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NEWS

On March 2, 2013 has suddenly died Volodymyr Chayka, the Mayor of Mykolayiv, a member of Strategic Council of the Center. Volodymyr Chayka has supported the idea of establishment of PPP Development Center in Ukraine, actively participated in the work of the Strategic Council till his sudden death on March 2, 2013. Just before that we have discussed with him new opportunities of using PPP instruments for infrastructure projects implementation in Mykolayiv.

The Center shares the pain of the loss with family and friends of Volodymyr.



SWITZERLAND

The 5th session of the Team of Specialists on PPP

On February 5-6, 2012 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva took place the 5th session of the Team of Specialists on PPP.



At the session it was discussed the current state and development perspectives of PPP as an important instrument of efficiency increasing of investment projects implementation, public authority bodies' performance, cooperation and ensuring of social unity in the society.

It was carefully analyzed the activity of International Center of Excellence on PPP of UNECE. Special attention was paid to the discussion of issues related to reconstruction of the Palais des Nations that was built in based on PPP in 30-s of the last century.



Leading experts of the international organizations and countries has spoken about using PPP in different areas, in particular, in field of regional development, water supply systems and other communal infrastructure,

renewable energy sources use, introduction of "green" technologies etc. It was reflected the first experience of activity of the specialized PPP centers, perspectives of development of the network of such centers, preparation of recommendations of improvement of legislation, institutional support of PPP in the UNECE region countries as well as implementation of PPP development project in Belarus under the support of UN.

It was discussed and approved the work plan of team of specialists till 2015, determined the date of the next meeting (in February 2014).



V. Oleshchenko, a member of the Board of the Center, took part in the meeting. He has informed the participants about the 2nd international conference Speed uppp Ukraine that will take place in Kiev on April 11-12, 2013.

It was conducted bilateral consultations with many of the participants interested in further cooperation on PPP issues.



UKRAINE

Cooperation with the Association of the Ukrainian Cities



On February 27, 2013 it was signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in field of assistance to PPP development in the territorial communities between the Association of Ukrainian Cities and the Ukrainian PPP Development Support Center.

The Memorandum was signed by I. Zapatrina, the Chairman of the Board of the Center and M. Pitsyk, the Executive Director of the Association.



The subject of the Memorandum is organization of long-term cooperation aimed at improving of life level in the territorial communities of Ukraine by overcoming the obstacles and creating favorable conditions for PPP development in Ukraine.

According to the Memorandum, the priority cooperation directions are determined the following:

- Institutional and organizational support of PPP;

- Preparation of proposals to improve the current PPP legislation;
- Assistance to financial stability of the territorial communities;
- Organization and conduction of educational events, conferences, consultations, meetings, forums, participation in events to spread information on PPP.



To implement the above priority direction the Association will:

- Monitor problem issues in field of PPP, analyze them, prepare proposals to solve them and initiates changes to the legislation of Ukraine aimed at improvement of conditions for PPP implementation in Ukraine;
- Organize PPP related events and attract experts of the international technical assistance projects etc.;
- Accumulate the best PPP practices and spread it among the Ukrainian cities, state authority bodies etc.

The Ukrainian PPP Development Support Center will:

- Take part in review of PPP legislation, perform scientific expertise of draft laws and other normative-legal acts, programs and projects for the efficiency of PPP mechanisms stipulated by them;
- Participate jointly with the Association in formation of public opinion on the role and place of the state, the local governments and private business in implementation of socially important projects based on PPP;
- Provide consultations to the Association members on issues

related to PPP projects preparation, spread the results of own scientific and analytical PPP researches among the Association members.

The Memorandum also stipulates establishment of Coordination Group on PPP Development Support in Ukraine from the representatives of the Center and the association. The Group will have meetings twice a year.

Coordination Group on PPP development issues

The Association of Ukrainian Cities and the Ukrainian PPP Development Support Center have jointly established Coordination Group on PPP development issues. The members of the Group: Myroslav Pitsyk, the Executive Director of the Association, Igor Parasiuk, economic expert of the Association, Irina Zapatrina, the Chairman of the Board of the Center and Vyacheslav Oleshchenko, a member of the Board of the Center.

It was approved perspective directions of PPP development in Ukraine

By the Decree of the President of Ukraine dated March 12, 2013 #128/2013 it was approved the National action plan for 2013 regarding implementation of Program of economic reforms for 2010–2014 “Prosperous society, competitive economy and efficient state”.

The plan stipulates the measures on improvement of PPP mechanism, in particular:

- development and approval of Concept of PPP development in Ukraine for 2013-2018 (the performance term – June 2013);
- development and submission for review of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of draft law of Ukraine on Strategy of PPP development in Ukraine and the corresponding action plan (the performance term – December 2013).



PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP: EVENTS IN UKRAINE AND ABROAD

Committee hearings on issues of improvement of concession legislation in field of housing and communal services

On March 20, 2013 in the Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on regional policy, construction and housing and communal services took place Committee hearings regarding development of concession legislation in field of housing and communal services.

Irina Zapatrina, the Chairman of the Board of the Center has spoken on the issue of discussion of provisions of draft law of Ukraine on peculiarities of rent and concession of centralized objects of heat supply, water supply and sanitation and on the urgent tasks of legislation development aimed at creation of favorable conditions for private sector attraction to housing and communal sector.

The conclusion on the result of the hearings is the following: the current Law is not perfect and requires improvement and it cannot facilitate the private sector participation in housing and communal infrastructure modernization. The members of the hearings (peoples' deputies of Ukraine, science) have admitted that the most urgent task in PPP development in housing and communal sphere is system work on improvement of legislation. This task was specified as a priority task for the activity of the profile committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. It gives us a hope that in the nearest future the expression of interest to PPP will transfer into the real projects in field of housing and communal services.

RUSSIA

It was registered the 1st in Russia informational agency on PPP issues

In late February 2013 the Federal informational agency on PPP issues "PPP INFO" has received the state registration number. The initiator of establishment of the Agency is PPP Development Center.

The Agency is the operator of two informational projects: Federal portal "Infrastructure and PPP in Russia" (www.pppi.ru) and Federal "PPP Journal" (www.pppjournal.ru).

In addition, the Informational agency will become organizer and co-organizer of public events on PPP and infrastructure development and to provide complex informational support to regional administrations and private companies.

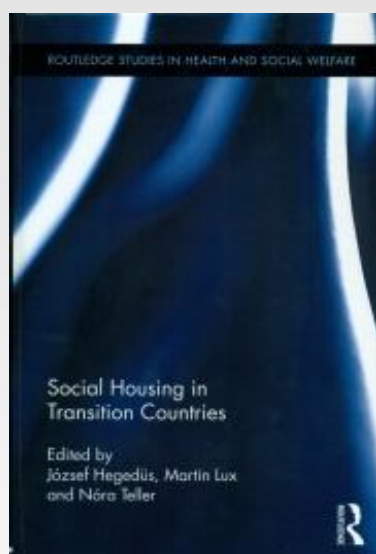




PUBLICATIONS

It was published collective monograph "Social Housing in Transition Countries" (Routledge)

The book includes a paragraph prepared by Irina Zapatrina, the Chairman of the Board of the Center "Ukraine: Waiting Lists without Housing"



In the magazine "Demography and social economy" No. 2 (18), 2012 it was published the article: Mantsevych Y., Zapatrina I. "Development of state support of housing programs in Ukraine".

The article may be found at the web-site <http://www.idss.org.ua/journal/journal.html>

Under preparation is monograph of V. Sazonov "Public-private partnership. Civil-legal, administrative-legal and financial-legal aspects"

Vsevolod Sazonov is a PhD in law, advocate and the Chairman of the Moscow regional Bar «Sazonov, Markin and partners», a President of the Non-profit Fund "Support the Welfare and Health of the Nation "Sodeystvie", a member of the Expert Board of the Committee on Ownership Questions of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, a member of the social council of the Centre of social procedures "Business against

Corruption" of the Russian public organization "Delovaya Rossiya" ("Business Russia").

In the Library of portal "Infrastructure and PPP in Russia" it was published an article of I. Zapatrina "Harmonization of approaches to PPP development in CIS countries".

The article may be found at the web-site www.pppi.ru "Library"

In the Russian Federation it was produced the 1st issue of electronic PPP journal. The journal is dedicated to the issues of infrastructure modernization and PPP development in Russia.

The journal may be found at the web-site: <http://www.pppjournal.ru/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11-12, 2013

The 2nd international conference "Speed uPPP Ukraine"

The organizers of the conference: Institute for PPP (Poland), Ukrainian PPP Development Support Center and PPP Development Program of USAID. The conference will be conducted under the patronage of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine, the Kyiv City State Administration, the Association of Ukrainian Cities and the State Agency for Investment and National Projects of Ukraine.

For the program of the conference as of December 2012 please visit our web-site (www.ukrppp.com)

April 8-27, 2013

Qualification increasing courses "Management of PPP projects in the regions of the Russian Federation" in Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow). Details on <http://www.pppinrussia.ru/main/events/meropriyatiya/closeup/210>

