

# DECENTRALIZATION IN UKRAINE

This monthly newsletter is a brief overview of Ukrainian authorities' work on implementation of Reform #1 in Ukraine



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## Law on the Specifics of State Registration of Local Self-Government Bodies Has Become Effective



On 13 January, the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding the Specifics of State Registration of Local Self-Government Bodies as Legal Entities" has become effective, which law governs the matters arising in connection with the state registration of a newly established local self-government body as a legal entity.

The draft law also remedies defects in terms of legal succession of consolidated territorial communities, their councils, and executive committees.

**"This law creates necessary conditions for the newly established consolidated territorial communities to operate effectively,"** - Vice Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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## The First Elections of Headmen Took Place in Ukraine



On 17 January 2016, the first elections of headmen took place in Ukraine. The elections took place in a town included in the consolidated community in Cherkasy Region, and in a town included in the consolidated community in Odesa Region. The elected headmen, in accordance with the laws, represents the interests of villagers on the executive committee of consolidated territorial communities.

On 24 January, the elections of headmen also took place in 30 consolidated communities in Zaporizhia, Rivne, Khmelnytskyi, and Cherkasy Regions.

**"This is a landmark event. Today, all are looking narrowly at the first consolidated communities, and their success, feelings of the habitants of those communities will become the best evidence that the decentralization is the right way for our state,"** - Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Parliament of Ukraine Volodymyr Groyzman.

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## Powers of Consolidated Communities in Resolving Education Matters Are Expanded



On 20 January 2016, the Government established a new procedure for the operation of educational districts and pivotal general education institutions.

The approved amendments will grant broader powers to the consolidated territorial communities, local self-government bodies and bodies at the district level to resolve matters pertaining to the structure of the general education institutions network.

The matters pertaining to the arrangement for carriage of students and teaching employees by school buses to pivotal schools will be also resolved at the local level. The passed resolution has to satisfy the need of people for high-quality and affordable general secondary education at the local level.

**"These changes will satisfy the need of people for high-quality and affordable general secondary education at the local level. People are looking for immediate qualitative changes in the area of education,"** - Deputy Minister of Education and Science Pavlo Hobzei.

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## The Parliament Adjourned the Voting on Amendments to the Constitution in Terms of Decentralization for the Next Session



On 28 January 2016, the Parliament passed the law on a change in the rules of procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with respect to the procedure for amendments to the Constitution. On the same day, the President of Ukraine signed the law.

In accordance with the law, if a draft law on amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine is previously approved by the Verkhovna Rada and is not considered at the next regular session after its prior approval, then such draft law shall be considered at the next regular session following it.

**"This decision will give us additional 5 to 6 months to discuss the amendments to the Constitution in terms of decentralization more thoroughly, without postponing that matter for an indefinite period of time.** This is quite a responsible position of Ukrainian statesmen," - Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Groyzman.

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