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Directorate External Relations of the EU FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

About helping the Korosten City Territorial Community set up partnerships with Belgian cities

On behalf of the Korosten municipal community in Zhytomyr Oblast (Ukraine), I am honored to address you with sincere respect and a desire to establish a mutually beneficial partnership between the Korosten community and municipalities in Belgium.

Korosten is a city with a rich history, unique traditions, and modern ambitions for development. We are confident that establishing a partnership with our Belgian sister city will be an important step towards strengthening cultural, economic, and social ties between our countries, adapting European management standards in our community, and establishing intermunicipal partnerships for further joint participation in international projects.

The community has been a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors East since 2010, is a member of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, and has many years of experience working with organizations such as UNICEF, UNDP, U-LEAD, GIZ, ICLEI, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, USAID (until the termination of its activities in January 2025), and experience in implementing projects under the NEFCO mechanism.

The Korosten community is interested in learning from the experience of Belgian cities in the field of local self-government, in particular with regard to the effective organisation of management processes in municipalities, the provision of high-quality administrative and social services, the introduction of innovations in resource management, energy efficiency measures, the introduction of renewable energy sources and the development of partnerships within the framework of European integration.

In turn, the Korosten community, with its significant experience in the implementation of administrative, social, and digital services, as well as intermunicipal and international projects, is ready to share its own achievements and

become a reliable partner for Belgian communities. We are open to dialogue, exchange of experience, and implementation of joint initiatives.

We would appreciate your feedback and recommendations on possible options for cooperation. If necessary, we will be happy to provide additional information about our city and its initiatives.

We would like to share some useful links where you can find information about our community:

- Official website of the Korosten City Council https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/;
- Official Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550465764313;
- Basic information about the community https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14f5Ps3AwUU9trjVsstjbj900owlDnOlL;
- Investment passport https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/invest-pasport-2025-2.pdf;
- Social passport https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/miska-rada/upravlinnya-ta-viddily/viddil-proyektnogo-ta-investyczijnogo-menedzhmentu/soczialnyj-pasport-gromady/;
- Investment proposals https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/miska-rada/upravlinnya-ta-viddily/viddil-proyektnogo-ta-investyczijnogo-menedzhmentu/investyczijni-propozycziyi/;
- Brief description of the Korosten community https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/descroption-of-the-comunity-eng-short-2025.pdf;
- Current intermunicipal partnerships of the Korosten community https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/gromadskosti/misto/mista-partnery/ and https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/gromadskosti/misto/mista-partnery/ and https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/gromadskosti/misto/mista-partnery/ and https://korosten-rada.gov.ua/investoru/mizhmuniczypalni-zvyazky/.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to our request.

Best regards,

Mayor

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