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Ukraine – Local Empowerment, Accountability and Development Programme



OBJECTIVES:

The enhancement of the capacities of key stakeholders at the national, regional and local levels to implement the regional policy and decentralisation reforms. This includes vertical and horizontal coordination throughout Ukraine, as well as support to sectoral decentralisation and reform communication



The empowerment of municipalities to deliver high quality administrative services to their citizens aiming to contribute to the ongoing decentralisation reform in Ukraine. For this purpose, the Programme supports up to 600 Administrative Service Centres to live up to the expectations of the citizens and develops IT solutions that facilitate the provision of the respective services



POLITICAL PARTNER: Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine (MinRegion)

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DURATION, BUDGET: 2016 – 2020, €102 million (72.9 million GIZ)



Public investment priorities for improved municipal services and LED

Strand 1

- AH public investment (e.g. expenditure / priorities)
- Status of / engagement with private sector, potential for investment
- 2 surveys (of AHs and businesses) and subsequent analysis

Strand 2 – Geo-mapping (e.g. boundaries of AHs, infrastructure at local level)

Strand 3 – Potentially a “platform” for AH-related data

- **Goal: 1)** Inform policy / decision-makers; **2)** U-LEAD phase II
- **Steps:** Questionnaire and interviews, report
- **Contractor** KIIS; **support** from Regional Centres
- **Target** 665 AHs (elections before 2018); **response** 652 AHs (98%)
- **2,323 project ideas** received for 27.5 bln **UAH**, typical value 4 mln UAH

Survey of businesses

- **Goal:** Establish private sector's view of registration / operation at local level (particularly AHs)
- **Steps:** Mostly questionnaire, report
- **Implementing partner SUP**
- **461 businesses** surveyed, mostly SMEs, majority SME members
- All **oblasts** covered
- Over 40 ideas for **concrete investments** received

Conclusions so far

- Actual capital expenditure does **not match priorities** (e.g. solid waste, water supply)
- Extreme **reliance on UA grant** financing – only 28% funding is “secure” (own resources and transfers).
- Huge unmet **demand** for investment
- Business **over-centralised** in oblast centres, but significant interest in local level (competitive advantages)
- However businesses and local level **not well informed** mutually – support needed for actual investment



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