

Call for Proposals:

Weimar-plus Partnerships with Ukraine

Partnerships with municipalities in Ukraine are an important instrument to build local skills and knowledge. European municipalities benefit from innovative hands-on solutions and the state-of-the-art knowledge of the Ukrainian partners. While Ukrainian municipalities learn from their European counterparts about EU-standards and processes.

At URC2026 in Gdansk, France and Germany with the political support of Poland launched the "Weimar-plus Partnerships with Ukraine" call for proposals as joint deliverable in the context of the local and regional dimension of the conference. The call invites multilateral municipal partnerships with at least one Ukrainian municipality and two municipalities from Weimar Triangle countries– France, Germany, and Poland – to jointly apply for funding for a joint project in the Ukrainian partner municipality.

The initiative will enable municipalities to work together on practical solutions for local development, public services, reconstruction, resilience and economic recovery, while fostering long-term partnerships and peer-to-peer exchange across Europe. The projects should be based on the needs of Ukrainian municipalities and build on locally defined priorities as well as specific reconstruction and development challenges. The expected funding range per project is between EUR 50,000 and EUR 200,000. Up to 90% of the total costs can be funded; at least 10% must be contributed as own or third-party funds by the participating municipalities.

Applications can be submitted from July to September 2026 within the respective national funding systems. Each national entity is responsible for its own procedures and contracts. France provides funding through the Local Government and Civil society Department (DCTCIV) in the **Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs**(MEAE). In Germany, funds will be made available via the **Service Agency Communities in One World**(SKEW) tasked by Germany's **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development** (BMZ). Poland's **Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy** is a strategic partner. Polish municipalities, eligible for trilateral partnerships, are invited to participate in the call and provide in-kind contributions.

The Weimar-plus Call for Proposals was jointly launched by France, Germany, and Poland during the political level meeting of the **European Council of the Regions'** "European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine."

- The French call is published at: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/presse-et-ressources/decouvrir-et-informer/actualites/ukraine-recovery-conference-2026-appel-a-projets-weimar>
- The German call is published at <https://skew.engagement-global.de/weimar-plus-partnerschaften-mit-der-ukraine.html>