

MEMORANDUM OF PARTNERSHIP
and the establishment of a Platform for the Sustainable Development of Coal Towns of Donetsk Region

Pokrovsk, Donetsk region

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This Memorandum on Partnership and Establishment of a Platform for Sustainable Development of Coal Towns of Donetsk Region (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") is concluded between the **Vuhledar Town Council** of Donetsk Region, represented by Mayor Andriy Silych, **Dobropollia Town Council** of Donetsk Region, represented by Mayor Andrii Aksionov, **Myrnohrad Town Council** of Donetsk Region represented by Mayor Oleksandr Brykalov, **Novohrodivka Town Council** of Donetsk Region represented by Mayor Lyudmila Biletska, **Pokrovsk Town Council** of Donetsk Region represented by Mayor Ruslan Trebushkin, **Selidove Town Council** of Donetsk Region represented by mayor Viktor Remizov, **Donetsk Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry** represented by Vice-President Alla Kaliberda, **NGO "Dobropillia Youth Center "DOBRO"** represented by its Chairman Volodymyr Oros, **NGO "Platform of Initiatives "MOVE"** represented by its Head Anton Kukhlev, **NGO "Vuhledar City Development Agency"** represented by its Director Fedor Sorokin.

BASED ON the results of the working meetings of the Parties, on the experience of structural transformations in communities within the framework of the **project "New Energy - New Opportunities for Sustainable Development of Donbas"**, the following common challenges for coal towns of Donetsk Region were defined:

- **mono economy** and high level of dependence on coal industry;
- **low awareness** of the population about socio-economic risks for coal mining towns associated with the global low-carbon track of economic development;
- **threat** of unemployment rate increase due to technological and structural changes in the coal industry;
- **proximity** of the territories to the area of the Joint Forces Operation, consequently, the low level of investment attractiveness due to the threat of conflict escalation;
- **increasing** environmental footprint as a consequence of the coal industry activities;
- **high levels** of greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change;
- **considerable** concentration of dust in the air due to proximity of gob piles.

ACKNOWLEDGING the world development trends associated with the processes of economy decarbonisation according to the Paris Climate Change Agreement: reduction of global warming rate, in particular, keeping the average world temperature well below +2°C from pre-industrial level,

RECOGNIZING the great potential of coal mining towns to become active participants in the processes of energy transformation, due to the availability of professional staff, considerable

industrial experience, a compact settlement structure, energy infrastructure, “miner's spirit” and identity,

AND

CONSIDERING THAT the Parties are committed to **implement** the principles of sustainable development; **strengthen** partnership through social and economic development of the communities; **transform** the image of territories through the study of authenticity - "code of the city"; **raise** the level of well-being of the population by:

- stimulation innovative enterprises development;
- economy diversification;
- deployment of advanced energy efficient technologies;
- further development of social programs to support those who find themselves in dire straights due to structural changes;
- raising the level of environmental safety;
- improvement of communities' infrastructure management;
- introduction of social innovations;
- implementation of new approaches in education, in particular, modernization of educational programs and introduction of major disciplines that meet market demand.

THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREED to create a Platform for the Sustainable Development of Coal Towns of Donetsk Region in order to achieve the following:

- to develop a scenario and strategic approaches for implementation of just structural transformations as a long-term perspective for development of the territories;
- to unite efforts of local authorities, representatives of civil society and business for cooperation with donor organizations;
- to implement joint projects aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- to promote goals, objectives and concept of the National Report "Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine" (in particular, Goal 3 - "Strong Health and Well-Being", 4 - "High Quality Education", 8 - "Decent Work and Economic Growth", 9 - "Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure", 11 - "Sustainable Development of Cities and Communities", 13 - "Mitigation of Climate Change", 15 - "Protection and Restoration of Onshore Ecosystems").

The parties determine the following:

1. Responsibilities of local authorities:

1.1 To promote the development of partnership with local communities of various legal types;

1.2 To contribute to the achievement of the goals set forth in the Memorandum;

1.3. To provide access to city infrastructure objects;

1.4 In case of necessity and within its powers to prepare and provide the information required for the implementation of the Memorandum within the limits of legislation of Ukraine;

- 1.5 To Identify responsible persons for coordination and cooperation;
- 1.6 To make every possible effort to mobilize additional financial and material resources to achieve the institutional, technical and adaptive capacity of the Sustainable Development of Coal Towns of Donetsk Region;
- 1.7 To make results of the cooperation public.

2. Responsibilities of civil society organizations:

- 2.1 To support involvement of public authorities, local authorities, representatives of civil society and business into the development process and technical assistance projects within the framework of the goals of the Memorandum;
- 2.2 To provide relevant institutional support;
- 2.3 To attract additional financial and other material resources within the scope of their capabilities for the implementation of the Memorandum;
- 2.4 To provide relevant advisory and technical assistance;
- 2.5 To promote establishment of joint standing or interim working groups for the purpose of implementing this Memorandum;
- 2.6 To make results of the cooperation public.

3. General provisions:

- 3.1 Participants determine the extent and form of their participation;
- 3.2 The Parties shall facilitate improvement of Ukraine's legislation, necessary regulatory legal acts, acts of local governments to achieve the above mentioned goals of the Platform;
- 3.3 In the case of financial relations for the implementation of specific works (tasks), the Parties shall conclude separate contracts;
- 3.4 Each of the Parties shall have the right to unilaterally suspend the performance of duties under this Memorandum or to terminate this Memorandum by written notification to other Parties if there are reasonable grounds to believe that any of the above mentioned Memorandum arrangements and guarantees are or to be breached;
- 3.5 All disputes concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be agreed through dialogue and negotiations;
- 3.6 The Memorandum may, with mutual written consent of all Parties, be amended and supplemented by relevant annexes, which form an integral part of this Memorandum;
- 3.7. None of the Parties shall have the right, without a written consent of other Parties, to transfer to third parties their obligations and rights under this Memorandum or a part thereof;
- 3.8 This Memorandum is concluded in accordance with the current legislation, the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine "On Local Government in Ukraine", guided by the principles of the rule of law, social partnership, openness and transparency;
- 3.9 This Memorandum shall come into force upon its signing by the Parties and shall remain in force until it is fully implemented.
- 3.10 In addition to the Parties that are signatories of this Memorandum, at the stage of the Platform's establishment the organizations: Germanwatch (Germany), Center for

Environmental Initiatives "Ecoaction" (Ukraine), Luhansk Regional Human Rights Center "Alternativa" (Ukraine) are identified as partners contributing to the realization of the goal set out in the Memorandum.

This Memorandum is signed in the amount of 10 (ten) authentic copies, one copy for each of the Parties, which are equally valid.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING, the representatives of the parties put personal signatures under this Memorandum.

SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES:

Mayor of Vuhledar	A. Silych
Mayor of Dobropillia	A. Aksionov
Mayor of Myrnohrad	O. Brykalov
Mayor of Novohrodivka	L. Biletska
Mayor of Pokrovsk	R. Trebushkin
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