

Integrating environmental sustainability and climate change considerations into strategic planning of sustainable development of amalgamated territorial communities in Ukraine

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The state policy of Ukraine in the field of local self-governance envisages meeting the interests of residents of territorial communities and transferring to local self-governments more powers, resources and responsibilities. This policy is based on the provisions of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and the world's best standards of public relations in this area. In this regards, strategic planning of sustainable development of local communities has to take into account natural-geographical features of the territory, natural resources availability, level of economic development, and other factors. During last decades, climate peculiarities and, in particular, trends in climate change are becoming an important component of development initiatives. Summarizing an experience in integrating climate change considerations into strategic documentations of Amalgamated Territorial Communities (ATC), it is important to emphasize that assessment of resilience and adaptive capacity of the communities to the climate change is based on the implicit and explicit impact caused by weather phenomena. In general, the ATC have limited access to climate information at the local level, while living standards and job availability are largely dependent on climatic conditions. All these processes require the appropriate response from authorities, communities, the businesses, and such reaction must be reflected in the development strategies and action plans of the territories and communities. In these circumstances, one of the main roles of ATC is to ensure that climate risks are taken into account and the responsive actions are prepared. Assessment and management of an environmental risks, including those related to climate change, are especially necessary in regions that are already experiencing environmental stress or will be exposed to such risks in nearest future (first of all, in semi-arid, coastal and mountain regions). This paper focused on the discussions of the assessment of the climate risks, to which ATCs are exposed in different regions of Ukraine

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