

## LOCAL INITIATIVES ON TRANSPARENCY AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN UKRAINE

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, within the project “Promoting local democracy in Ukraine”, launched a call for proposals for participants involved in the activities for Mayors as leaders for change.

Five local initiatives on transparency and citizen participation were selected for funding, expert support and peer reviews. The selected local authorities will aim to make their governance more open, inclusive, responsive, transparent and accountable to citizens, whilst ensuring that gender perspective is taken into account.

The project “Promoting local democracy in Ukraine”, is part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017. It aims to improve the implementation of democratic principles in Ukraine, by enhancing the institutional and leadership capacities of local elected representatives (mayors and local councillors), and disseminating nation-wide good practices of local democracy.

### Objective

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- › strengthening institutional and leadership capacities of local elected representatives to become more citizens-oriented, responsive and accountable in the performance of their functions;
- › reinforcing capabilities of local elected representatives to provide effective support to the implementation of the local self-government reform through better coordination, planning and management;
- › fostering active democratic citizenship and supporting the implementation of local democratic participatory processes.

### Duration and funding

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The budget allocated to each local initiative will support activities implemented in the period of July to November 2017.

- › For municipalities with up to 20,000 inhabitants, a maximum amount of EUR 8,000;
- › For municipalities from 20,000 to 50,000 inhabitants, a maximum amount of EUR 14,000;
- › For municipalities with above 50,000 inhabitants, a maximum amount of EUR 20,000.

### Local initiatives

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- › Baranivka, Zytomir Oblast, for an initiative to create a citizen council with a diversity of community groups represented.
- › Chernivtsi, for an initiative on enhancing the civic control and monitoring of energy efficiency measures in public buildings.
- › Kreminna, Lugansk Oblast, for an initiative to strengthen efficiency and transparency by attracting young people to the local policy making and public activities.
- › Pervomaysk, Mykolaiv Oblast, for an initiative on accountability through transparent communication between citizens and the local council.
- › Fastiv, Kyiv Oblast, for an initiative to create a “Democracy Hotspot” - a place for citizens’ consultations.