



**DIALOGUES
FOR URBAN CHANGE**

**NATIONAL
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
POLICY**



D4UC Peer-Learning Network



**Specifics of the
Ukraine-Germany
Network**



What do we want to achieve?

Dialogues for Urban Change (D4UC)

Based on the [Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities \(2007\)](#) and the [New Leipzig Charter \(NLC\) \(2020\)](#), the [German Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building \(BMWSB\)](#) is working with various partner countries on selected topics of international urban development. One measure in this context is the project “[Dialogues for Urban Change \(D4UC\)](#)”, which is implemented by the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#).

D4UC aims to promote international dialogue on sustainable, integrated urban development, and encourages municipal action. This process is carried out by using innovative learning and exchange formats between national authorities, municipalities, and municipal umbrella organisations of the selected partner countries. At the same time, national urban development policies are strengthened through jointly gained insights from municipal practice as well as international impulses.



Starting at the end of 2021, new network relays will be initiated with partners in the USA, South Africa and Ukraine, based on bilateral agreements between the ministries. All networks are also intended to contribute to the implementation of the New Leipzig Charter (NLC) and its focus on the common good.



“It is about basic principles that are crucial in practice: the integrated approach as a guarantor for common good orientation and participation as the basis of local democracy.”

Dr. Oliver Weigel, BMWSB, Germany

How does it work?

The learning networks each comprise up to eight cities (three to four per country), which regularly exchange ideas with national authorities and city associations over a period of up to 24 months. The focus is on joint learning based on one existing project example per city. The participating cities bring their examples as “case givers” into the so-called real laboratories (living labs).

In the living labs, the network participants learn together throughout the entire period—they advise each other on their implementation approach, share good practices, develop ideas together and put them to the test. Guided by the project team, participants accompany the implementation of the project examples by consulting each other in face-to-face workshops, on-site assignments, and virtual peer consultation meetings. Issues identified by the networks are closely related to the project examples and revolve around specialist topics of integrated urban development.

Through the consistent involvement of national authorities and city associations, the framework legislation relevant for implementation is at the same time openly but also critically discussed and reviewed. In addition to mutual support, the work of the networks thus has an impact far beyond the circle of participants. The insights gained from the projects are discussed with representatives of the national government level in the respective countries, which feeds them into national urban development policies and their implementation programs.

