

Call for Participation

Connective Cities Workshop

Resilience in times of war - Municipal expert exchange on strengthening resilience and capacity for reconstruction of cities and municipalities in Ukraine

16. - 18. July 2024 | Warsaw, Poland

Overview

Connective Cities* invites municipal experts from Ukraine, Germany, and Europe to participate in the workshop on "Resilience in times of war - Municipal expert exchange on strengthening resilience and capacity for reconstruction of cities and municipalities in Ukraine" in the framework of municipal project development, taking place from July 16 to 18 in Warsaw, Poland.

The upcoming event will build off the previous event in November 2023, organized by Connective Cities, during which municipal practitioners from Ukraine developed initial approaches for local solution options in exchange with experts from Germany and Kosovo.

The conference aims to enable participants to develop their own project ideas along the themes of Local business promotion and location development, Promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and Urban development and infrastructure promotion (see thematic areas on p. 2).

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Participation and Contact

Participants are asked to apply and, if possible, to provide a brief overview of their professional expertise and/or best practices from their cities. You are also welcome to submit projects in the subject areas mentioned.

We encourage the participation of up to two experts from the relevant municipal departments, who may be accompanied by a partner from the relevant ministry, civil society, the private sector, or utility companies.

The deadline for applications is **15. May 2024**.

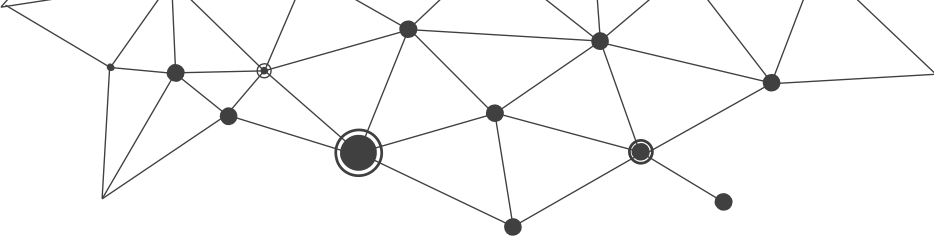
Connective Cities will cover the costs of accommodation, transport, and meals for the days of the conference, including the day of arrival and departure.

Please send your application or any questions to

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Thematic Areas

The workshop aims to draw upon proven measures from municipal practice and use the expertise and experience of the participants to strengthen and optimize municipal solutions. Above all, specialist knowledge from the following areas is required:

- **Local business promotion and location development:**
 - Municipal business and investment climate
 - Analysis of the requirements of the local private sector for municipal strategies
 - Promotion of the private sector
 - Creation of a transparent regulatory framework for business start-ups
 - Development of a regional development strategy with a focus on economic development (possibly through cooperation with neighboring regions)
 - Support in the identification of competitive advantages and cluster development strategies as well as supply chain development
 - Provision of location marketing and local business development services
Support in accessing public funding for companies

- **Promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency:**
 - Promote greater collaboration between city governments, private companies and financial institutions to support and expand renewable energy projects (public-private partnerships, PPPs)
 - Opportunities for local production and use of energy sources
 - Training building managers and maintenance staff in energy-saving practices to ensure sustainable efficiency improvements
Creating incentives (tax breaks or subsidies) to encourage individuals and SMEs to invest in renewable energy projects

- **Urban development and infrastructure promotion:**
 - Simplified planning procedures for the commercialization of land
 - Infrastructure development to support the economy (roads, access to ports, trains and airports)
 - Planning pilot projects (using small-scale projects as models of success for wider change)
 - Developing methods for effective communication strategies with citizens and businesses (programs to engage local communities in energy efficiency initiatives)
 - Development of digital infrastructure at local level, including through cooperation with technical and scientific institutes and universities