



UNECE



Draft – 1 June 2023

1

# PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING –

**UN4UkrainianCities - “Enhancing urban planning in the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv in Ukraine by supporting to the implementation of the new master plans and facilitating investments in sustainable urban infrastructure”**

**Date:** 5 June 2023

**Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. CET

**Place:** Geneva, H-307-1

## BACKGROUND

In 2022, UNECE established the UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv initiative to support the Ukrainian national and local governments in their efforts to prepare for rebuilding and reconstruction of Ukrainian cities. Since April 2022, on the request of the Ministry of Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure, UNECE is implementing two pilot projects in the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv. The UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv Task Forces, coordinated by UNECE, support work of international and Ukrainian architects, engineers and other experts on the development of reconstruction master plans for the two cities.

The objective of the UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv initiative is to support the national government and the two cities to build back better following a balanced, evidence-based, participatory approach that links emergency and long-term strategic objectives. The initial, preparatory work in 2022 was funded by the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (RPTC). The activities from 2023 to end of 2024 are funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The project will comprise five components:

1. Support to revisions of the national policy framework for the integrated urban planning; and development of an online platform containing a Toolbox for reconstruction of Ukrainian cities
2. Economic and social assessment: Impact survey-based assessment of the socio-economic impact of the war on Kharkiv and Mykolaiv
3. Formulation of pilot projects and identification of investors: Support to the implementation of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv reconstruction master plans, including formulation of concrete projects
4. Capacity building and public involvement in planning rebuilding of the cities
5. Monitoring of implementation and investments: Development of an investment tracker.





UNECE



The project kick-off meeting aims to bring together the main project partners and city representatives as well as national level representatives to discuss and fine-tune the different activities of the project.

### LANGUAGES:

English and Ukrainian, with simultaneous interpretation.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

---

### 09:00-09:45 Opening and welcome

- *Yevheniia Filipenko*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva
- *Katharina Stasch*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- *Jochen Flasbarth*, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (video message)
- *Natalia Kozlovska*, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure (online)
- *Paola Deda*, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE
- *Ihor Terekhov*, Mayor of Kharkiv (online)
- *Oleksandr Syenkevych*, Mayor of Mykolaiv

### 09:45-10:00 Information about “Integrated Urban Development in Ukraine II” project

- Erik Schweikhardt, Project Director, “Integrated Urban Development in Ukraine II”

### 10:00-11:00 Detailed presentation of the project UN4UkrainianCities

- *Gulnara Roll*, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE

*Questions and comments.*

*Discussion of the project components.*

### 11:00-11:30 Coffee break





UNECE



Draft – 1 June 2023

3

**11:30-12:45 Planned activities on the development of the master plans of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv under the project UN4UkrainianCities**

**Kharkiv**

- *Alberto Cendoya and Diego Lopez Urruchi*, Architects, Architecture, Design and Technology Unit, Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain
- *Stuart Smith*, ARUP Berlin
- *Olga Demianenko*, Director, Department for Cooperation with International Agencies and Financial Institutions, Kharkiv City Council

**Mykolaiv**

- *Ana Paez*, Programme Manager, One Works, Milan, Italy
- *Yevhen Poliakov*, Deputy Chief Architect of Mykolaiv
- *Tetiana Shulichenko*, Head of Economic Development Department, Mykolaiv City Council

**12:45-13:00 Wrap-up and Conclusions**

**13:00-14:30 Lunch break**

**14:30-17:00 Workshop organized by the Geneva Cities Hub “What has been lost and achieved in one year?” at the Villa Rigot, Avenue de Paix 9 (please see separate agenda)**

---

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE (gulnara.roll@un.org) with cc to Melanie Steinkemper (melanie.steinkemper@un.org).

