



About Cities4Cities



Cities4Cities is an international initiative co-founded in September 2022 by partners from Ukraine, Sweden, and Germany: the city of Lviv, SALAR International with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the city of Sindelfingen under the patronage of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.



For almost 4 years we have been creating networking opportunities for Ukrainian municipalities to meet and develop cooperation with peers abroad, increase capacities of Ukrainian local governance for international cooperation and advocate for more opportunities to use municipal partnerships as an effective tool to meet Ukraine's strategic goals both in Ukraine and with Ukraine's international partners.

Our Mission:

1. **Build Partnerships** – we help municipalities establish cooperation with cities in the US and Europe.
2. **Strengthen Capacity** – we train local leaders in project management, EU integration, and working with international donors.
3. **Amplify Local Voices** – we advocate for Ukrainian communities internationally.

How we do that:

1. **Cities4Cities Academy** – online training in project management, EU integration, and community development (4,500+ participants).
2. **Online platform** – 550+ communities with English profiles on cities4cities.eu.
3. **Idea Residencies** – workshops for identifying priority community projects.
4. **International outreach** – mayoral visits, summits, and advocacy missions.
5. **Partnership Forums** – events that connect Ukrainian communities with international municipalities and organizations.

Our network includes:

550+

Ukrainian municipalities

8

countries



Lviv city council



US-UA partnerships

Ongoing US-UA partnerships

- **Revived ties:** Paradise (CA) – Boryslav, Santa Rosa (CA) – Cherkasy.
- **New partnerships:**
 - Ulster County, New York – Chernivtsi region
 - Monterey (California) – Shabo (Odesa region) – cooperation in the field of local economic development and municipal management;
 - Bexar County, Military and Veterans Services (Texas) – Poltava Veterans Center (Poltava region) – exchange of experience in the field of care and reintegration of veterans;
 - Worcester (Massachusetts) – Kherson (Kherson region) – partnership in crisis management, security, and recovery;
 - King’s School (Connecticut) – Gostomel Lyceum (Kyiv region) and School of Free and Caring (Lviv region) – educational cooperation that develops intercultural dialogue between young people of the two countries.

Infrastructure for Effective Partnerships (what we provide)

- Community Match Team
- Partnership Development Protocol
- Capacity building programs
- Mentorship and facilitation



Meeting between Santa Rosa (CA) – Cherkasy

Our partners in the US

As part of this work, Cities4Cities has been actively cooperating with the **Open World program**, which has already engaged representatives from 10 Ukrainian communities.

Additionally, a **Peace Corps Virtual Service Pilot Participant** plays a vital role in supporting Cities4Cities by establishing connections with U.S. communities, identifying potential partner municipalities, and strengthening bilateral communication.

Recently signed a Strategic Alliance Agreement with **ICMA** (International City Managers Association). Under this partnership, Cities4Cities and ICMA will collaborate on virtual city exchanges, co-production of content and webinars, mutual media support, promotion of gender equality in local governance, and annual reviews to align goals and priorities.

