



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

Brussels, *date of official registration*

Dear Member,

I would like to begin this letter by expressing my sincere gratitude for your continued efforts and the dedication you have shown in supporting Ukrainian people and organising summer camps for Ukrainian children over the past four years.

Thanks to the remarkable commitment of EU cities and regions welcoming Ukrainian children into their communities, summer camps have brought moments of genuine hope and joy to their lives. These moments have been equally felt and shared by the hosting communities. Since 2022, [the CoR-AUC Summer Camps initiative](#) has grown from hosting 1250 Ukrainian children to more than 3000 annually across 50 cities in 16 Member States. These are not just statistics, they represent individual stories of children who were able to leave air-raid sirens behind and experience the peace and safety of our communities. Each summer camp project has shown that providing a safe environment to play and interact with their European peers is a powerful act of solidarity and defiance against the cruelty of the ongoing war. At the same time, the summer camps offer more than just temporary respite. They provide the opportunity for Ukrainian children to experience that Europe is their home, a place where they belong and a community that will help them rebuild their country.

After years of relentless missile attacks and disrupted schooling, children are missing the sense of safety and normality needed to overcome uncertainty and build a hopeful future. Against this backdrop, “standing with Ukraine” and providing support to its people must remain our unwavering commitment for as long as necessary. This continued support is essential for rebuilding Ukraine and supporting its path towards European Union membership.

In this context, I strongly encourage each of you to continue this vital initiative which makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of Ukrainian children and powerfully demonstrates our solidarity with Ukraine. To help us showcase your efforts across the CoR communication channels, I invite you to share your plans and experiences from the summer camps at SupportUkraine@cor.europa.eu, and to provide visual materials from your activities through a [dedicated EU survey](#).

Finally, should you require any advice and practical assistance, the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) - whose experience and coordination have been indispensable to the success of this initiative - will be delighted to support you at summercamps@auc.org.ua.

By joining forces, we can provide the Ukrainian people with the support they need most and ensure that this year’s summer camps serve as a vivid demonstration of our cities’ and regions’ enduring solidarity with Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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