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MAIN DIRECTIONS OF REFORMATION
OF THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN UKRAINE BASED
ON FOREIGN EXPERIENCE

In the modern world, multilevel systems of public administration are becoming increasingly popular, in which relations between levels of public authority are built on the basis of a clear delimitation of the functions and powers of each, the definition of responsibility areas and guarantees of their activities. Within the formation of multi-level management, a local level as the closest to citizens and their needs occupies a special place. In developed countries, local self-government has a great functional load: it strengthens the foundations of democracy and civil society, creates conditions for the vital needs and interests of the population, stabilizes the political system, and is an important mechanism for ensuring the unity of the country.

Local self-government is the basis of a state democratic system, which ensures the right of a citizen to directly participate in public administration at the local and regional levels. Development of local self-government, strengthening its role in the implementation of state regional policy and territorial management is a key condition for the development of a democratic state on the principles of decentralization and subsidiarity.

The purpose of the article is to analyze the main directions of reforming the system of local self-government in Ukraine based on the experience of foreign countries.

One of the main national priorities of Ukraine is a course on European integration. For its implementation, the efforts of all state bodies and, in general, the bulk of Ukrainian society are directed today. But the progress of Ukraine in this way cannot always be called successful, which actualizes the need for a thorough analysis of obstacles, own shortcomings and miscalculations, which have inhibited and continue to hinder the process in its various directions, in particular, in the sphere of reforesting the system of local self-government. That is why the developed local self-government institution is one of the most reliable guarantees of efficiency of the system of multilevel governance in the European Union. Meanwhile in Ukraine, despite the long period of existence of the self-government institution, it has not yet become an effective and, most importantly, an independent element of public administration.

The expediency of reforming the local self-government system stems from systemic changes that are associated with the society transformation from totalitarianism to democracy. Today, the implementation of reform in the system of local self-government in Ukraine requires systematic training in the scientific, methodological and organizational aspects. To develop the effective local government, it is necessary to create capable self-governing structures at the local level. Therefore, the formation of a real local government, based on the principles of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, is one of the most important and complicated tasks of building Ukraine as a democratic state.

Thus, it is possible to formulate proposals on the further implementation of the local self-government reform in Ukraine:

- to provide broad information and explanatory work on the issues of local self-government reforming and territorial organization of power;
- to develop and approve at the legislative level the national system of monitoring and professional evaluation of the state policy, programs and projects in Ukraine, which would include the establishment of national standards for evaluation, the procedure for conducting, dissemination and use of results, the creation of appropriate regulatory, organizational and resource provision of evaluation mechanisms;
- to promote the development of municipal management, increasing the level of professional competence of local self-government officials and local council members using the best domestic and European practices;
- to improve the content, forms, methods, means of local self-government officials' training in order to provide local self-government with modern management personnel;
- to modernize professional programs aimed at training and professional development of specialists in the field of local self-government;
- to promote the dissemination of best municipal practices and techniques in the field of local and sustainable development, as well as intensify work on participation in the preparation and implementation of projects of international technical assistance aimed at sustainable development of local self-government.

Therefore, the continuation of the implementation of the policy of reforming the of local self-government system in Ukraine should become an effective factor in stabilizing the socio-economic situation, overcoming the contradictions between different levels of government, and promoting the efficiency of using budget funds at all levels of government.

The main tasks of reforming the local self-government system in Ukraine are to complete the formation of capable territorial communities throughout the country, to strengthen the institutional and resource capacities of communities, introduce strategic planning of the development of the local self-government system, to build community infrastructure, and to improve the quality of providing the full spectrum of public services to the population.