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Supporting Decentralisation in Ukraine: Strengthening the subnational partnership

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THE PROJECT: SUPPORTING DECENTRALISATION REFORM IN UKRAINE

The OECD project will run until 2018 with the aim of helping the Ukrainian authorities implement their decentralisation reforms and strengthen the institutions of public governance at national and sub-national levels across the country. It is jointly implemented by the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and the Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, in close collaboration with the Government of Ukraine. The project is **co-financed by the European Union, and the governments of the Czech Republic, Flanders (Belgium), and Poland.**

■ ABOUT THE EVENT

This capacity-building seminar begins to explore the impact and implementation of Ukraine's decentralisation process at the subnational, and specifically municipal level. It invites Ukrainian subnational officials and policy makers to share their experience in decentralisation reform and impact with respect to administrative capacity, investment capacity and service delivery capacity. In addition, participants have the opportunity to discuss the "pros and cons" of amalgamation, and their objectives for sector decentralisation. Each session combines the Ukrainian experience with practical input highlighting OECD experience, as well as question and answer/breakout sessions. It offers participants a chance to hear how other municipal officials are meeting the challenges and seizing the opportunities associated with decentralisation.

This seminar is the second in a series, held in Kyiv and in regions, over the course of this project.

Simultaneous interpretation in **English and Ukrainian** will be provided during the event.

■ PARTICIPANTS

The target audience are municipal level policy makers and practitioners, and representatives from regional level organisations involved in Ukraine's decentralisation reform process. We are expecting approximately 30-40 participants, a relatively small number that should allow for fluid exchanges of ideas and experiences between Ukrainian stakeholders and OECD experts.

■ REGISTRATION

Participation is free of charge, but **registration** is mandatory. If you wish to participate, please send an email to the OECD's local consultant in Kyiv, Mr. Mykhailo Semchuk at mykhailo.semchuk78@gmail.com, by **Friday, 10 March, 2017**.

■ CONTACTS

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Opening and introduction

Moderator: Maria-Varinia Michalun, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD

10.00-10.15	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Olexandr Kushnir, Deputy Head of Mykolaiv Regional State Administration • Ms. Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD
10.15-11.15	<p>Introduction: Progress and challenges in implementing decentralisation reform in Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Viktoriya Moskalenko, Head of Mykolaiv regional council • Mr. Alexander Syenkevych, Mayor of Mykolaiv City • Mr. Serhii Sakhanenko, Professor of the Department of public administration and local self-governance of the Odesa Regional Institute for Public Administration, National Academy for Public Administration (NAPA) under the President of Ukraine
11.15-11.30	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.30-12.45	<p>Session 1: Decentralisation and economic and social development at the oblast and hromada levels</p> <p>Presentation of Ukraine subnational practice in economic and social development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tatiana Shulichenko, Head of the Department of Economy and Investment, Mykolaiv city council • Mr. Valentyn Boyko, Head of Local Government Development Centre for Mykolaiv <p>Presentation by OECD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD • Dr. Jörn Grävingholt, Senior Researcher, Department of Governance, Statehood and Security, German Development Institute <p>Key questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges to effective regional development and how can decentralisation reform help overcome these? • What changes to economic development and well-being of citizens do you expect to see with decentralisation reform? • What perception do citizens have of decentralisation reform?
12.45-14.00	<p><i>Break for lunch</i></p>

<p>14.00-15.15</p>	<p>Session 2: Fiscal decentralisation and subnational finance: building subnational capacity</p> <p>Presentation of Ukraine subnational experience with fiscal decentralisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Olexandr Dudiuk, Communication consultant of Reform office of the Mykolaiv regional subdivision of the Association of Ukrainian cities <p>Presentation by OECD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Isabelle Chatry, Project Manager, Subnational Finance and Territorial Reforms, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD <p>Key questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has fiscal decentralisation strengthened the ability of Ukraine’s hromadas to more effectively perform their responsibilities? • What are the main financing challenges for local infrastructure? How can they be addressed? • What could be improved with respect to central government funding, own source revenues (local taxes, user tariffs, etc.) and external sources (borrowing)?
<p>15.15-15.30</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>15.30-16.45</p>	<p>Session 3: Public service delivery in a decentralised context</p> <p>Presentation of Ukraine subnational experience with public service delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tetiana Yablonovska, Executive Director of the Mykolaiv regional office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities • Ms. Liudmyla Murakhovska, Chief of Division of administrative services provision of Mykolaiv regional state administration <p>Presentation by OECD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maria-Varinia Michalun, Policy Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD <p>Key questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has Ukraine’s decentralisation process changed the type, quality and ability of public service delivery by hromada? And if so, how? • What is the subnational experience with inter-municipal cooperation for public service delivery? • How could greater inter-municipal cooperation for service delivery support hromadas objectives to ensure a good quality of life for everyone?
<p>16.45-17.00</p>	<p>Conclusions of seminar and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Olexandr Kushnir, Deputy Head of Mykolaiv Regional State Administration • Mr. Alexander Syenkevych, Mayor of Mykolaiv City • Ms. Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Senior Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD