

Sustainable development of regions: Creation of a future settlement by means of unification of territorial communities and implementation of innovative initiatives by agents of change

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Abstract

Purpose: Over the last 3-4 years, Ukraine has started and substantially advanced towards decentralization of public administration and has made a meaningful transformation of the local government system. The union of territorial communities has created basic conditions for effective self-government. This article is focused on identifying trends in the process of enlargement of territorial communities in Ukraine as a whole and in its individual regions. As a result of reviewing current decentralization practices and acquiring new features of the local government system, it is necessary to search for effective tools and models for ensuring the sustainable development of larger communities. **Methodology:** The survey reviewed current reform practices, analyzed changes and conducted comparative analysis, applied a simple-to-complex approach, and modeled new organizational forms of sustainable community development.

Conclusions: Clear results were obtained on different levels of the regional hierarchy - from the village to the small town of regional importance, which indicate presence of significant potential in the development of the Kyiv region, which requires a gradual transition to the second stage - introduction of derivative organizational forms for areas of cohabitation with determination of the main purpose - ensuring sustainable development of regions. Implications: A broad overview of the successful practices of territorial transformation has led to an understanding of the implementation of derivative measures, namely the attraction of additional resources through the implementation of innovative projects on the socioeconomic development of UTC. It is the creation of communities of the future, as pilot projects for the sustainable development of the Kyiv region, that becomes an effective tool for implementing decentralization reform in Ukraine. Criteria for effective implementation of the new community format are the creation of additional jobs, even settlement of suburban territories, implementation of social policy of the state to provide housing for the most exposed and vulnerable categories of citizens (students, displaced persons, combatants, single mothers), use of energy efficient technologies, socialization of people, who do not see themselves happy in the future.

Keywords: sustainable development of regions; decentralization; united territorial communities; innovative communities of the future; energy efficiency of production and socialization of citizens

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