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The Earned Income of Local Budgets Continues to Increase

Experts from the Central Office for Reforms operating at the Ministry of Regional Development with the assistance of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme presented the results of the financial decentralisation for four months of 2017.

The earned income of the local budgets totalled UAH 47.4 billion, that is UAH 13.8 billion more or 1.4 times more in comparison with the same period in the previous year.

The influx of own resources to all 366 amalgamated territorial communities totalled UAH 2.6 billion for January through April 2017, that is two times more or UAH 1.3 billion more in comparison with the same period of 2016.

The account balances of 366 budgets of the communities totalled UAH 2.1 billion. In comparison with the beginning of the year, this indicator has increased by almost two times (+ UAH 1 billion).

The earned income of the 159 amalgamated territorial communities (which were established in 2015) totalled UAH 1.233 billion for four months of 2017, that is 45% more or UAH 383 million more in comparison with the same period in the previous year.

The own resources of 207 amalgamated territorial communities (which were established in 2016) totalled UAH 1.349 billion, that is three times more or UAH 906 million more in comparison with the same period in the previous year.

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The Law Determining the Independence of Health Care Institutions has Become Effective

The law determining the independence of the state and community owned health care institutions was published on 5 May 2017.

Hence, the law has already become effective but it will be enacted in six months.

Thereafter, subject to a decision of the local authority, community owned health care institutions will have the opportunity to operate independently: have their own accounts opened with banks, independently determine their staffing level and staff remuneration policy, introduce energy efficiency, etc.

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Additional 160 Amalgamated Communities are at the Final Stages of Their Formation

There have already been established 413 amalgamated territorial communities in Ukraine. Additional 160 amalgamated territorial communities are at the final stages of their formation. 80 of those amalgamated communities are waiting for the first local elections to be called by the Central Elections Commission. With respect to 12 amalgamated territorial communities, Oblast State Administrations are preparing applications to be filed with the Central Elections Commission. 47 ATCs are to make their final decision on the amalgamation. 23 ATCs are waiting for the opinion to be prepared by Oblast State Administrations.

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The Government Increased Wages to Local Self-Government Officials

On 24 May 2017, the Cabinet of Ministers approved a resolution on the increase of official salaries to officials of local self-government bodies.

The resolution also determines the matter of allowances to officials of local self-government bodies for outstanding performance or for particularly important work.

The increased wage is expected to facilitate the enhancement of prestige of service in the bodies of local self-government.

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Leading Regions in the Area of Social and Economic Development have been Identified in Ukraine

On 23 May 2017, the Ministry of Regional Development published the monitoring data on social and economic development of regions in Ukraine in 2016.

The city of Kyiv, and Kharkiv, Kyiv, Vinnytsia, and Chernivtsi Oblasts (regions) were at the head of the ranking.

The main objective of the monitoring is to define priorities and strategic planning of regional development, enhance regional competitiveness on the basis of the ranking score.

The ranking shows the efficiency of managerial decisions at the central and local levels.

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