



Kharkiv Oblast, Ukraine, 2025

BALAKLIIA CITY TERRITORIAL COMMUNITY

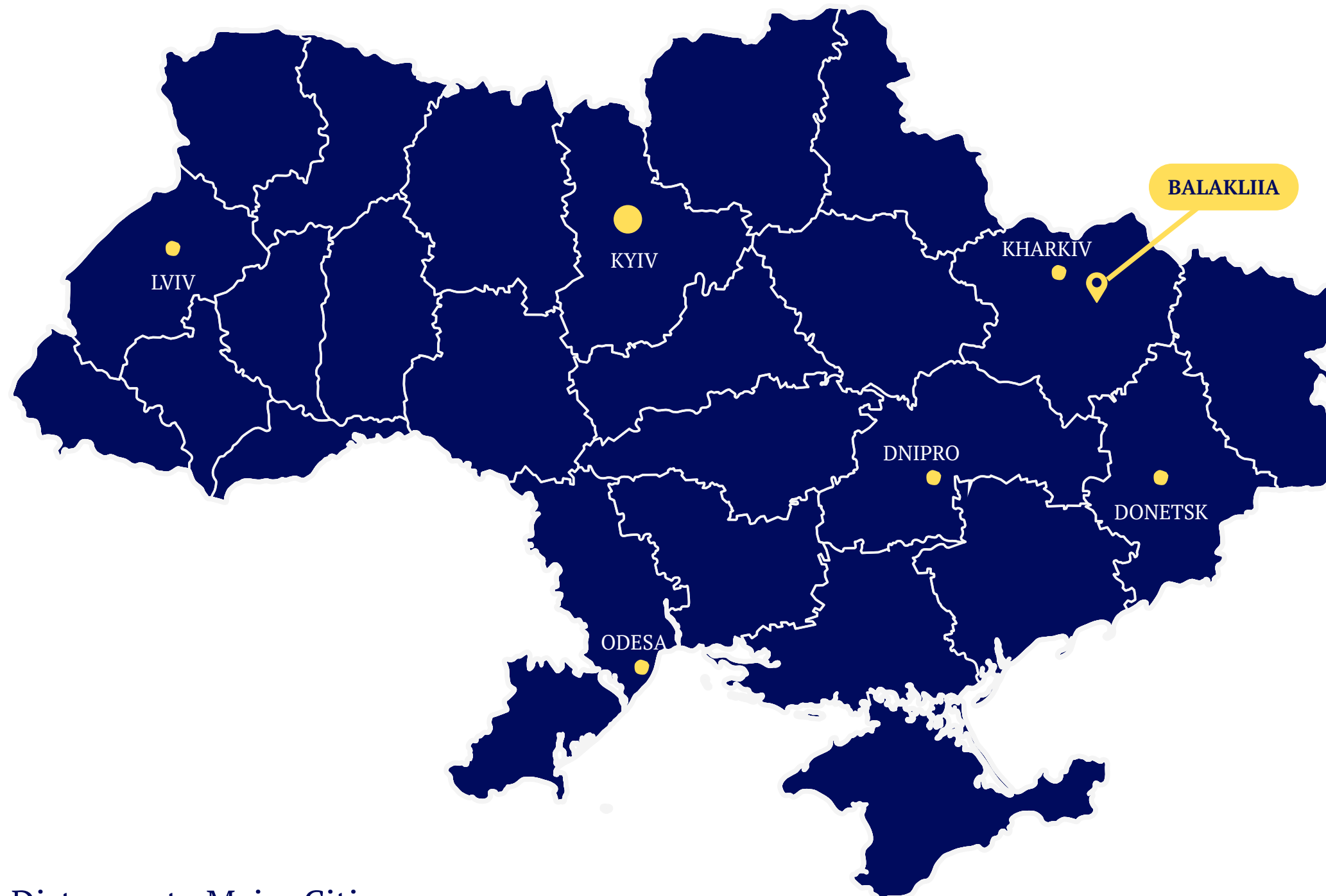
The Pearl of the Slobozhanskyi Region

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GENERAL INFORMATION & GEOLOCATION

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Distances to Major Cities:

Kyiv - 542 km

Kharkiv - 101 km

Lviv - 1078 km



1297,45

square kilometers



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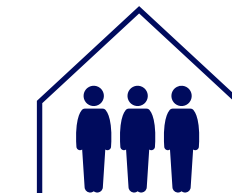
settlements



40

residents

207



6

IDPs have found
refuge in the community
since 2014

200

- The community is located in the southeast of Kharkiv oblast, 80 km from the front line and 101 km from the regional center - the city of Kharkiv.
- The Kharkiv-Donbas railway (Balakliia station) runs through the community.
- The occupation of the community and active hostilities lasted from March 2 to September 8, 2022.
- The community suffered significant damage to its infrastructure. Currently, more than 45% of the territory is mined.

COMMUNITY FEATURES

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The community is administered by the **military administration**



The community is located along the **Siverskyi Donets river**



79% of the territory is agricultural land



Well-developed Balakliia Clinical **Multidisciplinary Hospital** for Intensive Care



Natural resources: gas, chalk, sand, loam, clay, coal



A unique **chalk massif** with a canyon



7 kindergartens and **15** schools with **471** pupils and **2,599** students



Two architectural monuments: a Manor house with an outbuilding and a Regimental church



Within the community, there are **six territories** of the **European Emerald Network**



RECONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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Funded by the European Investment Bank and the city budget, major repairs are being carried out on the Balakliia Lyceum #4 building.



