

Memorandum of Understanding

between Zaporizhzhia Regional State (Military) Administration (Ukraine) and the Regional Council of Päijät-Häme (the Republic of Finland) on Mutual Cooperation

The Zaporizhzhia Regional State (Military) Administration and the Regional Council of Päijät-Häme of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "Participants"), considering the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Finland on diplomatic and consular relations (by exchange of letters) dated 26 February 1992.

Taking into account the Agreement on Friendship between the city of Zaporizhzhia and the city of Lahti (established in 1953) and the Plan of Mutual Activities for the years 2024-2025 (effective from 9 May 2024).

Recognizing the mutual interest in promoting bilateral relations between the Participants.

Assuming that cooperation between the Zaporizhzhia region of Ukraine and the Päijät-Häme region of Finland will create new opportunities for future development between these regions.

Guided by the fundamental principles of equality and mutual benefit the Participants agree on the following:

Article 1

The Participants shall cooperate in accordance with the laws of both States and the international treaties to which both Ukraine and Finland are parties.

Article 2

The primary objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to strengthen and enhance friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation in areas of common interest.

Article 3

Within their capabilities and available resources, the potential areas of collaboration may include the following:

- Industry, agriculture, transport, and logistics,
- Trade and economic development,
- Science and technology,
- Culture and arts,
- Tourism and sports,
- Environmental protection and efficient use of natural resources,
- Education,
- Youth policy and
- Other fields of cooperation.

Article 4

The cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding may take the following forms:

- Development of joint programs and projects,
- Exchange of knowledge and expertise,
- Organization of seminars, conferences, and exhibitions,
- Scientific, technical, and industrial collaboration,
- Training activities and internships and
- Cooperation in other areas of mutual benefit.

Article 5

Changes and amendments to this MoU shall be made by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded **until 12/31/2025** and shall enter into force upon confirmation by both Participants. The MoU may be extended by mutual agreement between the Participants.

Termination of the MoU shall not affect the implementation of any projects or programs approved in accordance with this MoU and not completed as of the date of expiration of this MoU.

Concluded at _____ on _____ 2024, in two copies, each in the Ukrainian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Zaporizhzhia Regional State
(Military) Administration (Ukraine):

For the Regional Council of
Päijät-Häme (Finland):