis, training in Ukrainian (date/time selection)*
- *ICC Programme Impact Evaluation (March-September 2022)*
- *Encouraging cities compliance with their commitment: the statement of intent signed by cities includes their active communication with the ICC Programme including good practices, policy development, strategy adoption, etc. This is a key aspect of the peer learning pillar of the ICC Programme which is not always fulfilled.*
- *Good practice collection: publications, events, initiatives*

14.15– 14.30 Summary and Conclusions

Welcome and General Overview

The date of the first meeting of local ICCUA coordinators was symbolically chosen by the participants on February 16, the day declared by the President of Ukraine as "[the Day of Unity](#)".

The national coordinator opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and conveying words of support for Ukrainian cities from ICC colleagues around the world in the current geopolitical situation. After a brief introduction of the meeting agenda, and a round of introductory notes from the local coordinators, which included a summary of the major challenges faced and accomplishments of each city in 2021, and which were, for the most part, already covered in the [ICC-Ukraine 2021 Annual Report](#), the participants moved directly to a discussion of potential cooperation between the ICCUA or other ICC cities based on the intercity grants offered by the Council of Europe's ICC programme.

Open Discussion

Prior to the meeting, some ICCUA cities considered preparing the application for the intercity grant, but they came to the conclusion that it will be a challenging task to accomplish properly this year due to such factors as challenging geopolitical, economic, sanitary and financial situation in cities, lack of skilled personnel in local administrations and the language barrier. Participants emphasized that the current geopolitical situation in Ukraine adds a considerable degree of uncertainty to daily life and to the functioning of communities and administrations, making long-term planning more difficult.

At the same time, the coordinators expressed their willingness to work in partnership with the ICC cities from established democracies, i.e. the ICC cities from the EU or other member states of the Council of Europe. According to the local coordinators, this would help them learn more and promote democratic values and principles more effectively and to counter the information wars and fake news. The national coordinator informed that she had conveyed this message to the national coordinators of ICC national networks during their meeting on February 4, 2022, outlining the interests and priorities of the ICCUA member-cities for 2022. In case these priorities coincide with those of the ICC cities from other national or global networks, she would be contacted. The national coordinator encouraged ICC-Ukraine cities to submit their applications for the 2022 ICC intercity grant call.

Brainstorming

As a result of the brainstorming session, the following priorities were identified by the ICCUA network for the year 2022:

- continue the implementation of the Antirumour approach, as the initiative requires more (than five months) time to:
 - mobilize wider audiences through Antirumour campaigns in all ICC-Ukraine cities,
 - identify and train Antirumour agents, carry out sufficient number of ARS workshops and seminars locally,
 - gain support to expand the ARS movement launched in Ukraine in 2021 to the regional and national levels,
 - to ensure that the ICC Antirumour methodology is well understood and mastered by local Antirumour teams, which necessitates the availability of expert support, follow-up and explanation of sometimes abstract concepts, structures and processes, methodology transfer and training of Antirumour agents in Ukrainian;
- continue to promote minority rights and the diversity of languages, including those of indigenous peoples;
- through the use of ICC capacity building tools, ensure proper structure, process and quality of reporting on the ICC Index by members of the Ukrainian network;
- create more opportunities for cross-cultural mixing, direct communication and dialogue, organization of ICC events and initiatives, while highlighting the benefits of cultural diversity for urban communities;
- ensure the visibility of the network's activities and to promote the mission and values of the ICC Programme of the Council of Europe.

The local coordinators agreed that these priorities should form the basis for an application for ICC/CoE grant to support the ICCUA network activities in 2022.

Based on the priorities identified above, the ICCUA 2022 Activity Plan for the 1st part of 2022 – prepared by the national coordinator following relevant input from the cities – was also approved, with an update of some dates. The coordinators agreed to provide more concrete plans for the 2nd part of the year in May-June 2022, as given the current sanitary and geopolitical situations in Ukraine, it is difficult to make concrete long-term planning.

The new logo of ICCUA was approved by all participants. September 9 and 10 were proposed as tentative dates for the 2nd annual meeting of ICC-Ukraine local coordinators in 2022. The meeting is planned in the city of Lutsk, during the annual ICC event "Palette of Cultures".

ICC Business

The national coordinator expressed her thanks to ICCUA member cities for their 100% participation in the annual ICC Cities Program 2022 survey and presented a quick summary of the results and findings, highlighting ICC's global priorities for the coming year, as presented by the ICC team at the national coordinators' meeting on February 4, 2022.

She then informed the ICCUA cities about the upcoming evaluation of the impact of ICC program services and tools, which will be conducted between March and September 2022. The following ICCUA members (local coordinators or administrators) agreed to participate in the evaluation (semi-structured interviews, case studies, etc.):

- Melitopol (in Ukrainian)
- Lutsk (in Ukrainian and English)
- Odessa (in Ukrainian and English)
- Vinnytsia (in Ukrainian and English)

Next, the national coordinator congratulated the ICC-Ukraine members for the official adoption of ICC strategies by all ICCUA cities by the end of 2021, which represents a considerable achievement of the network in the implementation of the intercultural policy and approach. She stated that ICC-Ukraine is the first and currently the only national network of the ICC programme of the Council of Europe to have reached this stage.

Furthermore, the national coordinator thanked the meeting participants for regularly providing their good practices and ICC initiatives, plans/updates in 2021. She highlighted once again the importance of uninterrupted communication with the national coordinator and the ICC

programme as part of their responsibilities under the agreement signed with the Council of Europe and encouraged the coordinators to continue contributing regularly their good practices, policy developments, publications, events, initiatives, strategy updates etc. to the ICC programme by submitting them - in Ukrainian or English - to the national coordinator.

Conclusions

The national coordinator presented summaries and conclusions of the meeting. She also informed the cities that the ICCUA 2022 activity plan for the 1st part of 2022 will be sent to the ICC programme secretariat and published on the programme's webpage as approved.

At the end of the meeting, the local coordinators agreed to:

- work on and submit to the ICC Programme an application for grant to support the ICCUA network activities in 2022,
- provide more concrete plans for the 2nd part of the year in May-June 2022,
- organize the 2nd annual meeting of ICC-Ukraine local coordinators in presence on September 9-10, 2022 (tentatively) in the City of Lutsk.