

BRIDGES OF TRUST

Opportunity to establish a new partnership with a Ukrainian municipality

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and PLATFORMA, the pan-European coalition of towns, regions and their associations active in decentralised cooperation, are launching a new project "Bridges of Trust: Empowering municipalities in Ukraine and in the EU through partnerships".

The project supports the establishment of effective bilateral partnerships between municipalities in Ukraine and in the EU member states and will organise and support the following activities in the coming 18 months:

- Bilateral meetings online (fall 2021-winter 2022)
- Study visit to the partner-municipality in the EU (spring-summer 2022)
- Traineeship in the partner-municipality in the EU (spring-summer 2022)
- Two international forums (summer 2021 and 2022)

Municipalities in the EU member states that meet below criteria for participation are invited to express interest to take part in the project.

Opportunities for your municipality

- Acquisition of a new partner-municipality in Ukraine and inclusion into "Bridges of Trust" network of 10 partnerships between municipalities in the EU member states and in Ukraine
- Possibility to showcase achievements of your municipality and share-exchange best practices on national and European levels
- Financial and administrative support for your new partnership in the framework of the project
- Support from European experts on local finances, climate and energy, environment and mobility, gender equality and diversity, and social affairs and digitalisation
- Inclusion into international project and experience in project management

Criteria for participation

- Target countries: **Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Netherlands, Slovakia.**

- Motivation to establish a new partnership with a Ukrainian municipality, to share-exchange best practices, design and implement joint projects
- Size: Small to medium (400 - 50,000 population), non-metropolitan
- Thematic areas of cooperation (to be decided by partner-municipalities): Strategic management, managing human resources, municipal finance, communicating and engaging with citizens and decision-makers, administrative services, education, healthcare, citizens' security and safety / crisis management, economic development, spatial planning and infrastructure development, social cohesion, and rural development
- Capacity to engage: Responsible contact person with knowledge of one of the following languages - English, Ukrainian, German, French, or Russian
- Previous experience of cooperation with municipalities in Ukraine is not required

How to express interest

Interested municipalities should contact Yana Brovdiy, Project Officer, Yana.Brovdiy@ccre-cemr.org by **28 May 2021** in English, Ukrainian, German, French, or Russian.

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