AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

between the Municipality of Tuusula, Republic of Finland and the Tulchyn City Territorial Community, Ukraine

(hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and individually as a "Party")

Recognising the mutual will to strengthen friendship, understanding and direct cooperation between their communities;

considering the Parties' shared interest in exchanging knowledge, experience and good practices in matters within their respective competences;

aiming to develop a long-term partnership based on equality, trust, reciprocity, transparency and mutual benefit;

respecting the laws, administrative responsibilities and resources of each Party;

the Parties have agreed as follows:

Article 1 - Purpose and principles

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework for friendly relations and practical cooperation between the Parties. Cooperation shall be voluntary, reciprocal and implemented within the Parties' statutory competences, available resources and applicable national and international law.

The Parties shall promote inclusion, equality, sustainable development, democratic values and respect for human rights in activities carried out under this Agreement.

Article 2 - Fields of cooperation

The Parties may develop cooperation particularly in the following fields:

- municipal governance, public administration and the development of public services;
- education, early childhood education, youth work and exchanges between schools;
- culture, heritage, libraries, sports and community wellbeing;
- environmental protection, climate action, energy efficiency and sustainable land use;
- local and regional development, entrepreneurship, tourism and cooperation between local organisations;
- digitalisation, innovation, information management and the resilience and continuity of municipal services;
- civil society cooperation and people-to-people contacts; and
- reconstruction, recovery and other forms of support that fall within the Parties' legal powers and are separately agreed.

Article 3 - Forms of cooperation

Cooperation may include the exchange of information and good practices, expert visits, study visits, seminars, online meetings, training, cultural and youth activities, joint projects and cooperation between schools, libraries, cultural institutions, associations, companies and other relevant organisations.

Each activity shall be planned jointly. Where necessary, the Parties may agree on a separate project plan or implementing arrangement defining objectives, responsibilities, timetable, financing, data protection, intellectual property rights and communications.

Article 4 - Coordination

Each Party shall designate a contact person or coordinating unit for the implementation of this Agreement. The coordinators shall maintain regular contact, prepare proposals for cooperation and review progress at least once a year, where practicable.

Neither Party may make commitments or representations on behalf of the other Party without prior written authorisation.

Article 5 - Financial arrangements

Each Party shall bear its own costs arising from cooperation under this Agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing for a specific activity or project.

This Agreement does not in itself create an obligation to provide funding, procure goods or services, transfer assets, employ personnel or enter into any other financial commitment. Such commitments require a separate decision or agreement by the competent authority of the relevant Party.

Article 6 - Information, data protection and publicity

The Parties shall comply with applicable rules on confidentiality, data protection, public access to documents, archives and information security. Personal data shall be processed only when necessary and on an appropriate legal basis.

Public communications concerning joint activities shall be coordinated in advance. Neither Party may use the other Party's name, emblem or visual identity without prior consent, except where required by law.

Article 7 - Amendments and settlement of differences

This Agreement may be amended only by the mutual written consent of the Parties. Amendments shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Any differences concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through direct consultations between the Parties.

Article 8 - Duration, suspension and termination

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, subject to a decision by its competent authority, by giving three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.

Either Party may suspend cooperation immediately if implementation would conflict with applicable law, an official decision, sanctions, safety or security requirements, or if circumstances make cooperation impracticable. The Parties shall consult on the consequences of suspension or termination for ongoing activities.

Unless otherwise jointly agreed, termination shall not affect separately approved projects or contracts, which shall be completed or terminated in accordance with their own terms.

Article 9 - Entry into force and language

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last signature, after any approvals required by the competent authorities of the Parties have been obtained.

This Agreement is signed in two (2) originals in the English language, one for each Party. The Parties may prepare Finnish and Ukrainian translations for administrative use. In the event of inconsistency, the English text shall prevail.

SIGNATURES

For the Municipality of Tuusula	For the Tulchyn City Territorial Community
Place and date:	Place and date:
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