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Fyrirhuguð ferð borgarstjóra til Lviv

Fyrirhuguð er ferð borgarstjóra til vinaborgar Reykjavíkurborgar, Lviv í Úkraínu, dagana 6. til 10. maí nk. Þar mun borgarstjóri taka þátt í málþinginu „Dignified Longevity: Creating Space for Care“ þar sem leiðtogar í málaflokknum í Úkraínu og víðar koma saman til þess að ræða velferðarmál eldra fólks og deila reynslu og lausnum í þeim málaflokki. Borgarstjóri mun vera með lykilræðu undir þemanu Strategy of Dignity: The Future of Long-Term Care in the European Context.

Með borgarstjóra í för verður aðstoðarmaður borgarstjóra.

Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir
borgarstjóri

Hjálagt:

- 1.Letter from Lviv City Council
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To the Mayor of Reykjavík
Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir

Honorable Ms. Mayor,

On behalf of the Lviv City Council and on my own behalf, please allow me to express my sincere respect and gratitude for the opportunity to meet you personally during the international conference MIPIM 2026 in Cannes. Our productive and constructive dialogue reaffirmed the importance of exchanging experience and jointly seeking solutions in the field of urban development and social initiatives.

Today, while actively developing the UNBROKEN ecosystem of humanity, the city of Lviv is facing another important challenge — the creation of a modern Geriatric Center. The implementation of this initiative will be an important step toward fostering a friendly, caring, and inclusive urban environment where every resident, regardless of age or health condition, has access to dignified support and assistance. However, for the effective realization of such a large-scale project, international experience, expert knowledge, and a shared vision for the development of long-term care systems are of utmost importance to us.

In this regard, on April 30, 2026, the Forum “Dignified Longevity: Creating a Space for Care and Professional Support” will take place in the city of Lviv (program attached). The aim of the Forum is to discuss the initiative to establish a modern geriatric center in Lviv and to identify strategic approaches to developing the long-term care system in Ukraine, taking into account both Ukrainian and European experience. The Forum will bring together representatives of government institutions, the medical and social sectors, civil society organizations, experts, and international partners to develop effective solutions for supporting older persons and individuals who require long-term care.

It would be my great pleasure to welcome you, Ms. Mayor, and representatives of the Reykjavík City Council to Lviv among the speakers of the Forum and to hear about your city's experience in establishing and developing geriatric centers, modern models of care for older people, governance and management of such institutions, as well as the integration of hospice and palliative care into the long-term care system.

For further communication, please contact Olha Mul, Head of of External Relations and Promotion Office of the Lviv City Council, tel.: +38 096 130 19 53, e-mail: externallmr@gmail.com.

I sincerely look forward to the opportunity to welcome you personally to Lviv and to continue our joint work toward the development of resilient and friendly cities.

With respect

Andriy SADOVYY

FORUM
Dignified Longevity: Creating Space for Care

Date: May 8, 2026

Objective: *To develop a shared vision and a roadmap for establishing a modern long-term care system in Ukraine by integrating European standards.*

The event aims to bring together the efforts of government, business, and international partners to ensure dignified living, safety, and professional support for older people and people with disabilities in the context of post-war recovery.

Duration: 7.5 hours (09.30-17.00)

Location: Lviv, Veterans' Sports Hub "Strilnytsia" (alternative location)

Registration link: *registration form for participants*

Organizers: Lviv City Council, Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU)

Supported by:

Event partners: UNHCR, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Target audience:

Representatives of the Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine

State and local government bodies,

Members of Parliament,

International partners,

Business representatives (insurance and pharmaceutical companies),

Providers of inpatient care services (municipal institutions, NGOs, charitable foundations)

Expected number of participants: 150 people

Format: panel discussions, presentations, networking, case studies, and concluding remarks.

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FORUM PROGRAM

Location: Veterans' Sports Hub "Strilnytsia", 23b Lysenka Street

Date: May 8 (Friday), 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
09:30-10:00	Registration. Welcome Coffee	
10:00-10:15	Forum Opening Welcome speech	Lviv City Mayor Rector of UCU
10:15-10:30	Ageing with dignity as a sign of a mature society and state responsibility Introduction to the Forum's theme	Speakers: UCU Representative
10:30-11:30	Block 1. Panel Discussion Strategy of Dignity: The Future of Long-Term Care in the European Context What policy the government is shaping, its key components, and how they are being implemented in decision-making Medical and social components of geriatric care European standards and requirements	Moderator: Svitlana Kohut, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Ukrainian Catholic University Speakers: Representative of the Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine Representative of the European Commission International experts United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Fr. Bohdan Prach (?)
11:30-11:40	Break	
11:40-13:15	Block 2. Panel Discussion Communities of Care: From Local Cases to Global Standards Cities' experience in establishing and delivering care services for older persons, including geriatric centers Modern models of care for older people and management approaches Integration of hospice and palliative care into the long-term care system	Moderator: Lviv City Council Speakers: Representatives of Vinnytsia Regional Military Administration Representatives of Khmelnytskyi City Council Representative of a private care home Partner cities: Uppsala, Würzburg, (TBC) Fr. Ihor Boyko, priest, Director of the Sheptytsky Hospital; Doctor of Moral Theology, PhD in Philosophy (Ethics)
13:15-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:00	Block 3 Economy of Humanity: Sustainable Financing Models for Geriatric Care and Partnerships How the system of care for older persons is financed at the national level, how funds are allocated, the role of foundations, how ministries cooperate, and the role of regional administrations and cities Best global practices from partners	Moderator: Representative of the World Bank or Serhii Kiral Speakers: Representative of the Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine Representative of the European Commission Representative of the Council of Europe Development Bank
15:00-15:10	Break	

<p>15:10-16:15</p>	<p>Block 4 Option 1: Vision and Architecture of a Care Space (Modern Geriatric Center)</p> <p>Option 2: Healing Through Space: Architecture That Restores Health and Dignity Architectural concept and modern approach to volumetric-spatial and planning solutions (location, energy efficiency, safety, environmental sustainability, accessibility, and inclusiveness)</p> <p>Functional layout of the geriatric center, including spaces for education, rehabilitation, and socialization</p> <p>European standards for planning geriatric centers</p> <p>Innovative construction technologies</p>	<p>Moderator: Daria Ozhyhanova, Kharkiv School of Architecture (First Vice-Rector, Master's in Architecture and Urban Planning)</p> <p>https://kharkiv.school/people/ozhyhanova-daria/</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Tetiana Lomakina, Presidential Commissioner for Accessibility Anton Kolomieitsev, Chief Architect of Lviv Natalya Yankovska, Architect, Urban Planner, and Public Policy Advisor, France</p> <p>(+33674360078; n.yankovska@outlook.com)</p>
<p>16:15-16:30</p>	<p>Closing Remarks / Summary (Projected Forum Resolution Draft)</p>	<p>Legal Department of the Lviv City Council</p>
<p>16:30-17:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break / Networking</p>	<p>Participants of the forum</p>

* The organizers reserve the right to make targeted changes to the program