

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN AMALGAMATING AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY

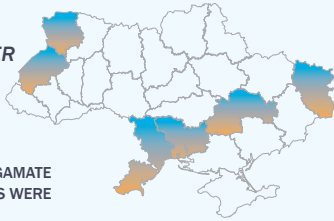
RESULTS OF INTER-REGIONAL RESEARCH

THE RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY EXPERTS OF ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY SELF-ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE AND ODESSA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL TECHNOLOGIES WITH PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL «RENAISSANCE» FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITIES:

- AMALGAMATED
- PLAN TO AMALGAMATE
- FIRST ATTEMPTS WERE ABORTIVELY

THERE WERE RESEARCHED

CONDITIONS, CREATED BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION USING MECHANISMS OF POWER-PUBLIC INTERACTION DURING THE FORMATION OF COMMUNITIES

INFORMING ABOUT REFORM AND PUBLIC ACTIVITY

EXPERT POLL: **597** RESPONDENTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS SEMI-STRUCTURED DEPTH INTERVIEW: **69** INTERVIEWED ANALYSIS OF LOCAL NORMATIVE LEGAL ACTS: **12** KINDS ANALYSIS OF WEB SITES AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE LOCAL MEDIA: **78** SOURCES

CONDITIONS CREATED BY AUTHORITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AMALGAMATED COMMUNITY REGULATIONS



BEST PRACTICES:

BALTSKA CITY AC HAS PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY

20% OF ANALYZED STATUTES OF AC CONTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF ADVISORY POLLS

INFORMING OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ABOUT THE REFORM

PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

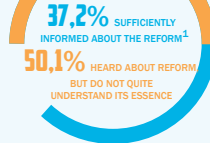
AT FIRST INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONDED ONLY ABOUT **2/3** COMMUNITIES

ONLY **50%** OF AC HAVE THEIR OWN SITES. BUT MOST OF THEM DO NOT HAVE ALL ADOPTED NORMATIVE ACTS ON IT

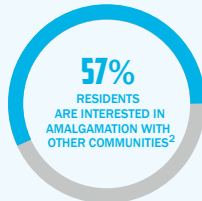
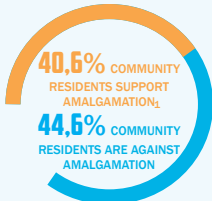
REGIONAL COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATIONS DO NOT USE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR REFORM

SOURCES OF INFORMATION RECEIVING:

HEAD OF COMMUNITY	74,7%
LOCAL DEPUTIES	59,2%
MEDIA	36,6%



«FOR» AND «AGAINST» AMALGAMATION



MAIN ARGUMENTS «FOR» AMALGAMATION:

- ⚙️ MORE POWERFUL BUDGET
- ⚙️ IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- ⚙️ MORE AFFLUENT COMMUNITY



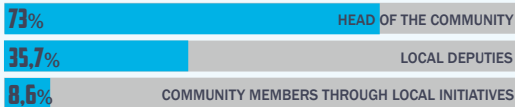
MAIN ARGUMENTS «AGAINST» AMALGAMATION



1: ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF EXPERTS POLL
 2: ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT

INTERACTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC DURING AC'S FORMATION

THE MAIN INITIATORS OF AMALGAMATION OF TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES:

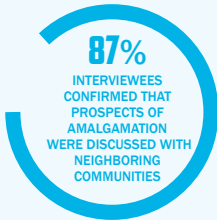
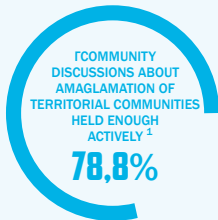


49% RESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATION ATTRACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM PLAN

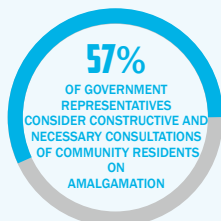
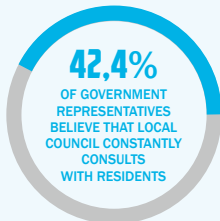
39% OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS WITH RESIDENTS PARTICIPATION IN

THE MAIN PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE AMALGAMATION OF COMMUNITIES:²

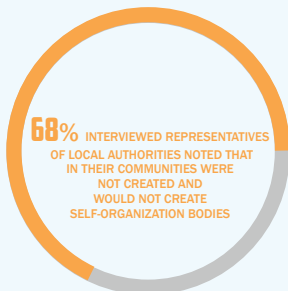
- ⚙️ IMPERFECTION OF LEGISLATIVE BASE - 10,6%
- ⚙️ RELUCTANCE, RESISTANCE OF DISTRICT AUTHORITIES - 6,4%
- ⚙️ REMOTENESS FROM CENTER AND MAIN BUDGET INSTITUTIONS - 5,5%
- ⚙️ PEOPLE'S INDIFFERENCE, PASSIVITY - 3,7%
- ⚙️ LACK OF INFORMATION - 3,2%



THE INTEREST OF THE PARTIES IN COOPERATION



FORMS OF COOPERATION



64,9% INTERVIEWED EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT DURING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS OF PERIPHERAL VILLAGES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

THEIR INTERESTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THROUGH:

DEPUTIES	48%
MEETING OF RESIDENTS OF PERIPHERAL COMMUNITIES	36,9%
RESEARCH OF PUBLIC OPINION	24%

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF REFORM

71,5% QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN COMMUNITY WERE IMPROVED AFTER AMALGAMATION

67,8% BUDGET OF AMALGAMATED TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES INCREASED IN SEVERAL TIMES

60,4% ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE WIDELY USED FOR THE REPAIRING OF SOCIAL FACILITIES

56,7% ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE ACTIVELY USED ON THE WORKS ON LANDSCAPING