

- Civil society organizations at local and national level

#### WHAT WILL BE ACHIEVED ?

##### In the local Communities

Changes in community attitudes to their role in the implementation of reforms, in particular to develop their active position on the responsibility for the future development of the country and its territory.

Development of a large number of local initiatives and the organization of investment projects in pilot areas (in total 12 in the framework of this Matra project).

Implementation of effective public control over the process of reforms, development and implementation of legislation and necessary institutional changes.

##### At the level of central government

Adjustment and accelerate the process of reforms and their effective implementation, taking into account the recommendations and vision of the 6 Public Platforms.

Implementation of the principles of Good Governance.

Organization of public - private partnerships to implement local initiatives.

#### EXPECTED CONCRETE RESULTS

- (In total 12) Local initiatives outlined in project plans and business proposals and implemented through the organization of public-private partnerships for rural development. For example: restoration of irrigated agriculture, improvement of land management, land consolidation pilots, eco tourism, bioenergy production and processing (a.o. pellets), creating cooperatives for milk and other products, possibly in cooperation with the Dutch Enterprise Agency RVO, working under the Program of Cooperation of the Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, with MinEcon in NL.
- Recommendations of the 6 Public Platforms about the development of legislation and government programs, aimed at implementation of the «State strategy to develop agriculture and rural areas for the period 2020».

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPACITY OF CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE REFORM PROCESSES IN AGRICULTURE, LANDMANAGEMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT («BELIEVE»)

# Matra

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION AND STATE PROGRAMS

GOOD GOVERNANCE



### PROJECTS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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## WHY IS IT NECESSARY?

BECAUSE THERE IS NO DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING THE REFORM PROCESSES

### PROBLEMS / OBSTACLES

#### At the local community level

- General mistrust about the government and the reform processes because of total corruption
- Resentment, because the central government neglects local initiatives and recommendations
- Protest or passive attitude
- Lack of awareness of the opportunities and joint efforts to influence the reform processes
- Insufficient believe and capacity to develop and implement strategic plans and business development projects in rural areas
- Expectations of rapid economic growth, but unwillingness to assume responsibility for the reform processes in society
- Lack of experience in organizing social movement to achieve non-political and purely economic goals

#### At the level of the central government and Parliament

- Selfish political ambitions and narrow sectoral goals
- Failure in implementing promises
- Delay in adoption of new laws and government programs
- Lack of independent monitoring the reform processes and public feedback
- Lack of public - private partnership in the implementation of concrete projects of rural development

### THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE MATRA PROJECT

To ensure community participation in the implementation of the "State strategy to develop agriculture and rural areas for the period 2017-2020" through the development of local rural development plans and in monitoring the development needed to implement these plans, government programs and legislation.

## THE ULTIMATE GOAL

Project extends the dissemination and implementation at all levels of the 5 principles of Good Governance in agriculture, land reform and rural development

### WHAT IS PLANNED TO DO?

- Strengthen and develop the existing two Public Platforms and their initiatives, as were launched as part of the 1st Matra project: «Initiative stakeholder participation at the local level in the reform of land relations and the development of rural areas» in Kherson and Kyiv regions and disseminate their experience, new pilot areas in different regions of Ukraine
- Establish 4 new Public Platforms in Belatserkovsky district in Kyiv Oblast, in the Lohvytsya district in Poltava Oblast, and to be selected Districts in the Lviv and Volyn Oblasts
- Connect community leaders in National Network platform and start at the Parliamentary Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations constant dialogue between local communities, government agencies, the Parliament and other stakeholders at the national level
- Organise independent monitoring by that National Network of public platforms, by implementing legislation and state programs of the "State strategy to develop agriculture and rural areas for the period 2020"
- To strengthen the capacity of local communities to initiate and organize (in total 12) rural development projects, involving private and public sectors, to formulate project plans and business plans to attract local, national and international (especially NL-) investors
- Further promote the principles of Good Governance in public institutions by establishing regular consultations and dialogue with the 6 Matra Public Platforms and their national network and create conditions for ensuring the public inquiries and responses to them from the government
- Create a media environment that will be aimed at highlighting the results of public monitoring and dialogue between local communities and authorities
- Create conditions for increasing the role of women in shaping local initiatives and ensure their active participation in civic platforms

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- A series of seminars and round tables at local and national level
- Organization of training for leaders of public platforms and a study visit to the Netherlands in June 2016
- Establish a National Network platform and organization of public monitoring sessions to start community dialogue with the Government and the Parliament
- Engaging civil society leaders and members of the NGO platform Primavera for building capacity of community impact at the national level
- Formulation of 12th proposals to organize investment projects
- Further development of web portal ([www.goodgovernance.gov.ua](http://www.goodgovernance.gov.ua)) and constant communication through the internet between public platforms, governmental and non-governmental organizations

### Target groups

- 2 Existing Public Platforms in Fastovsky district of Kiev region and Belatserky district, Kherson region
- 4 new Public Platforms in Belatserkovsky district in Kyiv Oblast, in the Lohvytsya district in Poltava Oblast, and to be selected Districts in the Lviv and Volyn Oblasts
- Regional and district administrations
- Agricultural farms and other type of businesses
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Ministry of Regional Development and Housing
- The State Agency for Water resources State Service of Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre, SGC
- Institute of Water Problems and Land Reclamation NAAN
- National University of Life and Environmental Sciences (in Kyiv)
- National University of Water and Nature Management (in Rivne)
- Kherson State Agrarian University