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Svitlana Blinova leads Cities4Cities - an initiative that implements the International Municipal Cooperation component of the Swedish–Ukrainian Programme Polaris, managed by SALAR International.

Her work focuses on building long-term peer-to-peer partnerships between Ukrainian municipalities and cities across Europe and the United States, strengthening local capacity, and supporting Ukraine's path toward European integration.

Under her coordination, the Cities4Cities network has grown to include over 85 city partnerships and more than 600 Ukrainian communities. She also develops the Cities4Cities Academy and Mentorship Programme to help municipalities access EU instruments, share resilience practices, and exchange experience with European and U.S. city leaders.