



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

Brussels, 24/02/2022

Dear Members,
Dear colleagues,

On behalf of all European Union's cities and regions the European Committee of the Regions strongly condemn the Russian military aggression of Ukraine.

Mayors of Ukraine are our partners. Free people of Europe and their local communities reject the war and express their solidarity with the Ukrainian cities bombarded by the Russian aggressor.

There is no place for revanchist rhetoric calls for return to the Soviet Union in today's world where European nations and people are free.

We show our unwavering support for Ukrainians, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of their nation.

We stand ready to support Ukrainian cities and regions with all the means available, now and in the future.

We invite all European Union's regions, cities and villages to show their solidarity, by displaying the Ukrainian flag or by illuminating public buildings in its colours.

Free Ukraine.

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, Mayor of Gdansk, Chair of the Working Group of the European Committee of the Regions- Ukraine