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Local Budgets: the Growth Continues

In January 2018, the influx of earned revenues to local budgets in Ukraine increased by UAH 2.9 billion (+23.3%) in comparison with the same period in the previous year and totalled UAH 15.4 billion.

Also, the earned revenues of local budgets of the 665 amalgamated communities increased up to UAH 1.4 billion. The addition totalled 19.6% (+ UAH 236 million) in comparison with the same period in the previous year.

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The First Elections will be Held in 40 More Amalgamated Communities

On 16 February, the Central Election Commission called elections in 40 amalgamated territorial communities to be held on 29 April 2018.

In addition, the Central Election Commission also called additional elections on 29 April in five communities that had acceded to the ATCs.

The Central Election Commission declared that the election process in question would commence on 10 March 2018.

After the elections are held on 29 April, in total, there will be 705 ATCs established in Ukraine.

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The Ministry of Regional Development Published Monitoring Data on the Decentralisation

On 12 February 2018, the Ministry of Regional Development published monthly monitoring data on the decentralisation of power and local self-government reforming process, which monitoring shows the indicators for January 2018.

The number of amalgamated territorial communities appearing in the prospective plans of Oblasts as approved by the Government is 1172. However, that number is not final, since Zakarpatska Oblast has not, so far, approved the prospective plan for its region. In three Oblasts, the territory covered by the plans totals only 21-36%, whereas in most of the Oblasts, it is 54-98%. Only two Oblasts, Rivne and Kirovohrad, has procured that their plans cover 100% of their territory.

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Draft Law on Accession of Communities to Large Cities has been Prepared for Parliamentary Voting

On 28 February 2018, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on State Construction, Regional Policy and Local Self-Government recommended to the Parliament to pass in the second reading and as a whole Draft Law No. 6466 regarding the voluntary accession of territorial communities to cities of Oblast subordination.

The Draft Law allows communities accessing to cities of Oblast subordination under a simplified procedure.

"Activity of the cities of Oblast subordination is the lowest in the process of communities amalgamation. That is wrong. They are the centres of economic activity and it would be logical when neighbouring communities accede to them. We propose an effective mechanism in this connection: we set forth at the legislative level that the cities of Oblast subordination constitute capable communities which fact, in its turn, allows village and township communities acceding to them without holding elections of members of the city council as it happens in such case in other amalgamated communities", - Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman.

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The Draft Law "On Fundamental Principles of Administrative and Territorial Structure of Ukraine" has been registered with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

The Draft Law "On Fundamental Principles of Administrative and Territorial Structure of Ukraine" as developed by the Ministry of Regional Development has been registered with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine under number 8051.

Subject to the effective Constitution, the Draft Law determines the fundamental principles on which the administrative and territorial structure of Ukraine, types of settlements, powers of the governmental authorities and local self-government bodies in terms of the administrative and territorial structure, procedure for the formation, liquidation, establishment and changing the boundaries of administrative-territorial entities and settlements, as well as other matters should be based.

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The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesics, Mapping and Cadastre has Published the Timetable of Transfer of Lands to Amalgamated Communities

The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesics, Mapping and Cadastre has published the "Timetable of Transfer the Ownership of Land Plots to Amalgamated Territorial Communities for 2018".

The timetable specifies the sequence for obtaining state-owned lands by the amalgamated communities. The is to be completed by the end of 2018.

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The Cabinet of Ministers has Transferred Lands Outside the Boundaries of Settlements to the First Seven Amalgamated Communities

On 27 February, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has, in the context of extension of the decentralisation process, transferred agricultural lands outside the boundaries of settlements to the first seven amalgamated territorial communities.

Those amalgamated communities obtained land plots with the total area of more than 7.8 thousand hectares in municipal ownership.

All other amalgamated communities have to obtain land in the course of 2018.

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Lviv has been Selected as the Youth Capital of Ukraine of 2018

On 16 February, the first "Youth Capital of Ukraine" national competition came to an end. According to the competition results, the city of Lviv was selected as the youth capital of 2018.

The key benefits that Lviv will have as the winning city include the holding of the All-Ukrainian Youth Forum in 2018, promotion of the city at the European level, improvement of image and level of credibility for the city authorities, establishment of cooperation with youth capital cities in Europe, encouragement of young people to participate in the day-to-day life of the city, carrying out of a sociological research devoted to young people, in partnership with the UReport project.

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Ukraine, the World Bank and Canada have Signed a Memorandum regarding the Introduction of Telemedicine

On 7 February 2018, the Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Health, the World Bank, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada signed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the introduction of telemedicine in Ukraine.

The Memorandum will facilitate the development of procedures and a communication platform for physicians, development of approaches to education and trainings for family physicians.

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Regions and Communities in Ukraine and EU will Share Their Experience and Best Practice in the Area of Local Self-Government

On 12 February 2018, the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation was signed for the purpose of the "peer-to-peer" initiative of the EU Committee of the Regions Working Group - Ukraine on decentralisation, with the assistance of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme.

The Memorandum was signed by the following entities: the Ministry of Regional Development, Kharkiv and Khmelnytskyi Oblast Councils, Chemerovetska, Shyrokiivska, Veselivska amalgamated territorial communities, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

It is stipulated that in 2018 the said regions and amalgamated communities will share practical experience of implementation of territory development projects with European partners through training courses, educational tours and practical trainings.

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Results of Annual Sociological Research of Individuals' Attitude toward the Decentralisation have been Published

On 28 February 2018, there were published results of two sociological surveys "Decentralisation and Reform of Local Self-Government" prepared by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology and the "Social Indicators" Centre under order of the Council of Europe's "Decentralisation and Territorial Consolidation in Ukraine" Programme in cooperation with experts of the Council of Europe, experts on local self-government, and the Ministry of Regional Development.

According to the survey, 79 % of people in the country are aware of the reform of local self-government and administrative and territorial structure - the decentralisation, 58 % support the reform. More than 50 % of individuals experienced positive changes in their life, which changes are related to that reform.

"The survey shows the earlier a community has taken the opportunities arising in the course of decentralisation, the more advantages and achievements are experienced and mentioned by its residents. Consequently, those lagging behind lose not time only but also support on the part of residents". - First Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine Viacheslav Nehoda

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