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“What the war did with Trostianets is a nightmare. Everything is damaged – health centers, dozens of houses, private buildings, and critical infrastructure. Trostianets was liberated, and we will rebuild it even better because Trostianets was always a flagship city in Sumska Oblast. We need our partners' support as never before. Our needs vary drastically since all the economic sectors were affected,” June 2022

Volodymyr Zlepko

Deputy Mayor Trostianets, Sumska Oblast

“Lvivska Oblast hosts internally displaced persons from all over Ukraine, as most of the western regions do. People require support and coordination, and it relates to access to basic needs and living infrastructure. We are thankful to the M4EG Facility for providing support. We continue to work and address the rising needs. There is a fuel shortage; enterprises are moving to the region, health facilities are hosting wounded civilians and combatants, and a vast number of people who fled eastern Ukraine now don't have where to come back and need accommodations. The 'surviving' phase steps into the 'development' phase. Now human resources involved during the first two months are almost exhausted, and we need to put a proper planning and strategic approach,” June 2022

Maksym Terletskiy

Institute of City, Lviv, Lvivska Oblast

Background & translated version of the intro video

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Почни змінювати своє місто вже сьогодні.

Key figures

number of total members / new member	197/75
number of reconfirmed members	122
people reached via comms channel	At least 38,000
number of events / sessions / meetings, workshops, info-sessions	<p>33 events, sessions, meetings, workshops, info-sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Urban Imaginaries workshops and mentorship sessions• Info-session for Urban Imaginaries' grantees on project implementation within LVGAs' procedures• 6 Portfolio learning sessions• 3 Portfolio team working meetings• 4 inspiration sessions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Storytelling for Systems Change;Participatory Foresight;Human Learning Systems;Resource Mobilization• Response and Renewal's Call for Interest announcement• Info-session on municipalities' participation in Response and Renewal Programme;• 5 Response & Renewal Learning Sprint sessions
number of grantees	<p>5 Urban Imaginaries 13 Response and Renewal 1 Portfolio Design</p>

Introduction

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, tens of thousands of people have been killed; many Ukrainian cities have been reduced to rubble, and their inhabitants forced to flee.¹ As of 31 March 2023, 8.2 million refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe. Within Ukraine, 5.4 million people were internally displaced as of the end of January.²

According to Ukraine's second Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment, US\$411 billion is now needed to rebuild and recover from the full-scale Russian invasion. The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine pushed 7.1 million people into poverty and reversed 15 years of development progress.³



Pavlo Petrov / UNDP Ukraine

¹ The UN and Ukraine: year-long war spreads global fallout

² UNHCR Europe situations: Data and trends - Arrivals and displaced populations (March 2023)

³ Ukraine Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment: February 2022 - February 2023

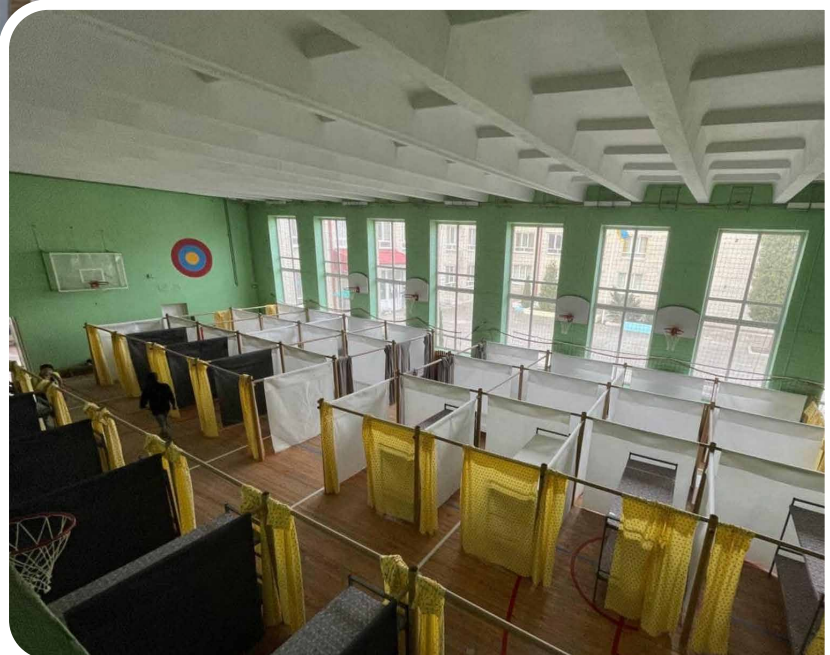
Immediate Response

In early April 2022, the M4EG Secretariat in Ukraine reached out to the 144 members of the M4EG network to identify immediate needs related to crisis response and, in particular, equipping temporary shelters for IDPs, as well as local war-affected populations.

