

Coalition for Sustainable Municipalities at URC2024

Finance, people, and partnerships – these three elements are crucial for the sustainable and green recovery and reconstruction of Ukrainian municipalities. At URC 2024, a like-minded group of governments, implementers, associations of cities and regions, and partnership networks formed. They are united by their commitment to work together with Ukraine on enhancing access to finance for municipalities, facilitating municipal human capacity development and enhancing and expanding municipal partnerships.

Members of the **Coalition for Sustainable Municipalities at URC2024** share a joint understanding of good multi-level governance in Ukraine and plan to coordinate their activities in support of Ukrainian municipalities. The aim is to strengthen and scale-up effective collaboration by identifying synergies and avoiding duplications, sharing best practices and lessons learnt and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Members of the Coalition are politically committed to the following principles:

- We agree that strengthening local self-government and completing Ukraine's decentralization reform are a priority in the reform process.
- To empower municipalities for reconstruction, we ensure that municipal capacity development is at the centre of our activities.
- With a view to create synergies, we coordinate our activities with regard to promoting access to finance for municipalities, municipal human capacity development and municipal partnerships.
- To leave no one behind, we pay particular attention to smaller and more vulnerable Ukrainian municipalities.
- We acknowledge that contributions of civil society, international partner municipalities, businesses, and other smaller donors is crucial for Ukrainian municipalities and consider them in our coordination effort.

Members of the Coalition commit to contributing to either financial or technical support of one or more of the following thematic areas:

- **Enhance access to finance** for municipalities to international and national financing for recovery and support for the preparation of project pipelines;
- **Facilitate municipal capacity development** for recovery, e.g., for damage and needs assessments, integrated urban planning, project development, fundraising, project management and implementation etc.;
- **Leverage municipal partnerships** for recovery e.g., initiating new partnerships with Ukrainian municipalities, encouraging collaboration and synergies, leveraging impact by supporting secondments, internships and other peer-to-peer formats.

At URC2024, members of the Coalition for Sustainable Municipalities are newly committing a total of €1.990 billion for initiatives in support of access to finance for municipalities, municipal capacity building and municipal partnerships.



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