

# DECENTRALIZATION IN UKRAINE

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## Decentralization of Education: A Concept of Establishment of Pivotal Schools Has Come into Being

On 2 March 2016, at the session of the Government of Ukraine, a concept of establishment of pivotal schools was presented. The main objective of the establishment of pivotal schools is to procure the quality of education, equal access to qualitative education, as well as the matters pertaining to resources utilization efficiency.

The concept provides that elementary schools will remain at the place of residence of the child, and students of 5th through 9th grades will go to the pivotal school. The decision on optimization of the educational system in their territory, and on the establishment of pivotal schools will be made by the communities themselves. Concurrently, a respective infrastructure will be established, as well as opportunities for the carriage of students and teachers from the basic school to the pivotal school will be offered. The first outcomes of the establishment of pivotal schools are expected in September.

*"At the current stage, some communities will be able to keep the schools in the form as they are now, but we believe that the future belongs to the pivotal school"*, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Pavlo Khobzei.

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## The Government Has Allocated UAH 1 Billion Subvention for the Formation of Infrastructure between Amalgamated Communities

On 16 March 2016, the Government has determined the procedure for and terms of provision of UAH 1 billion subvention from the state budget to the budgets of amalgamated territorial communities for the formation of their infrastructure.

The funds of the subvention have been allocated between the amalgamated territorial communities in accordance with the formula which takes into account the number of rural population and the area of an amalgamated territorial community.

*"The system of making decisions on the allocation of the subvention is simple and transparent. Every resident of the community will see which projects are funded and how efficiently the funds are used"*, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine - Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Utilities of Ukraine Hennadii Zubko.

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## Local Communities Have Obtained Access to Information on Land

On 24 March 2016, the first territorial community in Ukraine has obtained access to the State Land Cadastre, which access was earlier exercised exclusively by the Land Management Service.

The Obukhiv City Council in Kyiv Region was connected to the Cadastre. The city authority gained the ability to provide citizens with the information on land plots in the territory of the community.

"The granting to the bodies of local self-government of access to the State Land Cadastre is a consistent step in the decentralization of land relations", Head of the State Service for Geodetic Surveying, Cartography, and Cadastre Maksym Martyniuk.

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## Decentralization is One of the Top Priorities of the Government Action Plan for 2016

On 14 March 2016, the Government made public the plan for 2016. The objective tasks which are to be performed by the Government in the course of year constitute the basis of the plan. Each of the tasks covers specific measures, responsible persons, time limits for performance, and expected results.

The decentralization, to which much attention is paid in the document, is one of the priorities of the Plan. In this respect, the document provides for the establishment of an effective management system for regional development, subsequent regulatory support to the decentralization process, accessibility and quality of administrative services, strengthening and enhancement of accountability of the local authority.

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## The Number of Amalgamated Communities Has Increased: The First Local Elections Have Been Held in Ten More Communities

On 27 March 2016, the first local elections of local deputies and heads of communities were held in newly established amalgamated communities. In particular, the expression of will took place in Volynska, Dnipropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Poltava, Rivne, and Kharkiv Regions.

Thus, as of today, 169 amalgamated territorial communities have already been established in Ukraine.

On 24 April, the first local elections will be held in three more amalgamated communities.

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## Geoportal of Administrative-Territorial System of Ukraine Has Gone Live

On 1 March 2016, the geoportal of the administrative-territorial system of Ukraine [atu.minregion.gov.ua](http://atu.minregion.gov.ua) was presented in Kyiv. From now on, all information about the administrative-territorial system of Ukraine is brought together on one information resource.

The information about population centres, topography, motor roads and railways, statutory information regarding changes in the administrative-territorial system, long-term plans for the formation of territory of communities, certificates of income and expense of communities, amalgamated territorial communities, number of educational institutions and other social facilities, budget, amount of subsidies or subvention, etc. has been collected on the portal.

The geoportal is currently being populated and it is subject to updating and monitoring in terms of changes in the administrative-territorial system of Ukraine. It operates in two languages: Ukrainian and English.

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## The First Police Station in Ukraine is Opened in the Amalgamated Community

On 3 March 2016, a pilot project for the establishment of special police stations started in Ternopil region.

In the centre of an amalgamated community, the first police station was set to work due to joint efforts of policemen and representatives of the bodies of local self-government. The establishment of the station will help to bring police squads closer to remote rural areas to the maximum extent possible.

From now on, the residents of neighbouring villages will be able to call in aid the policemen at any time considering that they are on duty round-the-clock.

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