



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

The President  
The Chair of the Working Group on Ukraine

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Dear members and alternates of the European Committee of the Regions,  
Dear partners in the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine,

This is a call for urgent and concrete support to our Ukrainian partners in the current situation of emergency in Ukraine's energy sector.

As Russia's brutal and illegal invasion of Ukraine nears its fourth year, Ukrainian cities, regions, and their citizens continue to endure Russia's ongoing large-scale attacks on civilian infrastructure, including energy facilities, hospitals, and medical installations.

This winter has again brought renewed suffering as deadly Russian strikes cripple energy systems and leave civilians without heating, electricity or water amid freezing temperatures. President Zelensky has declared the state of emergency in the country's energy sector on 16 January, highlighting the gravity of the situation. Against this backdrop, Ukrainian local and regional authorities work relentlessly to sustain basic services and keep communities alive.

This week, we have received a letter from our counterparts at the [Association of Ukrainian Cities](#) (AUC) urgently appealing for targeted forms of assistance from European partners.

Relaying this letter, we urgently call on all members and alternates of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), as well as the partners within [the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine](#), to **assess whether your city or region can offer equipment or material assistance matching the needs set out by the AUC : generators with 10 kW to 700 kW capacity, cogeneration plants with 500 kW to 1000 kW, energy storage systems, other energy equipment**. Your support can take several forms:

1. If your city or region already have a stable municipal or regional partner in Ukraine, get in contact with them and coordinate your aid directly.
2. You can reach out to AUC with your donation proposals via email at [help@auc.org.au](mailto:help@auc.org.au) (CC: [auc.comunities@gmail.com](mailto:auc.comunities@gmail.com) and [SupportUkraine@cor.europa.eu](mailto:SupportUkraine@cor.europa.eu)).
3. If you prefer so, EU cities and regions may also follow the national procedures in place in your country, while private entities part of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine can coordinate their donations with the EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) to facilitate safe transportation and delivery to Ukraine: <https://civil->

[protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/funding-evaluations/financing-civil-protection/channelling-aid-donations-ukrainians\\_en](https://protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/funding-evaluations/financing-civil-protection/channelling-aid-donations-ukrainians_en) or via email at [ECHO-Donations@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ECHO-Donations@ec.europa.eu)

Cities and regions across Europe have already demonstrated exceptional solidarity – often through direct or bilateral cooperation with Ukrainian counterparts. This peer-to-peer engagement remains one of the most effective channels of support, allowing targeted assistance to reach those who need it most. We also encourage you to maintain or deepen direct exchanges with your Ukrainian partners. Your engagement not only provides material assistance but also strengthens democratic resilience and hope at a moment when both are under brutal attack.

At this critical juncture, your renewed commitment can make a decisive difference. By standing with our Ukrainian partners, we help protect lives, uphold European values, and demonstrate that the solidarity of Europe's regions and cities does not waver.

We thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



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President of the Committee of the Regions



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Chair of the CoR Working Group on Ukraine

Attached: Letter of the Association of Ukrainian  
Cities – 19.01.2026