



Borgarráð

***Bókun sambands íslenskra sveitarfélaga varðandi yfirlýsingu Evrópusamtaka sveitarfélaga vegna Úkraínu***

Á stjórnarfundum Sambands íslenskra sveitarfélaga sem fram fór 25. febrúar sl. samþykkti stjórnin svohljóðandi bókun: Stjórn Sambands íslenskra sveitarfélaga samþykkir einróma að taka undir yfirlýsingu Evrópusamtaka sveitarfélaga, CEMR, um að evrópskir sveitarstjórnarmenn fordæmi brot á sjálfstæði og sjálfræði Úkraínu og lýsi yfir stuðningi og samstöðu með sveitarfélögum í Úkraínu og íbúum þeirra. Sveitarfélagasambandið í Úkraínu er meðlimur í CEMR og undanfarin ár hefur átt sér mikil uppbygging í úkraínskum sveitarfélögum, með stuðningi evrópskra sveitarfélaga, til að efla sjálfsforræði þeirra og bæta þjónustu. Stjórnin hvatti kjörna fulltrúa í íslenskum sveitarfélögum til að undirrita yfirlýsinguna.

Lagt er til að borgarráð samþykki að taka undir ofangreinda bókun stjórnarinnar.

Dagur B. Eggertsson  
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Hjálagt:

Yfirlýsing Evrópusamtaka sveitarfélaga, dags. 24. febrúar 2022



24 February 2022

## **European local and regional governments strongly support their peers in Ukraine!**

We, the political leadership of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, strongly condemn the multiple attacks and violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine. We express our full support and solidarity to the Ukrainian people and our peers in local and regional government. We will not accept that our European values and integrity be attacked again by the Russian Federation after the violation of Georgian territories by Russia in 2008. We are firmly opposed to the dismemberment of a free and democratic state in Europe.

The escalation of violence, repeated bombings and attacks on Ukrainian cities and territories are a serious threat to the preservation of peace and democracy across Europe.

We call on the Federation of Russia to cease its attack, to leave the national territory of Ukraine, to respect all international treaties and fundamental principles of international law and to recognise the full sovereignty of Ukraine over all its territories, including Donbas and Crimea.

Firmly convinced of local democracy and city diplomacy, based on the values of peace that unite our municipalities across Europe since 1951, we stand by the Ukrainian municipalities, cities, hromadas, districts, raions and their representative associations. They are in the front line to protect the population and provide basic services to offer them good quality living conditions and daily survival. The destruction of infrastructure by the belligerents jeopardises the efficient and safe maintenance of basic public services provided by Ukrainian local and regional governments to their citizens.

As European local and regional governments, representing 60 national associations across 40 European countries, including Ukraine, we will continue to work to support them in their efforts. Not only are we ready to support our peers in the country with the materials and expertise they may need in the days and weeks to come. Municipalities and regions will probably have to face soon the human consequences of such a tragedy for Europe, probably resulting in a flow of humanitarian refugees. Coordination with our national governments will be essential.

As the European section of UCLG, let us hope that city diplomacy will soon unite us all again!

**Stefano Bonaccini**

President of Emilia-Romagna  
President of AICCRE  
President of CEMR

**Carola Gunnarsson**

Lord Mayor of Sala  
Vice-President of SALAR  
CEMR Spokesperson on  
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Mayor of the Hague  
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