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**IMPROVEMENT OF THE LEGAL REGULATION MECHANISM
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDING
IN UKRAINE IN THE CONDITIONS OF DECENTRALISATION**

The main objective of cooperation among organizations, donor countries and recipients that is implemented in terms of international technical assistance is to ensure a harmonious relationship with developing countries. For them, international technical assistance provides an opportunity to obtain the best practices of industrially developed countries and implement them during the reform period. Also, it is a unique tool for local communities to undertake the initiative and build the infrastructure of any smallest territorial unit.

According to Draft law No 2217a, «On Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (decentralization issue)» a community, directly or through local authorities:

- manages community-owned property;
- approves and allocates local budgets and so on.

Given the ratified EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, there should be more legitimate reasons to participate in projects aimed at developing depressed rayons of the country.

In their works, such economists as L. Kisterskii, T. Lypova, O. Palyuh, N. Komar, A. Bazylyuk, O. Mynenko consider the problems of Ukraine's integration into international structures. In the field of law studies, M. Myhailiv, I. Bratko, M. Koriukalov, D. Borisova determine the legal principles of international technical assistance. Within the framework of political sciences, M. Vasileva studies the fundamentals of the foreign aid system in foreign policy priorities of specific countries. In terms of public administration, not much scientific research has been carried out recently. Some aspects of international assistance are explored in the works by V. Kniazev, R. Voitovych, P. Kazhmyrkevych, N. Borodchuk, K. Plosskyi.

The paper objective is to examine the discrepancies in legislation, organizational and legal regulation of international technical assistance in Ukraine within the framework of decentralization in order to put forward proposals aimed at getting territorial communities involved in managing technical assistance projects and analyzing the impact on sustainable development.

Recently in Ukraine the domestic reforms have been undertaken in all the spheres of political and economic life. The military conflict in Eastern Ukraine, ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, information and communication technologies era have

influenced the Ukrainian people's mindset and forced them to mobilize resources, unlock the hidden potential, find new opportunities and look at familiar things from an alternative perspective. Given the above-mentioned, a new organizational and legal regulation system of international technical assistance is urgently needed. Decentralization involves transfer of decision-making functions and resources for their implementation to local authorities. We are aware of the fact that resources are always scarce, however, regions should benefit from the improved organizational and legal mechanisms of international technical assistance to actively work towards finding alternatives within the law of Ukraine to solve the current social and economic problems.

The formalist and incompetent attitude to the documents regulating the technical assistance sphere results in an unaccounted quantity, quality, cost estimates and outcome of projects that operate in the regions of Ukraine, as well as those that could have been implemented.

Taking into account the latest scientific research, it is reasonable to:

- adopt the Law of Ukraine «On international technical assistance» which will coordinate the activities of both central and local authorities aimed at regulation of international technical assistance;
- make amendments to the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No 153 of 15.02.2002 on delegating responsibility to local administrations and local governments to conclude agreements (memoranda, minutes) on technical and economic cooperation between a donor and a recipient;
- adopt the procedure for training and advanced training of experts in project management with involvement of communities, NGOs, business entities, representatives of the authorities concerned with the relevant training programs;
- provide technical assistance by the state of Ukraine to the countries, which might need it.

Thus, a study of the impact of foreign aid on the sustainable development of Ukraine in the context of decentralization, information society and transition economy might be the subject of further research in the said area.