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## XVI UKRAINIAN MUNICIPAL FORUM

### Local democracy and open government: dialogue for sustainable partnerships

27 July 2021, 12:00 – 17:00 (EEST)

Odesa, Ukraine

#### CONTEXT

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (the Congress) is organising, jointly with the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) and international partners, the Ukrainian Municipal Forum (the Forum) in Odesa, Ukraine on 27-29 July 2021.

The Ukrainian municipal forums contribute to strengthening of local democracy and good governance as well as development and implementation of sound policies and legislation in Ukraine. XVI Forum is also envisaged as a platform for exchange between more than 500 mayors, members of the AUC, who will share knowledge and experiences and work together in shaping inclusive, open and transparent societies. Day three will allow for a usual Day of the dialogue with representatives of national authorities.

The first day of the Forum will be dedicated to local democracy, organised by the Congress, will allow participants to discover how new governance approaches can be built into an everyday practice and how can these be translated into sustainable local policies. During plenary sessions and an interactive programme arranged through a multidisciplinary approach which combines expertise and peer exchanges, the participants of the Forum will be able to discuss topical issues related to open government and democratic innovations for increased citizen participation and youth engagement, the promotion and protection of human rights at local level, as well as higher representation of and support to women in politics.

Not only that the members of the Congress members from Ukraine and from other European countries, and local experts will contribute to the discussions, but in fact the mayors, local councillors and civil servants who are in the focus of the event and who will share case studies, testimonies and examples of successful practices from their municipalities that can be replicated nation-wide.

Day One of the Ukrainian Municipal Forum is organised within the project "[Strengthening democracy and building trust at local level in Ukraine](#)" implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities within the [Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2022](#). The project aims to improve the quality of local democracy in Ukraine by strengthening institutional frameworks and by supporting local authorities and their national associations in their efforts to promote ethical decision-making and more citizen-oriented, inclusive and transparent local governance.

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## PROGRAMME

- 11:00 – 12:00**      *Registration of participants and welcoming coffee*  
*Moderator: Andrii KULAKOV*
- 12:00 – 12:30**      **Opening and introduction to the Forum**  
Vitaliy KLITCHKO, Mayor of Kyiv, Chair of the Association of Ukrainian Cities  
Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe  
Hennadii TRUKHANOV, Mayor of Odesa  
Steen NØRLOV, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Kyiv
- 12:30 – 14:00**      **Panel discussion 1: OPEN GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS IN CRISIS AND BEYOND**  
**Keynote speeches**  
Oleksandr YAREMA, State Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (online)  
*Open Government Partnership initiative and engagement of local authorities in the implementation of commitments under the National Action Plan 2021-2022*  
Jelena DRENJANIN, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Sweden  
*Open government policies for stronger local democracy (online): the work of the Congress and experiences from Sweden*  
Liudmyla RABCHYNSKA, Deputy Minister of Digital Transformation of Ukraine  
*Digital transformation tools in open government*  
Vadym BORTNYK, Director of the Regional Digitization Directorate of the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine  
*The role of the Deputy Head of the Council for Digital Transformation in open government*  
Victoria PIDHORNA, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Head of Subcommittee on Electronic Democracy of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Digital Transformation (online)  
*E-democracy and e-government in Ukraine: issues of legislative regulation*  
**Presentations of innovative approaches on open and transparent government at local level**  
Serhii NADAL, Mayor of Ternopil  
Vadym BOICHENKO, Mayor of Mariupol, Donetsk region  
Andriy YEREMENKO, Member of the Sociological Association of Ukraine  
*Sociological research: local self-government in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic*  
**Results of the partnership between the AUC and the Congress in promoting open government in Ukraine**  
Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress  
*Intervention on the topic on approach of the Congress to transparent and open government*  
Oleksandr SLOBOZHAN, Director of the AUC  
*Key pillars of open government: Association's support to local authorities in making their governance more transparent, participatory and accountable to citizens*  
Wrap up of the panel discussion

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 – 16:30

**Panel discussion 2: ENHANCING THE INTEGRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH INTO LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

**Keynote speech**

Oksana DERKACH, Councillor of the Poltava City Council, Congress Member, Ukraine  
*Prevention of discrimination at the local level and combatting domestic violence*

**Presentation of innovative approaches on the protection and promotion of human rights at local level**

Andrii SADOVYI, Mayor of Lviv

Vadym HAIEV, Head of Novopskov community, Luhansk region

Serhii MAZUR, Mayor of Balta, Odesa region, Congress Member, Ukraine

Kateryna LEVCHENKO, Government Commissioner for Gender Policy, Deputy Chair of the Commission on Gender Equality of the Council of Europe (online)  
*Topical issues of ensuring equal rights for women and men at the local level*

Olha GRIDNIEVA, expert on gender issues

*Engagement of local authorities in protection and promotion of human rights at local level, also including the protection of IDPs rights and their integration in host community; access to education, protection of rights of youth, national minorities, preventing discrimination and promotion of gender equality*

**Results of the partnership between the AUC and the Congress in integrating human rights-based approach in local governance in Ukraine**

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress

*Intervention on the Congress approach to human rights, prevention of discrimination and gender equality at local level*

Wrap up of the panel discussion

16:30 – 17:00

**Conclusions and way forward**

Olena LYTVYENKO, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Oleksandr SLOBOZHAN, Executive Director of the AUC