



On September 6, 2012, PDP II COP Eleanor Valentine and Ukraine's Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing, Anatoliy Blyzniuk signed a Protocol of Cooperation in three areas: professional continuing education of ministry staff and experts; internships in the ministry; full participation of the ministry in issuing documents for public discussion on the government's [civic engagement web platform](#) .

Both parties expressed their mutual appreciation of all previous and current cooperation and agreed that this formal document allows for deeper cooperation.

Minister Blyzniuk expressed his interest in continuation of the Internship program at the Ministry (from 2009-2012, 11 young Ukrainians had an opportunity to intern in the ministry) and for PDP II to conduct training for their staff on problem solving method in legislative process. An important new area of cooperation discussed was the Ministry's commitment to join the system of electronic discussion of draft normative acts which he considers to be a modern and effective technology for soliciting broader public feedback on draft policies, laws and normative acts.