

Connective Cities

GIZ Insight Session on Current Situation and Response of the Ukrainian Cities to Russian Invasion

Venue: Virtual meeting using BigBlueButton

Date: **17 May 2022**

Draft Agenda

Virtual Platform:

BigBlueButton (BBB): <https://community.connective-cities.net/en/node/1181>

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Language:

English, German & Russian (simultaneous)

Background

Being a tried-and-true partner of Connective Cities Program, Ukraine has been pushing its ambitious development plans towards meeting Agenda 2030/2050 goals, while being constantly involved in activities held under the SEE Regional Network Program. Over the timeframe of past three years (2019-2022), Connective Cities has worked closely with more than 15 cities and municipalities across Ukraine. Having been some of the most engaged and collaborative members of two Learning Processes as well as the Covid-19 Program, these following municipalities are part of the most prominent members of our network: Kiev, Vinnytsia, Lviv, Krasnopilya, Kamenets-Podolsk, Novohrad-Volynskyi, Trostianets, Brovary, Boratyn, Chortkiv, Pyriatyn, Cherkas, Pologhy, Zhytomyr; Drohobych, Kharkiv, Sambir and a lot more being part of our communication streams. However, all ongoing and planned mutual activities with some of these municipalities have been forfeited due to the current atrocious war.

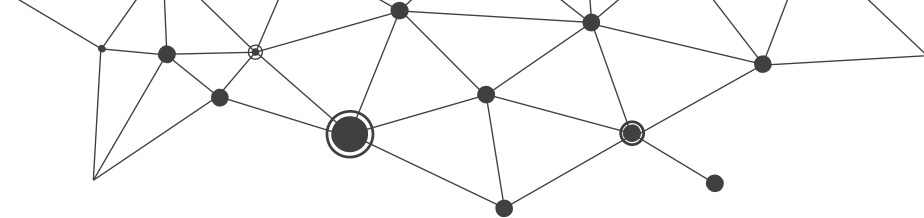
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Since Russia launched a full-scale military invasion into Ukraine on February 24, 2022, aggression has caused over nine hundred civilian deaths and pushed millions of Ukrainians to flee to neighbouring countries. The current conflict has severely strained relations across the region and increased the risk of a wider European conflict. Additionally, the conflict in Ukraine will have broader ramifications for future cooperation on critical issues like arms control, cybersecurity, nuclear non-proliferation, energy security and the environment.

Hundreds of thousands of people in Ukraine lack food, water, heat, electricity and medical care, while temperatures fall below freezing at night, threatening the well-being of all. Despite the fact that Ukraine and humanitarian organizations working there have received an outpouring of international support, including donations of cash and critical supplies, it has been identified that severe predicaments are still stalling the execution of safe and exhaustive humanitarian assistance procedures. These issues have been brought to our attention through our local partners in the municipalities and projects that Connective Cities has been collaborating with.

Workshop Objectives:

The aim of this insight session and the following session afterwards are to raise awareness on the current state of needs in Ukraine and the potential assistance that can be provided by the regional community members.

Through this session we would like to explore trustworthy pathways of assistance provisions. During the session, representatives of international organizations, currently actively assisting safety assurance of citizens in Ukraine will talk about prevailing issues and needs on the ground.

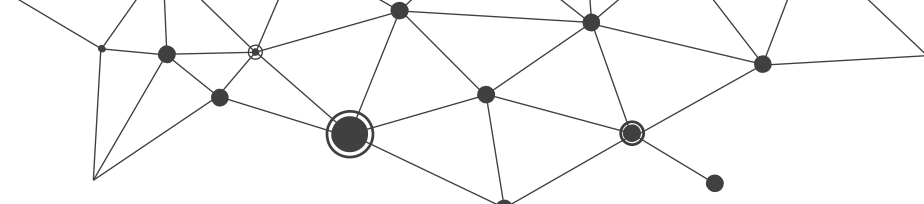
The session will also build upon the findings and practices collected within the Crisis Management cluster of Connective Cities COVID-19 municipal response activities that have taken place in the region in-between August – December 2021 and how this experience could be tailored for the Ukrainian scenario. Last but not the least, the session will draw its main focus on how you as an international community member can support Ukraine and its citizens to cope with the current emergency setting and recover shortly thereafter.

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| Time (all times in CEST) | Agenda | Key participants |
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| 09:45-10:00 | Registration of events participants, system check, Technical details of the platform | All participants Ms. Jasmin Naghmouchi , think modular – digital solutions GmbH |
| 10:00-10:10 | Opening of the event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Formal welcome</i> ○ <i>Introduction of the event</i> ○ <i>Presentation of agenda</i> | Mr. Stefan Bannach , Moderator of the Event Ms. Ricarda Meissner , GIZ Connective Cities Senior Project Manager |
| 10:10-10:25 | A brief review of the Connective Cities Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What is the SEE network about?</i> ○ <i>Ukraine's role in the network</i> ○ <i>How can the network support its Ukrainian members amidst the war?</i> | Dr. Irakli Samkharadze , GIZ Connective Cities Regional Coordinator |
| 10:25-10:45 | Presentation on the current situation in Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Good practices from Lviv for responding to the needs of IDPs, sustainable and smart mobility solutions, relocated business, informal education</i> ○ <i>Good practices from Boratyn for responding to the needs of establishment of shelters for migrants, the development of the volunteer movement in the community</i> | Mr. Maksym Terletsy , Acting Director at City Institute Lviv, Ukraine Ms. Olha Tsuz , Boratyn Municipality, Ukraine |
| 10:45-10:50 | Q&A Session | Facilitated by the moderator |
| 10:50-11:20 | International perspectives and new <i>modus operandi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How western world will tailor its development cooperation towards the Ukraine? ○ Future vision of the international community ○ Implemented and planned assistance | Mr. Ian Bond , Director, Foreign Policy Centre for European Reform (London, UK) Ms. Amanda Paul , Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (Brussels, Belgium) Mr. Denis Cenusa , Affiliated expert, Eastern Europe Studies Centre (Vilnius, Lithuania) |
| 11:20-11:35 | German Government perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How is Germany reacting to mitigate the effects of the war on the people and how | Ms. Barbara Baumbach , Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) |

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| | Germany's support will be shaped within the next months? | |
| 11.35-11:50 | Short break | |
| 11:50-12:20 | Panel Discussion Sharing the findings collected within the Crisis Management cluster of Connective Cities COVID-19 municipal response activities – what can we learn from COVID crisis management and transfer the knowledge to manage the crisis in Ukraine Discussing already implemented multiple responses and other Activities in Ukraine | Dr. Giorgi Khishtovani – Research Director, Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG) Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze - Senior advisor, Georgian Center for Strategy and Development (GCSD) Mr. Tornike Sharashenidze – Professor, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) |
| 12:20-12:25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wrap up and the next steps ○ The potential ways of assistance | Facilitated by the moderator |
| 12:25-12:35 | End of the event and closing remarks | Ms. Ricarda Meissner , GIZ Connective Cities Senior Project Manager Dr. Irakli Samkharadze , GIZ Connective Cities Regional Coordinator |