

XVII UBC General Conference

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

on the example of cooperation between the
Convention of Heads of Municipal Enterprises NGO -
CHME (Ukraine) and the Gdansk Foundation (Poland)

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► Utilities play a special role in providing critical infrastructure services in wartime.

► War brings various difficulties and challenges, here are the main ones:

- EMPLOYEE SAFETY
- INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE, INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY, SEWAGE, ENERGY, GAS SUPPLY, ROADS
- LIMITED ACCESS TO RESOURCES, INCLUDING MATERIAL, FINANCIAL, AND HUMAN
- LOSS OF PERSONNEL DUE TO MOBILIZATION, EVACUATION, INJURY AND DEATH
- INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND ELIMINATING THEIR CONSEQUENCES
- ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, ETC





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- ▶ After this, our cities should live again
- ▶ This task should be performed, first of all, by rescuers and workers of communal services
- ▶ In this case, Zaporizhzhia city

▶ **Borodyanka** a town with a population of **13,000 inhabitants**, through which several thousand heavy armored vehicles passed in February - March 2022 - it was the main route to Kyiv. During the occupation, more than **350 civilians died here**.



GDANSK TOOK THIS TOWN UNDER ITS PROTECTION ...

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► Technical assistance, building materials, humanitarian aid ...



► RECEIVED KHARKIV,
KHERSON, IZYUM, KRYVYI
RIH, ZAPORIZHZHIA,
POKROVSK,
KRAMATORSK,
BORODYANKA,
VYSHHOROD ...



▶ WE WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES AND THE UNION OF POLISH METROPOLISES.

▶ DURING WORKING VISITS TO UKRAINE, WE VISITED MORE THAN 20 CITIES, SIGNED AN UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF CITIES OF UKRAINE, THE ASSOCIATION OF SMALL CITIES OF UKRAINE, THE UNION OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS OF UKRAINE



Kyiv, November 8, 2022



Kryvyi Rih on July 17, 2023



FURTHER JOINT ACTIVITIES AND APPEALS TO THE UNION OF BALTIC CITIES

- Continuation of joint activities to provide technical and humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian cities affected by Russian aggression
- Organization of training, internships, exchange of best practices for managers and specialists of local self-government bodies, communal enterprises, scientists and public activists on preparing Ukraine for joining the European Union
- **We appeal to all UBC members to participate in such activities. Together we can do it better**

With deep gratitude and respect, the Gdansk Foundation (Poland) and the Convention of the Heads of Municipal Enterprises NGO (Ukraine)

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

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