

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Establishment of the Interregional Smart Village Platform

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## Article 1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a framework of cooperation for the creation and implementation of the Interregional Smart Village Platform centered on Ukraine.

The Platform aims to translate the principles of the Seoul Declaration (Declaration for Peace and Recovery) into an implementation phase by conducting a one-year Proof of Concept (PoC) from February 25, 2026 to February 24, 2027, and by developing a scalable model for post-war recovery.

## Article 2. Nature of Cooperation

1. This MOU is non-political and humanitarian in nature.
2. This MOU does not create legally binding obligations under domestic or international law.
3. This MOU expresses the mutual intent of participating institutions to cooperate in good faith and trust.

## Article 3. Guiding Principles

The Platform shall be implemented in accordance with the following principles:

1. Respect for Ukraine-led ownership and responsibility

2. Adherence to the Lugano Principles (transparency, accountability, sustainability, international cooperation)
3. Application of the 4S Framework:
  - Smart (AI- and digital-based innovation)
  - Sustainable (alignment with UN SDGs, ESG, carbon neutrality)
  - Social (inclusive employment and community recovery)
  - Spiritual (restoration of responsibility, solidarity, and service)
4. Application of the Total Recovery Model, integrating:
  - Physical reconstruction
  - Economic revitalization
  - Social integration
  - Trauma healing
  - Moral recovery
  - Institutional capacity strengthening
5. Governance and transparency consistent with international standards.

#### **Article 4. Scope of Cooperation**

Participating institutions will cooperate in the following areas:

##### **1. Smart Village Pilot**

- Selection of at least one pilot area in Ukraine
- Integrated design of housing, agriculture, renewable energy, healthcare, education, and AI systems
- Priority inclusion of war-affected populations

##### **2. Agriculture and Food Security**

- Winter onion: 100 ha demonstration base with potential expansion up to 2,000 ha (Ukraine and selected Eastern European regions)
- Winter rapeseed: scalable development up to 10,000 ha linked to SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) and bioenergy
- Development of processing, distribution, and export value chains

### **3. Renewable Energy and Carbon-Neutral Housing**

- Establishment of at least one renewable energy demonstration facility
- Construction of 4-5 biochar-based carbon-neutral housing units
- Examination of PPP and BOT implementation models

### **4. Healthcare and Trauma Recovery**

- Deployment of a mobile hospital (subject to feasibility)
- Trauma healing and psychosocial recovery programs
- Capacity building for medical professionals

### **5. AI and Digital Transformation**

- Establishment of an AI Startup Center
- Application of AI in agriculture, healthcare, energy, and administration
- Job creation for youth, women, veterans, and displaced populations

### **6. Human Capital Development**

- Promotion of the "Second Minnesota Project"
- Capacity building for youth, women, veterans, and refugees
- Cooperation with international universities and research institutions

## **Article 5. Governance Structure**

To implement the Platform, the following structures shall be established:

## **1. A Joint Steering Committee**

- Setting strategic direction
- Approving annual priorities

## **2. Thematic Working Groups in the areas of:**

- Agriculture and Food Security
- Energy and Environment
- Healthcare and Rehabilitation
- AI and Digital Innovation
- Human Capital Development
- Finance and Resource Mobilization

All operations shall be conducted on the basis of transparency and accountability.

## **Article 6. Financial Structure and Resource Mobilization**

The Platform shall adopt a phased financial architecture:

### **1. Initial Seed Funding**

- Seed contributions will be jointly shared among participating parties, based on mutual agreement.
- The Platform shall not rely on unilateral funding by any single country.

### **2. Feasibility Study (2-3 months)**

- Technical feasibility
- Economic analysis
- ESG/SDG alignment

- Risk management framework

- Scalability assessment

### **3. Linkages to public funding sources**

- UN agencies

- EU programs (including EIF and UIF)

- International financial institutions

- ODA and EDCF

### **4. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and BOT models**

### **5. Examination of innovative financing mechanisms**

- RWA (real-world asset-based structures)

- Regulatory-compliant STO (security token offerings)

The financial pathway shall evolve as follows:

Seed → Feasibility → Public Financing → PPP/BOT → Expansion as a Movement

## **Article 7. Implementation and Evaluation**

1. Implementation period: February 25, 2026 - February 24, 2027

2. Quarterly progress reviews

3. KPI-based evaluation

4. Possibility of independent external evaluation

## **Article 8. Duration and Amendments**

1. This MOU shall take effect upon adoption.

2. It may be amended by mutual written consent of the parties.
3. At the conclusion of the PoC period, a comprehensive evaluation shall determine whether to proceed to Phase 2 expansion.

## Article 9. Final Provision

This MOU is not a political instrument but a humanitarian and universal cooperation framework.

It expresses the shared commitment of the participating institutions to transform Ukraine's post-war recovery from a project into a Movement that connects regions and the international community.

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