



Kyiv Participates in the ELDW

We are happy to inform, that Kyiv City Council filed for participation in The "European Local Democracy Week" (ELDW) and is willing to obtain 12 "Star" status.

ELDW is an annual European event coordinated by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. Within the framework of the event, the participants conduct various events with the main aim of enhancement of the dialogue with the local citizens and their involvement into governing processes. The main events will take place in October, stated the Secretary of Kyiv City Council, Mr. Prokopiv.

"We will strive to obtain the main achievement – "12 Stars". It is intended to highlight the commitment with which a municipality raises its citizens' awareness of local democracy, the role of local councillors and the opportunities provided by participatory democracy. For now, it is clear that we have some attainments to be proud. For instance, within the last year, we turned into reality the Public Budget through successful competition and selected 62 projects that are in the process of implementation. It is worth to mention, that together with local citizens we created a new and more efficient way to review e-petitions. By the way, Kyiv e-petition system is the most advanced among Ukrainian cities and beyond that, we work on the enhancement of the local initiatives and public hearings in order to attract citizens to solve important issues of the city of Kyiv. This is how we broaden the role of local population in regional democratic processes." noted the Secretary of Kyiv City Council.

Mr. Prokopiv highlighted that within the framework of promotion of local democracy, the special department of Local Governance & International Relations was created. Such a great step forward had become real because of the fact that Kyiv closely cooperated with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

The Secretary of Kyiv City Council mentioned, "We pursue the objective to show that our local and European ways to do self-governance does not counter but supplement each other. It goes notwithstanding, that we are aimed to win the ELDW, but also encourage councillors of the Kyiv City Council to lend an ear to the citizens and draw the attention of the European states to important problems of local democracy in Kyiv."

The City of Kyiv has more than half a year to create and deliver the activity plan of the participation in the ELDW.

NB: The ELDW takes place around the 15th of October as a tribute to the European Charter of Local Self-Government, which was opened for signature on that date in 1985. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is responsible for strengthening local and regional democracy in its 47 member states and for the coordination of the ELDW.