

Start of an educational programme for the development of resilience in Ukraine's housing sector

The Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO e.V., Germany) has conducted the first sessions of the training programme in the framework of the project "Strengthening Urban Resilience in Housing", which is being implemented on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The programme suggests a series of thematic webinars for representatives of Ukrainian cities that were selected according to the geographical scope of SUR project. Invitations to participate were sent to 20 cities that met the project criteria, and applications were received from 17 cities, demonstrating the high relevance of the project topic. Before the start of the programme, an information session was organised for all potential participants, during which the project, its objectives and organisational aspects of participation were presented in detail.

The Strengthening Urban Resilience in Housing project aims to help Ukrainian cities strengthen their ability to respond to housing challenges caused by both the effects of the war and long-term structural problems. The main objectives of the project are to deepen understanding of the problems of the housing sector and possible solutions through familiarisation with European practices, comprehensive analysis of housing resilience, and formulation of strategic goals for sustainable development.

The educational webinars are expected to cover key topics of urban housing sustainability, improvement of housing management systems, peculiarities of sustainable housing reconstruction and creation of new forms of affordable and social housing. Each webinar will combine expert presentations, discussions of European practices, and practical homework to help apply the knowledge gained in future municipal projects.

Expert support in webinars is provided by leading Ukrainian and international experts in the field of housing policy, urbanism, law and economics.

As a result of the programme, the most active participating cities will not only deepen their knowledge of modern approaches to housing management but will also have the opportunity to undergo an in-depth housing needs assessment and, together with experts, formulate strategic goals for sustainable housing development in their communities.

Reference:

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