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Local Budgets Continue to Increase

During the period from January to August 2018, the revenues of local budgets increased up to UAH 148.7 billion. The addition of revenues, in comparison with the same period of the previous year, totalled 23.1 % or UAH 27.9 billion.

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131 Amalgamated Communities and 58 Integrated Communities are Ready for the First Elections

As of the end of September, 131 amalgamated territorial communities (ATCs) are ready for the first elections of chairpersons and members of local councils. Those ATCs include 547 village, town, and city councils. Also, 58 communities that have integrated with the 40 already established ATCs are waiting for the elections. In those communities, there live 1.477 million residents in total.

The elections in those ATCs should be held by the end of the year so that the communities are included in the calculation of the State Budget items for 2019 and have transferred to direct inter-budgetary relations with the State. Such elections should be called at least 70 days prior to the date on which they are to be held.

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Communities Integrate with Cities of Oblast Subordinance

As of the end of September, 30 cities of Oblast subordinance made use of the mechanism for accession of neighbouring communities. 11 of those cities have already completed the procedures related to the integration. In total, 28 village councils have integrated with such cities.

Still 19 cities are in the final stage of formal procedures that will allow them to integrate neighbouring communities.

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The Ministry of Regional Development Published Updated Monitoring Data on the Decentralisation

On 13 September 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 August 2018.

As before, the most dynamic indicator of the monitoring is the number of communities that have used the mechanism of inter-municipal cooperation. Over the previous month, additional 40 communities by having combined their resources started to deal with the matters of importance to the development of territories. Consequently, 956 communities have been already performing 223 agreements in the area of solid waste management, water supply and sanitation, security, social services, administrative services, etc.

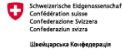
The monitoring also shows that the process of community integration speeds up: 122 communities are undergoing the process of integration with 73 ATCs that have already been established, 26 communities are in the process of integrating with cities of Oblast subordinance.

Also, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Regional Development, 114 Rayons of 490 (with the exception of 25 occupied Rayons) have not been engaged in the process so far.

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Ukraine Ratified the Agreement on Funding the Danube Transnational Programme

On 19 August 2018, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law on ratification of the Agreement on Funding the Danube Transnational Programme (Interreg V-B Danube - CCI 2014TC16M6TN001).

The Law allows receiving funding and implementing projects jointly with the EU as part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, as well as develop communities in the region.

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Communities Received an Online Tool to Assess Their Investment Readiness

Experts from the DESPRO Swiss-Ukrainian Decentralisation Support Project in Ukraine developed an online tool to assess the readiness of communities to economic development.

With the use of that tool, each community may check itself and understand whether it is ready to attract investments.

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10 Small Cities and Amalgamated Communities will Get Expert Assistance for the Preparation of Development Strategies

On 3 September 2018, the Association of Ukrainian Cities, jointly with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) announced of the selection of 10 territorial communities of small cities, including amalgamated territorial communities, to participate in the Facilitation of Strategic Development of Territorial Communities of Small Cities project.

The project experts will help communities to prepare draft development strategies, action plans for their implementation, and relevant monitoring systems free of charge.

The work on the preparation of documents will commence in October 2018 after the competitive selection of communities is over.

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Experts will Teach Representatives of Communities to Apply the Management by Objectives Method to Budgeting

During September and October 2018, with the support of the EU for Enhancement of Local Government Financial Systems technical assistance project, trainings on the application of the management by objectives method to budgeting for representatives of local financial authorities will be carried out in all Oblasts.

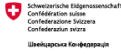
The trainings are aimed at representatives of village, town, and city councils whose budgets have no relations with the state budget.

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The Integrated Spatial Planning for Amalgamated Territorial Communities Programme is Launched

CANactions School for Urban Studies, with the assistance of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme, launched the Integrated Spatial Planning for Amalgamated Territorial Communities Programme.

Representatives of amalgamated communities will learn how to prepare concepts of community sustainable development, plan spatial development, plans for the use of lands and natural resources, strategic concepts of transport and social infrastructure, encourage investments, etc.

The trainings will be conducted with the use of the network of Centres for Local Self-Government Development.

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118 More Communities were Granted a Chance to Get Assistance in the Establishment of Administrative Service Centres

The team of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme engaged in the improvement of quality of administrative services selected 118 communities to provide assistance in the process of upgrading and establishing Administrative Service Centres.

From 24 September 2018, experts of the Programme will pay visits to each of those communities.

During October-December 2018, experts will prepare technical requirement for the establishment of or upgrading Administrative Service Centres, including obligations of the Programme and the community.

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