



## PLATFORMA Coordination workshop 14-15 December 2015, Kyiv (Ukraine)

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### Background note

Many actors are involved in Eastern European partner countries (in particular in Ukraine) to support local and regional governments and their associations in the process of decentralization and capacity building. Under its partnership agreement with the European Commission (DG DEVCO-EuropeAid) PLATFORMA undertakes to ensure a role of coordination of decentralised cooperation actors, some being members of PLATFORMA but some also from outside of the network, or outside the European Union, in order to seek out synergies between different actions and to capitalize on their outputs and proceedings.

A meeting of practitioners and project managers representing actors and stakeholders in the Eastern European Neighbourhood region is being organised in December 2015 to map complementarities and synergies between existing and planned activities in Ukraine, and to seek better coordination between all actors, donors and the beneficiaries. Further events will be organised in the course of the PLATFORMA action in coming years in Georgia and Moldova to facilitate horizontal exchange of information between decentralised development actors, local governments and their associations in the respective three countries as well as among them, in priority areas of interest identified in partnership with local and regional governments and their associations.

### Objectives

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1. Learn about current programmes and projects of cooperation with the local and/or regional governments, or their associations, implemented in Ukraine by European local and regional governments, their associations and other relevant actors.
2. Discuss a practical thematic mapping of international (decentralised) cooperation to be used as a tool for coordination between all actors, donors and beneficiaries in the Eastern Neighbourhood region in general, and in Ukraine in particular.
3. Assess further needs and possibilities for exchange of information, project outputs and deliverables, best practices and other tools in order to support coordination and capitalization on the results obtained.
4. Assess the needs and possibilities for cooperation among local and regional governments and their associations in the Eastern Neighbourhood countries as well as the relevance of existing initiatives and their outputs and results for other countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood region.

