



# Kyiv City Council

**V. Prokopiv: Kyiv has been awarded with a certificate as the "12-stars" partner by the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe.**



The capital of Ukraine has been awarded with a certificate as the "12-stars" partner by the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe. The certificates are awarded to the cities that demonstrate high level

of citizen involvement in local democracy development and join the European Local democracy Week. «Seventy-four partners from 20 countries took part in the contest» - noted the Deputy Mayor – the Secretary of Kyiv City Council Volodymyr Prokopiv during the plenary meeting and handed the award to the Mayor of Kyiv.



“It was the first time Kyiv filed for participation in ELDW and was highly estimated and awarded as a 12-star partner. The main topic of the ELDW in 2017 was “Citizen participation, consultation and commitment: for a thriving local democracy”. And on this count Kyiv has a lot to be proud of. Public budget, e-petitions, local initiatives and public hearings – with the help of these tools we involve citizen in decision-making processes.” – mentioned the Deputy Mayor.

Within the framework of the European Local Democracy Week over 30 city-wide events took place and more than 100 events were held in 10 districts of the city of Kyiv (including round tables, forums, festivals, master-classes, workshops, open days, etc.) Generally, ELDW holds events during the week early October, Kyiv ELDW 2017 extended for month and a half.



“Over 500 advertising mediums were installed in the city in order to inform the citizens on the ELDW. We have developed and manufactured more than 15 000 brochures for the ELDW campaign. Youth forums “Step towards cooperation” and “M-18” were held as well as World Culture Festival that gathered over 30 diplomatic and diaspora representatives. In September, during the official opening of the ELDW a meeting with the Head of the Council of Europe Office to Ukraine Marten Ehnberg took place. During the meeting accords were reached to further cooperate with the Council of Europe Project “Citizen participation engagement in the decision-making process” – noted the Head of the Department for decentralization, local self-government development, regional and international relations of the Kyiv city Council secretariate Maryna Chernyshova.



The annual coordination meeting of the European Local Democracy Week and “12-stars” partners awarding was held on 5 February in Paris. The participants have had the opportunity to report their activities and indicate proposals for 2018.

In 2018 Kyiv has also filed for the Europe Prize and is a strong candidate to be awarded. This award is designed for active promotion of the European ideal by municipalities.

For more details on the ELDW-2017 [events](#).

The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) is an annual pan-European event where local and regional authorities from all 47 member states of the Council of Europe and beyond organise public events to meet and engage with their citizens on issues of current interest. The aim is to promote and foster democratic participation at local level.

