

**Strengthening local democracy in Ukraine:
building opportunities between the Congress
and the Association of Ukrainian Cities**

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Yaroslaviv Val St, 22, Kyiv, Ukraine
9 June 2017

Context

The roundtable “Strengthening local democracy in Ukraine: building opportunities between the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Association of Ukrainian Cities” is organised within the project “Promoting local democracy in Ukraine” and the Council of Europe Action Plan 2015 – 2017 for Ukraine.

Gathering together members of the delegation of Ukraine to the Congress and members of the Board of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, this roundtable is conceived as a platform for discussion, and will enable the participants to share their priorities of action, in particular in the context of local self-government reform, and to define areas for strengthened co-operation between the Association of Ukrainian Cities and the Congress.

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The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
*is an institution of the Council of Europe,
responsible for strengthening local and regional democracy in its 47 member states.
Composed of two chambers – the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions –
and three committees, it brings together 648 elected officials representing
more than 200 000 local and regional authorities*
<http://www.coe.int/t/congress>

Participants

Members of Ukrainian delegation to the Congress

Ihor ALEKSEEV, Mayor of Okhtyrka, Sumy region

Vladyslav ATROSHENKO, Mayor of Chernihiv

Serhiy BASARAB, Deputy Chairperson of Ivano-Frankivsk regional council

Svitlana Bohatyrchuk-KRYVKO, Councillor of Rivne regional council

Volodymyr CHMYR, Councillor of Shyshaky district council, Poltava region

Oleksandr GORGAN, Councilor of Kyiv regional council

Oksana KALYUZHNA, Councilor of Turiysk district council, Volyn region

Anatolii KUSHNIR, Chairman, Makiv Village

Nataliya LITVINOVA, Deputy Chairperson of Bilokurakynsk district council, Luhansk region

Serhiy MAZUR, Mayor of Balta, Odesa region

Petro PRYHARA, Councillor of Khust district council, Zakarpattia region

Glib PRYGUNOV, Chairperson of Dnipropetrovsk regional council

Yurii STELMASHENKO, Councillor of Dniprov'ska district, Kherson city council

Lyubov TSYMBALYUK, Councillor, Zhytomyr city council

Association of Ukrainian cities (AUC), Management Board

Vitaliy KLYTCHKO, Mayor of Kyiv, Chairperson of Association

Oleksandr SLOBOZHAN, Executive director of Association

Galyna MINAYEVA, Mayor of Chuguiv, Kharkiv region

Volodymyr NOVATSKY, Mayor of Yuzhne, Odesa region

Serhiy NADAL, Mayor of Ternopil

Andriy SADOVIY, Mayor of Lviv

Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Strasbourg

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress

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Mårten EHNBERG, Head of the Council of Europe office

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Programme

10:45 – 11:00 ***Welcoming coffee and registration of participants***

11:00 – 11:30 ***Welcome addresses***

Vitaliy KLYTCHKO, Mayor of Kyiv, Chairman of the Association of Ukrainian Cities

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Mårten EHNBERG, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

11:30 – 13:15 ***Priorities of the Congress and of the Association of Ukrainian Cities***

Panel discussion

Moderator:

Svitlana GRYSHCENKO, Project manager “Promoting local democracy in Ukraine”

Speakers:

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Svitlana BOHATYRCHUK-KRYVKO, Congress member, Councillor of Rivne regional Council

Oleksandr SLOBOZHAN, Executive director of Association of Ukrainian Cities

Presentation of the respective priorities of the Congress, the delegation of Ukraine to the Congress, and the Association of Ukrainian Cities for the period 2017 – 2020

The new Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2021 as a framework for synergies for an efficient co-operation in order to enhance and promote local democracy in Ukraine

The involvement and role of the Association of Ukrainian Cities in the work of the Congress

Open discussion

13:15 – 13:30 ***Concluding remarks***

→ *Buffet Lunch*