With the support of UNICEF, the renovated General Practice Family Medicine Clinic #1, which was destroyed during the occupation, has been opened.



With the support of the U-LEAD with Europe programme, design, cost estimate, and tender documentation have been prepared for the reconstruction of the bridge over the Balakliyka river, which was destroyed as a result of hostilities in September 2022.

202
4

202
5



The Balakliia community has opened a new local fire department unit, which serves 13 settlements.



With funding from UNOPS, work is continuing on the repair of the roof, heating system, and shelter facilities at Balakliia Preschool #7 and Lyceum #2.



With the support of the Vinnytsia City Council, the construction and installation of integrated cogeneration units in Balakliia is underway (subsidy - UAH 10 million).

STRATEGIC VISION

Community Vision:

The Balakliia community is a capable, modern community of strong, resilient people. It is tourist-friendly, environmentally clean, and safe. A community without barriers, providing opportunities for professional and personal development, preserving its historical identity, combining its historical and cultural heritage with innovative sustainable development.

STRATEGIC GOAL 1

Developed human capital by creating conditions for education, culture, personal development, and cohesion.

STRATEGIC GOAL 2

Innovative sustainable development by ensuring the investment attractiveness of the community.

STRATEGIC GOAL 3

Developed community infrastructure to ensure high quality services for the local community.

STRATEGIC GOAL 4

Safe, developed space for green transformation based on natural resources and innovative technologies.



EDUCATION

- There are 26 educational institutions in the community, with 2,599 students and 471 preschoolers.
- Educational institutions operate remotely due to the lack of sufficient safe shelters.
- Three educational facilities damaged by hostilities need to be restored.
- There is an active Youth Council in the community.
- There is an Inclusive Resource Center (IRC) that provides services to children with special educational needs.



Priority Areas of Cooperation:

- Implementation of joint educational projects and exchange programs, in particular on the introduction of digital education and environmental education.
- Implementation of psychological support programs for children who survived the war.
- Co-organization of camps, training, and leadership programs for young people.
- Construction and repair of shelters for schools and kindergartens.



HEALTHCARE

- Healthcare facilities in the Balakliia community provide primary and secondary medical care to residents of the community, as well as three neighboring communities.
- In 2023–2024, the number of visits from neighboring communities tripled.
- The hospital houses the Arthroscopic Center of the Professor M.I. Sytenko Institute of Spine and Joint Pathology of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine.
- Every year, about 11,000 patients receive inpatient care, and more than 2,000 operations are performed, of which almost 900 are minimally invasive.



Priority Areas of Cooperation:

- Improving the quality of medical services in accordance with international standards.
- Exchange of practical experience between medical professionals.
- Training and education of personnel in the field of rehabilitation.
- Upgrading the hospital's material and technical base.
- Improving the safety and accessibility of the hospital for residents.
- Development of innovative technologies, in particular telemedicine.



SOCIAL PROTECTION

- A “Veterans' Space” has been created in the community — a single point of entry for services that facilitate the successful reintegration of veterans into peaceful life.
- The social protection department has registered: 501 defenders of Ukraine, 79 family members of the deceased, 21 children of the deceased, and 162 war veterans.
- With the support of UNICEF, a “Resilience Center” has been established and is operating, providing basic social services to vulnerable groups of the population.



Priority Areas of Cooperation:

- Further development of the “Veterans' Space” as a center for assistance, communication, and reintegration, including the expansion of its material and technical base.
- Exchange of experience, training, and professional development for social workers.
- Ensuring the accessibility and safety of social spaces for all categories of the population.



SECURITY

- The community has suffered significant destruction: four medical facilities and five apartment buildings were destroyed, and another 15 medical facilities, 17 schools, seven kindergartens, 18 clubs, 13 libraries, a museum, a music school, a sports school, a children's camp, 12 boiler rooms, and all 251 apartment buildings were damaged.
- 45% of the community's territory remains mined.
- A Safety Class has been created at one of the lyceums — a space where children learn the rules of safe behavior and actions in emergency situations.
- A new local fire department unit has been opened in the community, serving 13 settlements.



Priority Areas of Cooperation:

- Accelerating the process of clearing and demining the territory of explosive objects.
- Restoring critical infrastructure.
- Ensuring the continuous operation of the Safety Class and introducing this practice in other institutions.
- Improving emergency preparedness through training, equipment, and warning systems.
- Developing partnerships to exchange experience with other communities in Ukraine and international organizations.

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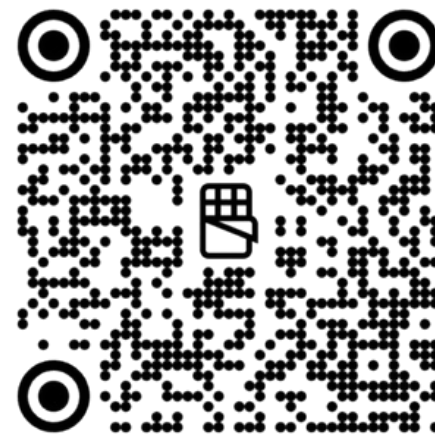
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We believe that sharing experience, technology, and innovation with other cities is an important step toward the recovery and further sustainable development of the deoccupied Balakliia community. We invite everyone to collaborate and are always open to joint projects!

**Vitalii Karabanov,
Head of the Balakliia City
Military Administration**