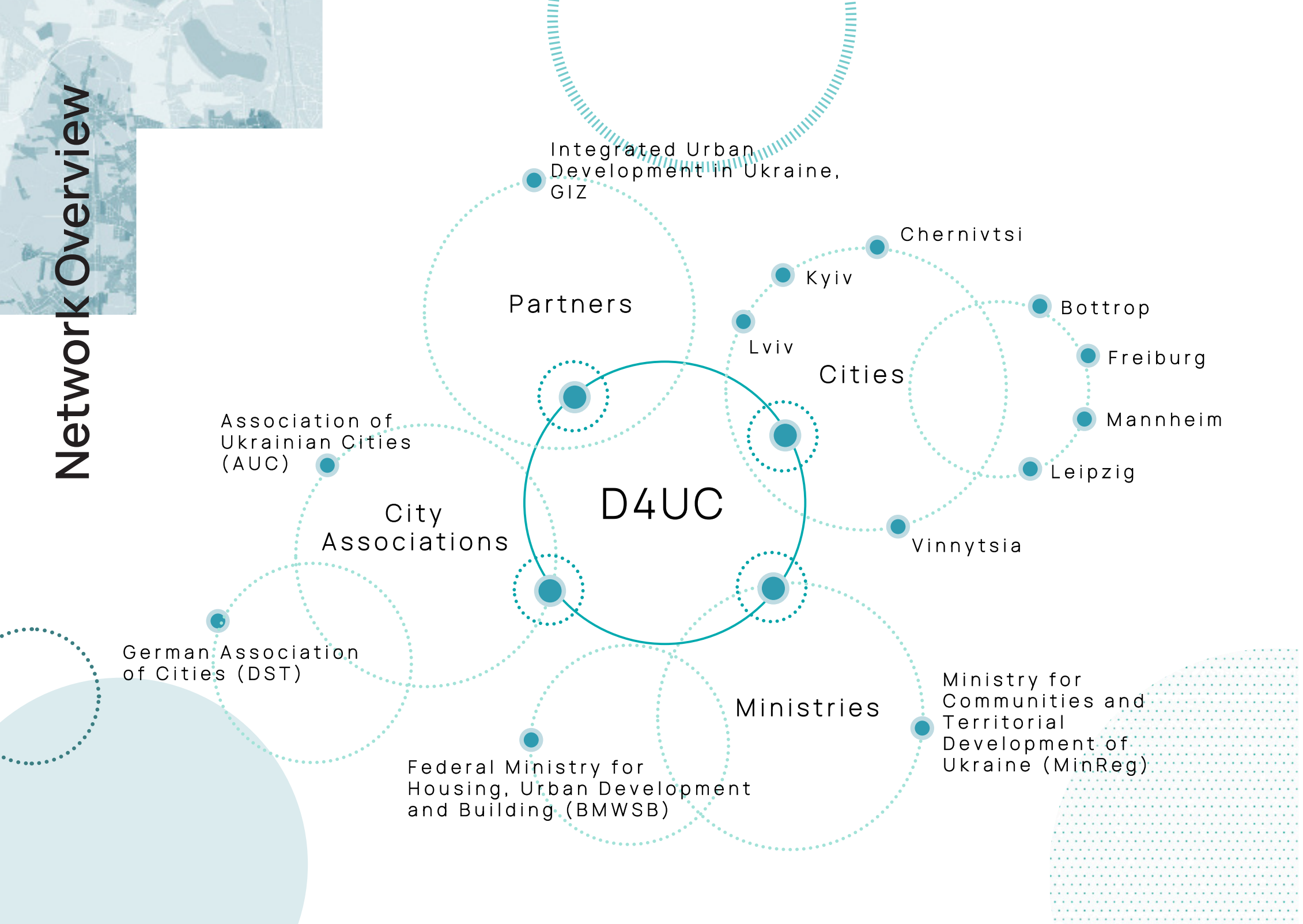


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Topics of the Ukraine-Germany Network

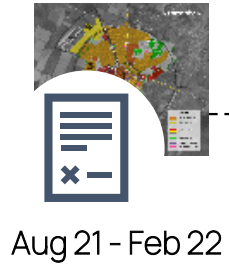
- Quality of public spaces, mobility and revitalising (inner-city) brownfields
- Neighbourhood management, citizen participation and activation

Network Overview



Roadmap

- 1** Network building
- Selection of cities
 - Selection of projects (Living Labs)
 - Nomination of participants



Aug 21 - Feb 22

- 2** City Makers Virtual Base Camp
- Virtual on-boarding process with several meetings



Feb - Apr 22

- 3** 1st round of network meetings (Ukraine, South Africa)
- Getting to know each other and collegial advice Living Labs
 - Deepening national policies / planning systems
- April - May 22
- ZA-GER: 02.-06.05.
 - UA-GER: regular virtual meetings



- 4** World Urban Forum (Katowice/PL)
- Multilateral activities June 26th-30th



Jul 22

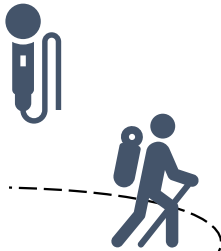
- Study tour for G7 Senior Urban Development Officials
- July 1st - 5th

- 5** 2nd round of network meetings (Ukraine, South Africa, USA in Germany)
- ZA-GER: 10.-13.09.
 - USA-GER: 16.-19.09.



Sept 22

- 6** G7 Minister meeting September: 13th-14th
- Federal Congress (Berlin)
- Multilateral activities September: 14th-15th



- *Optional elements Peer-to-peer learning:
- Virtual exchange
 - Collegial counselling
 - Hospitation

- 7** 3rd round of network meetings (Ukraine, South Africa, USA)
- Further work on living labs
 - Exchange and further learning on specific topics/issues



1st quarter 23

- 8** City Makers International Masterclass - Closing and Certificate



Closing: 23

...continuation 4th round of network meetings and federal congress or work with alumni



Testimonials



“In our international cooperation we had the great experience of learning the method of integrated urban development directly on the projects. We bring people together and work with multi-level governance at a round table. We sit together with representatives of the cities, with representatives of the national level, and create the space where integrated urban development takes place and where the Leipzig Charter as a strategy is living its life.”

MARIANA KUKHLEVSKA, POLICY OFFICER 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY', BMWWSB, GERMANY



“The main urban challenges that municipalities in Ukraine are facing are multidisciplinary and complex, involving at least several sectors and different fields of knowledge. Departments and municipalities still have difficulties in communicating and cooperating in a targeted way. The integrated approach as propagated by the New Leipzig Charter and the exchange on eye-level with peers from other municipalities, city associations and national ministries in Ukraine, Germany and further network partner countries help us to tackle this challenging task.”

IEVGENIIA DULKO, COORDINATOR OF THE HIGH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, KHARKIV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, UKRAINE

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