Lviv City Institute



Subsequently, the M4EG Secretariat in Ukraine directly supported around 63 local authorities (LAs) in addressing urgent needs of almost 50,000 people affected by the war throughout the year.



Moreover, United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Community Volunteers were deployed to provide support to 49 municipalities. These volunteers worked closely with municipal and regional authorities to support crisis coordination, including mobilization and distribution of humanitarian aid to war-affected local populations and IDPs, including food and non-food items, accommodation of IDPs, provision of basic services Partnership and support provided by the UNV Coordinator in Ukraine.



Serhiy Perepleytsia / UNDP Ukraine

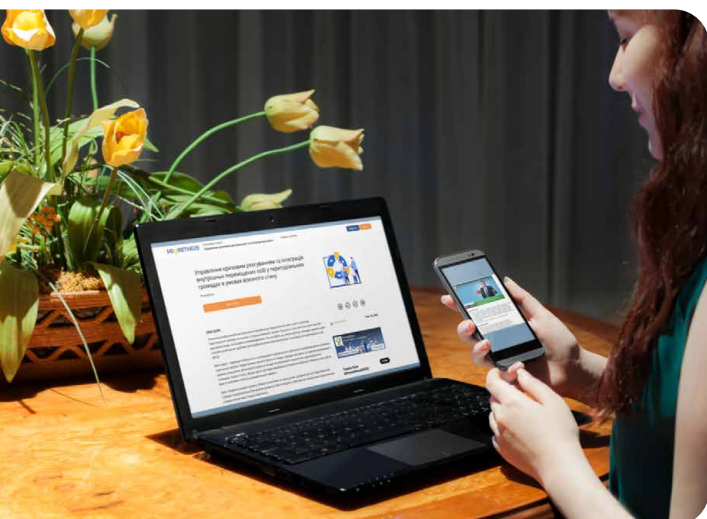


New trajectories

During August-September, municipalities that were selected for the M4EG programmes Portfolio Journey and Urban Imaginaries re-confirmed their desire and readiness to continue the learning and seed-fund journeys.

In October 2022, the European Union provided a financial top-up under the auspices of the Mayors for Economic Growth Facility to support the crisis's immediate response and recovery & long-term renewal of Moldovan and Ukrainian local authorities, including support to Ukrainian refugees and those displaced by the war, throughout 2022-2023. The new funding programme has 2 lots, 1) Response and Immediate Recovery and 2) Renewal and Anticipation of sustainable development pathways and laid the foundations for economic recovery, future sustainable growth and modernisation of cities and communities.

In November, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine have announced the official launch of an online course called “Crisis response management of the territorial community and integration of internally displaced persons under martial law.” The course is designed for local authorities of Ukrainian territorial communities, including the communities which are hosting the IDPs, and covers a number of thematic areas and aspects, such as legal and theoretical basics, as well as practices and cases of crisis response and further recovery in the social and economic domains.



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During the fall, the Lviv city team shared their experience of introducing innovations, running crisis response, and embracing the complexity amid the war. You can read the full article written on behalf of Maksym Terletsyy, acting director of the City Institute, a strategic arm of the municipality and the one behind Lviv's innovations and planning scene here.

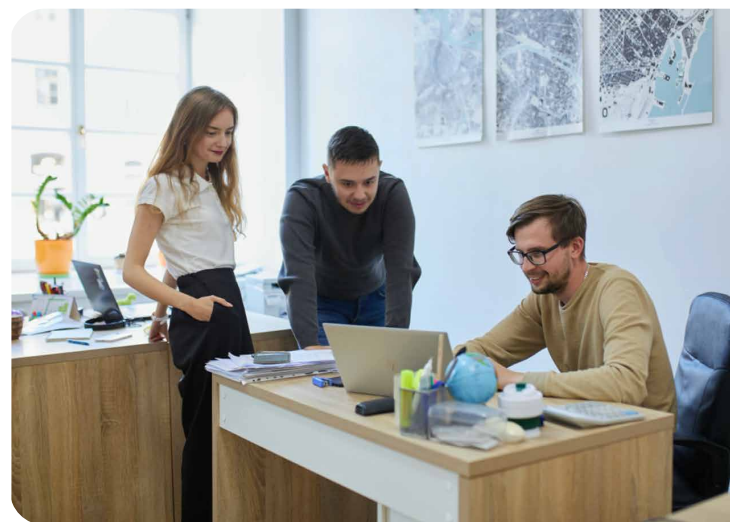
Early April was marked with a holistic reflection blogpost based on the experience of Ukraine cities who were part of prototyping the City Learning Circle from October through December 2022. The City Learning Circle is a series hosted by UNDP Regional Center for Europe and Central Asia (RBEC) and powered by Agirre Lehendakaria Center (ALC) and funded by the EU as part of Mayors for Economic Growth Facility (M4EG) — a joint initiative of the EU & UNDP. The City Learning Circle taps into the work of selected cities participating in the City Experiment Fund — an initiative under the Slovak Transformation Fund, implemented in partnership with the Slovak Ministry of Finance.

