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Subject Matter Experts Will Work at Regional Offices for Reforms

On 16 February, the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine and the Association of Ukrainian Cities signed the Memorandum on Cooperation.

The parties will assist regional Offices for Reforms in their activities. In each office, there will be working three subject matter consultants: on budget matters, general legal matters, as well as on promotion of decentralization achievements.

The activities of the consultants will be funded by the USAID.

"With the aid of our partners, we will renew the network of offices for supporting reforms, which offices render consultancy support for local communities," Vice Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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Communities that Consolidated Rural Territories Will Get More Money from the State

The State Budget for 2016 provides for a subvention in the amount of UAH 1 billion for the development of infrastructure of consolidated communities. These funds will be assigned according to the area of rural territory and the number of rural population - the more is the number of rural population and the area of rural territory, the larger is the subvention to a consolidated territorial community.

On 23 February, the draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the procedure for and conditions of granting a subvention from the state budget to local budgets for the formation of infrastructure of consolidated territorial communities was published on the official website of the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine.

"These funds may be spent for a new construction, renovation and capital repair of infrastructure facilities of consolidated communities, as well as for the development of relevant projects," Vice Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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The Government Will Recognize Communities as Capable Should the Regional Council Fails to Do So

On 2 February 2016, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted, in the first reading, a draft law allowing the consolidated communities to timely obtain effective funds.

Following the adoption of this draft law, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine will be able to recognize the consolidated territorial communities as compliant with the Prospective Plan of Formation of Territories of the Communities should the Region Council fails to do so within one month period.

This will enable all capable communities to timely receive effective resource provision.

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Immediate Response Expert Group is Formed to Deal with the Matters of Consolidated Communities

On 3 February 2016, the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine formed an expert group to immediately deal with the matters of consolidated territorial communities.

The group will monitor problematic issues of communities and will give relevant advice to local self-government authorities.

To promptly respond to requests from the communities, the representatives of central bodies of executive power, all-Ukrainian associations of local self-government, and experts have combined their efforts.

"The experts will either immediately give advice when the question is standard or promptly call for a meeting where we will jointly make a decision and inform the community," First Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine Viacheslav Nehoda.

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The Parliament Has Settled the Procedure for Funding Vocational Training

On 4 February, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted laws addressing the matters of vocational training funding.

The adopted laws stipulate that vocational training institutions located in cities - regional centers shall be funded by the budgets of those cities, and in other territories, by regional budgets. Vocational training in Kyiv is funded by the city budget.

Thus, most cities are released from the duty to fund vocational training institutions.

"These laws afford an opportunity to renew the funding for vocational training, stabilize the situation, and settle it," Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman.

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The First Local Elections are Scheduled in Three More Consolidated Communities

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Local Budgets Will Receive UAH 1.92 Billion for Compensation of Travel Privilege

On 18 February, the Verkhovna Rada adopted a law on financial support for the compensation of travel privilege of certain categories of citizens and other privileges provided for by the laws.

In particular, the law suggests providing for a subvention from the state budget to local budgets with the aim of granting privileges and compensation for travel privilege to certain categories of citizens in the amount of UAH 1.92 billion.

This allows to settle the matter of compensations for travel privilege, which matter arose following the adoption of the State Budget for 2016.

"It is the obligation of the State to settle that matter. Not just to revoke the privilege, but to propose a mechanism which will allow to protect all those in need of such protection, and to settle the matter of funding those privileges," Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman.

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