

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL POLICY OF UKRAINE AND
THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL POLICY**

The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter referred to individually as the “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”),

recognizing the importance of the principles of sovereignty, the rule of law, and respect for human rights in each country;

convinced of the necessity to strengthen cooperation in the social sphere, with mutual exchange of experience contributing to the implementation of social reforms;

acknowledging the provisions of the Agreement between Ukraine and the Republic of Latvia on long-term support and security commitments;

wishing to further improve cooperation through this Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia on cooperation in the field of social policy (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”), which complements and implements the Agreement between Ukraine and the Republic of Latvia on long-term support and security commitments in the social sphere;

recognizing that cooperation under this Memorandum and between the Parties will foster the implementation of beneficial initiatives in the social sphere;

have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The purpose of this Memorandum is to develop a partnership and implement in the social sphere the Agreement between Ukraine and the Republic of Latvia on long-term support and security commitments, to continue and develop cooperation between the Parties, and to ensure interaction and cooperation in the field of social security.

Cooperation also aims to support Ukraine on its path to European Union membership, particularly through the exchange of experience in reforms and integration into the European Union in the social sphere.

Article 2

The Parties agree to develop and strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of social policy.

Article 3

The Parties shall exchange experience and information, including program documents necessary to achieve common goals in the field of social policy.

Cooperation between the Parties within the scope of this Memorandum will include the following forms:

exchange of legislative, regulatory documents, and other materials, including information and best practices concerning various aspects of social security, legal tools related to pension provision, social insurance, social protection of persons with disabilities, their integration, social service systems and standards, and child protection;

exchange of visits and/or internships at the political and expert levels;

cooperation on programs, projects, and research in the field of social policy, including in implementation of the activities of the OECD Ukraine Country Programme;

exchange of experiences on reforms and integration into the European Union in the social sphere;

promotion of Ukraine's integration into the European Union's social sphere, including adapting Ukrainian legislation to the European Union's legal framework;

other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Parties.

Article 4

In all activities conducted within the framework of this Memorandum, the Parties will take into account the financial capabilities of the Parties and will be determined by mutual agreement of the Parties, considering each specific case.

Article 5

The coordinators responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum from each Party are:

a) from the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine: the Directorate of Strategic Planning, Policy Coordination and European Integration;

b) from the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia: the Department for International Cooperation and European Union Policy.

Each Party will promptly inform the other Party of any changes to its coordinator.

All correspondence regarding the implementation of this Memorandum shall be sent to the following addresses:

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b) Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia: Skolas St. 28, Riga, LV-1010, tel.: (+371) 80205100, E-mail: lm@lm.gov.lv.

Article 6

Amendments to this Memorandum may be made at any time in writing by mutual consent of the Parties. Such amendments shall take effect on the date agreed upon by the Parties and shall constitute an integral part of this Memorandum.

Article 7

Any disputes arising between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through consultations or negotiations.

Article 8

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall be valid for five years. Its validity shall be automatically extended for subsequent five-year periods unless either Party sends written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate it at least six months before the expiration of the current period.

Executed in Paris, France, on the 14th of February 2025, in two copies, each in Ukrainian, Latvian, and English, with all texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancies in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

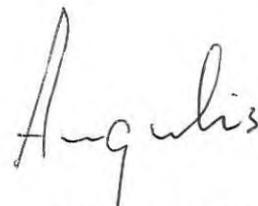
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