

DECENTRALIZATION IN UKRAINE

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Financial Decentralisation: Local Budgets Have Increased by UAH 25.4 Billion over the Period of Seven Months

Over the period from January to July 2016, UAH 77.8 billion were received by the local budgets. In the previous year, this indicator was at the level of UAH 52.4 billion. Hence, in comparison with the same period in the previous year, the addition of revenues to local budgets totalled 48.4% or UAH 25.4 billion.

"These are not just figures but actual projects. These are the funds which are now channelled by the communities to the development of infrastructure, construction and renovation of kindergartens and schools, hospitals, roads, etc. This is the actual resource for the communities to resolve their problems. This is the evidence of efficiency and irreversibility of the decentralisation reform", Vice-Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction, and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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Amalgamated Communities Have More than 1,000 Infrastructure Projects Intended for the Implementation with the Government Support

As of 22 August 2016, the Ministry of Regional Development approved more than 1,000 applications for infrastructure projects filed by 156 amalgamated communities, which projects would be implemented for account of a government subsidy. It is planned to channel about UAH 875 million of the government support for those projects.

In general, the State Budget provides for a subsidy in the amount of UAH 1 billion to the amalgamated territorial communities for the development of infrastructure in 2016. The subsidy funds will be distributed among 159 amalgamated communities in accordance with the clear formula which takes into account the number of rural population and the area of the community. Starting from UAH 960 thousand for the smallest amalgamated community and up to UAH 23 million for the largest one.

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Decentralisation in Education: 142 Pivotal Schools will Start on 1 September

Starting from 1 September, 142 pivotal schools will provide more qualitative education to rural children.

The establishment of the network of pivotal schools is one of the important steps to the decentralisation of the secondary education. The primary school remains near the home as before, and pupils of the secondary school will be driven to the pivotal schools where better teachers work and the equipment necessary for education are available.

The Government has allocated UAH 200 million for the improvement of facilities and resources of the pivotal schools and UAH 600 million for the acquisition of buses on the principles of co-financing with local authorities.

"The pivotal schools allow ensuring better access to the high-quality education for children from the rural areas", Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Lilia Hrynevych.

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The Ministry of Regional Development, Together with Canadian Partners, Establishes the Project Office for Sectoral Decentralisation

A competition to fill the vacancy of coordinator and managers of the Project Office for Sectoral Decentralisation was held in August 2016. The Project Office for Sectoral Decentralisation is an independent non-governmental organisation established at the Ministry of Regional Development, with the assistance of the Expert Deployment for Governance and Economic Growth (EDGE) Project carried out by Agriteam Consulting Ltd.

The activities of the Project Office are aimed at the arrangement for and support to the process of formation of sectoral policy on decentralisation in the relevant ministries and agencies. The results of the competition will be known in September.

"Efficient managers putting the needs of people first and ready to fight the system and achieve the result will work in the Office", Vice-Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction, and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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Local Authorities Should Make Public Procurement through the ProZorro System

Starting from 1 August 2016, local authorities should carry out all their tenders (in the amount of UAH 200 thousand and more with respect to goods and services, and in the amount of UAH 1.5 million with respect to works) through the ProZorro electronic system for public procurement. For other tenders, the use of the system is voluntary.

"The system has proved its extraordinary efficiency: the amount of saving has already totalled UAH 2.6 billion. Therefore, we call all bona fide public sector customers to always use the ProZorro system. It is easy, convenient, and profitable to do so", Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine Maksym Nefiodov.

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The Number of Amalgamated Communities in Ukraine has Increased

184 amalgamated territorial communities have already been established in Ukraine. On 28 August 2016, the first elections of chairpersons and members of local councils were held in seven more amalgamated territorial communities.

After the elections, the newly established communities will form their own executive committees and will be able to independently resolve all local matters, manage their own resources, and develop their own territory.

"Those communities have taken the course of development, assumed the responsibility for the future of their territories, and taken a sure step to the new quality of life. I hope that in the nearest future neighbouring communities will join them to have more resources and opportunities for development", Vice-Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction, and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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