In March 2023, the European Commission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced the selection of 13 municipalities from Ukraine under the Call for Local Demonstration Initiatives as part of the EU Response and Renewal Grant Programme aimed at revitalising and supporting the recovery of local economies and communities impacted by Russia's war on Ukraine.

Seven cities were selected under Lot 1 – Response & Immediate Recovery, namely Chortkiv (Ternopil Oblast), Hlukhiv (Sumy Oblast), Kamianets-Podilskyi (Khmelnyskyi Oblast), Slavuta (Khmelnyskyi Oblast), Velyka Oleksandrivka (Kherson Oblast) from Ukraine.

As part of Lot 2 – Renewal & Anticipation, the following 11 cities were selected: Bucha (Kyiv Oblast), Chernivtsi, Kharkiv, Nizhyn (Chernihiv Oblast), Nova Kakhovka (Kherson Oblast), Slavutych (Kyiv Oblast), Velyki Luchky (Zakarpattia Oblast) and Voznesensk (Mykolaiv Oblast).

Throughout April-May, the selected municipalities for the programme went through 4-weeks of learning sprints to validate and strengthen their ideas, receive grants for the activities and participate in the sensemaking sessions to build peer-to-peer learning and explore further opportunities for partnerships.



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Overview of grants/seed-funds and thematics:

Local authority	M4EG Programme	Thematic/focus of grant/seed-fund
Chortkiv (Ternopil Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Improvement of social services for vulnerable people (IDPs and people in difficult living conditions). Creation of "Center for Social Services" in the Chortkiv community
Hlukhiv (Sumy Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Creation of the favorable living conditions for short term/long term accommodation of IDPs and conflict -affected population in Glukhiv City of the Sumy region
Kamianets-Podilskyi (Khmelnyskyi Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Social integration of IDPs into the community of Kamianets-Podilskyi through creation of the Municipal Resource Center for IDPs support for provision of the wide range of social, humanitarian, legal and other assistance
Slavuta (Khmelnyskyi Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Creation of the conditions for the economic and social integration of IDPs to the Slavuta Territorial community. Support of IDPs' self-employment at the local level
Velyka Oleksandrivka (Kherson Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Restoration of the full range of administrative and public services in the Velyka Oleksandrivka Urban Village of the Kherson oblast
Bucha (Kyiv Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Provision of the wide range of rehabilitation services to the population of the Bucha territorial community . Establishment of a "new space" in the Bucha Community - Complex Rehabilitation Department on the basis of the Bucha Consultative and Diagnostic Center (procurement and installation of rehabilitation equipment)
Chernivtsi	Response and Renewal	Support of adaptation and integration of IDPs and conflict-affected population to the local community of Chernivtsi through involving them in the activities of the newly-created Community Cohesion Center
Kharkiv	Response and Renewal	Support of the war-affected Kharkiv on its way to the sustainable modernization and restoration. Support of the City Master Plan's Development

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Nizhyn (Chernihiv Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Improvement of employment and socio-psychological adaptation of women-IDPs through the creation of a Communal Enterprise for Sewing Clothes in the Nizhyn community
Nova Kakhovka (Kherson Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Creation of the opportunities for the organizational support of IDPs from the Nova Kakhovka Territorial Community of the Kherson oblast
Slavutych (Kyiv Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Creation of a complex cross-sectoral management mechanism for crisis response in the Slavutych Community of the Kyiv oblast
Velyki Luchky (Zakarpattia Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Increase of economic activity and tourist attractiveness of the Velyki Luchky community through involving residents and IDPs to the joint activities of the "Center for Collection, Processing and Realization of wild plants"
Voznesensk (Mykolaiv Oblast)	Response and Renewal	Creation and implementation of the digital model of Voznesensk City and establishment of stable interconnections of different processes in it
Mykolaiv	Portfolio Journey	Deep Blue Transformation
Lviv	Urban Imaginaries	Integration of IDPs into hosting community
Trostanets	Urban Imaginaries	Improved MSMEs support services
Sumy	Urban Imaginaries	Digitalization of healthcare services provision
Melitopol	Urban Imaginaries	Improved access to admin and social services for members of a temporarily occupied community
Poltava	Urban Imaginaries	Creation of an open green public space for interaction between IDPs and local people of hosting community



M4EG Ukraine synopsis

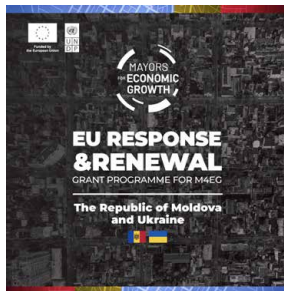
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Ukraine: Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment

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Onepager the “EU Response and Renewal Grant Programme for M4EG”

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