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**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN   
AVANHARD LOCAL COMMUNITY** **FROM UKRAINE   
AND ANENII NOI DISTRICT FROM   
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

Kyiv сity May 9, 2024

**Avanhard local community from Ukraine** and **Anenii Noi District from the Republic of Moldova**, hereinafter referred to as the Parties.

Considering the need to develop partnership and friendship relations between the neighboring states of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova,

Being interested in the consolidation and diversification of traditional friendly relations between the Parties, as well as in the development of new dimensions of bilateral cooperation in the field of local public administration,

The following were agreed:

**Article 1 – Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties agree that the cooperation actions to be implemented will be carried out in accordance with their competences and will refer in particular to the following areas:

1. exchange of experience in the field of local development;

2. mutual promotion in the fields of economic development, education, culture, and tourism;

3. inter-institutional exchanges in their fields of competence, especially in the social, economic development, education, culture, sports, environmental protection, transport, and medical-social protection fields;

**Article 2 – Methods of Cooperation**

1. Cooperation between the parties may be carried out as follows:

- Exchange of experience between public authorities and the specialized structures subordinate to them, including the business associations - periodic organization of exhibitions, fairs with industrial products, agri-food products, consumer goods of economic agents;

- Implementation of economic and social development projects that will benefit the local communities they represent;

- Conducting professional training internships in various mutually interesting fields.

2. The Parties shall establish each year the work program that will define the joint actions to be carried out and will evaluate their achievements;

3. The Parties may invite other local public administration authorities from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova to cooperate on a project or participate in joint actions.

**Article 3 – Legal Framework for Cooperation**

The Parties shall carry out cooperation activities in accordance with their competences and in accordance with the legislation in force in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

**Article 4 – Financing**

The Parties shall bear independently all expenses incurred during the implementation of this Cooperation Agreement, within the limits stipulated by the national legislation of the two Parties.

**Article 5 – Coordination of Cooperation Activities**

1. Each Party shall designate, by the decision of the chairman/president of the council, a coordinator who shall be responsible for the efficient implementation of this Cooperation Agreement.

2. The coordinators designated by the Parties shall develop an implementation plan and shall propose additional actions that can be undertaken by both parties.

**Article 6 – Amendment of the Cooperation Agreement**

This Cooperation Agreement may be amended or supplemented based on the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Amendments and supplements shall take effect on the date of signature.

**Article 7 – Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute arising regarding the interpretation or application of this Cooperation Agreement will be settled amicably, by the Parties, through direct negotiations.

**Article 8 – Application, Duration, and Termination**

1. This Cooperation Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period and shall take effect from the date of signature.

2. Any of the Parties may terminate this Cooperation Agreement by notification, and it ceases to be valid starting from the 30th day from the date of notification.

3. The termination of this Cooperation Agreement shall not affect the implementation of programs and projects initiated during its validity period, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

4. The agreement is drawn up and signed in three original copies, one in Ukrainian, one in Romanian, and one in English.

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| **For** | **For** |
| **Avanhard Local Community** | **The District of Anenii Noi** |
| **Odesa region, Ukraine** | **Republic of Moldova** |
| **Head of the Avanhard Settlement Council** | **President** |
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