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Paweł ŻABOKLICKI**

*About membership in
Union of the Baltic Cities*

Dear Mr. ŻABOKLICKI!

On behalf of the Rubizhne City Military Administration and myself, I express my respect to you and address the following.

In the conditions of global transformations, the participation of local self-government bodies in international cooperation associations is an effective tool for the exchange of experience and access to European practices of high-quality and effective local management, which in the future will allow the implementation of projects aimed at improving regional policy and local self-government.

On the path of reconstruction and socio-economic development, establishing strong international ties is very important. Partnership relations will contribute to establishing Ukrainian-German cooperation at the local level in the economic, cultural, humanitarian, and social spheres and implement best management practices.

The experience of the fruitful work of the Union of the Baltic Cities in developing cooperation and mutual assistance, strengthening the potential of participating cities, and promoting the establishment of partnerships within the framework of the Union is inspiring. Therefore, I am addressing you, Mr. ŻABOKLICKI, with a request to consider the entry of the Rubizhne City Territorial Community into the Union of the Baltic Cities.

Rubizhne is a regional subordination industry city located on the left bank of the Siverskyi Donets River. It was founded in 1896.

Rubizhne is a logistically developed city and is known for its railway station.

Before the war, the leading branches of the industry were chemical, pulp, and paper. The city is famous for its rich natural resources, oil, and gas-bearing structure.

The total area of Rubizhne city is 35 km², the population of which, before the war, was 59 thousand inhabitants.

The city's wealth is an extensive educational, cultural, sports, and healthcare institution network. Rubizhne is a sports city with sports palaces, sports schools, and worldwide sports.

Rubizhne is famous for its green plantings and coniferous forests surround the city.

Today, the Rubizhne City Territorial Community is going through a difficult period in its existence, as the territory has been occupied by Russian troops since 2022. Despite the difficulties, the military administration is working hard to ensure livelihoods and restore the community, whose residents were forced to evacuate to territories under the control of the Ukrainian government.

However, during this time, we have already succeeded in reviving the activities of health care, education, and cultural institutions by introducing humanitarian programs and opening humanitarian headquarters. Also, the military administration actively supports the Defense Forces of Ukraine, allocating 55% of the community budget to their needs.

The Rubizhne City Military Administration is just beginning to establish international cooperation to introduce best practices and exchange of experience. Rubizhne already has positive cooperation experience with international organizations: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), International Organization for Migration (IOM), IsraAID. Also, the Rubizhne City Territorial Community has twin cities in Ukraine: Dolyna and Chervonograd.

Rubizhne City Territorial Community and its City Military Administration official site: <https://rmva.gov.ua>

We have great hope, dear Mr. ŻABOKLICKI, regarding supporting our proposal, which will open up new opportunities and prospects for development and establish reliable and long-term relations. The Rubizhne City Military Administration is open and ready to cooperate in various forms and directions, and I will be grateful for any help and attention.

I believe that the Rubizhne City Territorial Community will take a worthy place among the Union of the Baltic Cities members.

Best regards,

**Head of the
Military Administration**



Andrii YURCHENKO