



UKRAINE GREEN RECOVERY CONFERENCE КОНФЕРЕНЦІЯ «ЗЕЛЕНЕ ВІДНОВЛЕННЯ УКРАЇНИ»

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VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

DRAFT PROGRAMME¹



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28 November – Policy Segment, Day 1

Preparing the reconstruction

Morning (11:00 – 13:30)

Introduction

- 11:00 – 11:10: **Presentation of the programme and organisation – Pavlos Doikos**
- 11:10 – 11h20: **Message/Speech of European Commission President, Ms Ursula von der Leyen (tbc).**
- 11:20 – 11h30: **Welcoming words by the President of Lithuania, Mr Gitanas Nausėda (tbc).**
- 11:30 – 11h45: **Introduction by EU Commissioner for Environment, Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius**
 - Presentation of the Ukraine Green Recovery Conference and the EU's commitment to this objective
- 11:45 – 12h00: **Introduction by Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Mr Ruslan Strilets (tbc)**
 - The impact of the war on the Ukrainian environment: key figures and challenges for post-war reconstruction

Coffee break

Session 1: Present situation and challenges for Ukrainian cities

Moderator: Mr Maksym Vereshchak, Deputy Team Leader, Local Sustainable Development Coordinator, Covenant of Mayors East

- 12h30 – 13h15: **Presentation by Ukrainians mayors**
 - ✓ **Ms Galyna Minayeva, Mayor, Chuhuiv**
 - ✓ **Mr Volodymyr Petrovych Shmat'ko, Mayor, Chortkiv**
 - ✓ **Ms Olga Velychko, Deputy mayor, Poltava**
 - ✓ **Mr Yevhen Udod, First deputy mayor, Kryvyy Rih**
 - ✓ **Mr Yuriy Tretiak, First deputy mayor, Myrnohrad**
- 13h15 – 13h30: **Q&A**

Afternoon (15:00 – 18:00)

Session 2 Sustainable, aesthetics, and inclusive reconstruction – the New European Bauhaus concept

Moderator: Ms Ruth Reichstein, policy analyst, IDEA, European Commission

- 15:00 – 15:10: **Video message form Commissioner Iliana Ivanova**
- 15:10 – 15:20: **Ms Rūta Leitanaitė: “Future School for Ukraine”**
- 15:20 – 16:00: **Panel discussion**
 - ✓ **Dr Oleksandra Azarkhina Deputy Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine**
 - ✓ **Ms Rūta Leitanaitė, Board member of Architects Association of Lithuania and the Architects Council of Europe (ACE), Head of the Ukraine Task Force in ACE**
 - ✓ **Ms Veronika Valk-Siska, Architect and researcher**
 - ✓ **Mr Shigeru Ban, Member of the NEB High Level Round Table**
 - ✓ **Prof. Dr. Philipp Misselwitz, Executive Director, Bauhaus Earth**

Coffee break

Session 3: Supporting Ukraine

- 16:20 – 16:50 **Peter Polajnar, deputy head of unit, Directorate General Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations, : the Ukraine Plan on a new Ukraine Facility” “financing options for Ukrainian municipalities”**
- 16:50 – 17:05: **Ms Vera Winthagen, deputy head of unit, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre: “the NEB webinars”**
- 17:05 – 17:20: **Mr Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for environment: the PHOENIX Policy Dialogues, the LIFE Policy and Legislative Priorities (PLP) projects on New European Bauhaus, waste, and of Emerald Network initiatives**
- 17:20 – 17:35: **Presentation of some of the PLP possibly with beneficiaries**
- 17:35 – 17:50: **Q&A**

- 17:50 – 18:00: **Closing speech by a member of the College of the European Commission tbc**

Evening (18:30 – 20:30)

Standing Networking Cocktail

29 November – Policy Segment, Day 2

Reconstructing and transforming urban areas tied to environment and climate objectives, including New European Bauhaus principles.

Morning (9:30 – 13:00): Planning for the future of cities

Session 1 (9:30 – 10:20): Opportunities for green recovery offered by the EU

Informing and communicating about the key EU funding programmes and other initiatives that may support Ukrainian green recovery.

Target audience: all stakeholders

Moderator: Mr Pavlos Doikos, ELMEN (tbc)

- 09:30 – 09:35: **Introduction to the morning sessions**
- 09:35 – 09:50: **Ms Alexandra Vakrou, Acting Director, Directorate General for environment: “the LIFE Programme”**
- 09:50 – 10:10: **Mr Director John Bell, Director, Directorate General for Research and Innovation “Horizon Europe and EU Missions” (tbc)**
- 10:10 – 10:20: **Q&A**

Session 2 (10:20 – 11:00): Addressing key needs of Ukrainian municipalities

Inspiration and practical help for municipalities involved in the reconstructions and rebuilding of Ukraine. Results of the capacity-building initiative.

Target audience: mayors and regional planners

Moderator: Ms Oksana Kysil, Covenant of Mayors East

- 10:20 – 11:00: **Experience from Mayors of the Chernihiv region**
 - ✓ **Mr. Gennadiy Prymakov, Mena hromada**
 - ✓ **Ms. Rubel Nataliia, Nosivka hromada**
 - ✓ **Mr. Andriy Portniy, Sosnytsya hromada Portniy**
 - ✓ **Mr. Oleksandr Medvediov, Snovsk (former Shchors) hromada**

Coffee break

Session 3 (11:30 – 13:00): Planning for the future of cities

Inspiring and guiding by showcasing effective sustainable solutions to plan for the future of cities. Showcasing of best examples and solutions from EU-funded projects.

Target audience: mayors, municipal and regional planners.

Moderator: Mr Ben Delbaere, ELMEN

- 11:30 – 12:40: **Presentation of EU funded projects**
 - ✓ **Mr Rainer Honig, Betteries - POCITYF**
 - ✓ **Ms Zuzana Hudekova, Bratislava-Karlova Ves Municipality - LIFE DELIVER**
 - ✓ **Dr Sarah Miller, Rediscovery Centre - WiserLIFE**

- ✓ Ms Johan Verlinde, Municipality of Rotterdam - LIFE URBAN ADAPT
- ✓ Ms Katarzyna Jankowska, Radom City Hall - LIFERADOMKLIMA-PL
- ✓ Mr Tanel Mätlik, Viimsi Municipality - LIFE UrbanStorm
- ✓ Ms Cinzia Davoli, Metropolitan City of Milan - LIFE METRO ADAPT
- 12:40 – 13:00: Q&A and wrap up

Afternoon (14:30 – 18:10)

Session 4 (14:30 – 16:00): building for the future of cities

Presentation of technical solutions for a sustainable reconstruction of buildings and districts in Ukraine. Showcasing of best examples and solutions from EU-funded projects.

Target audience: architects, contractors, entrepreneurs who are expected to effectively engage in the reconstruction process.

Moderator: Dr Lynne Barratt, ELMEN

- 14:30 – 14:35: introduction to the session
- 14:35 – 15:45 EU funded projects
 - ✓ Mr Paul Van Roosmalen, Municipality of Rotterdam - LIFE @UrbanRoofs
 - ✓ Ms Esther Gamero Ceballos-Zúñiga (tbc), Junta de Extremadura - LIFE ReNaturalZEB
 - ✓ Mr Andreas Sedlmayr, INSTAGRID GmbH - LIFE CLEANAIRMM
 - ✓ Ms Lara Méndez, Lugo City Council - LIFE LUGO + BIODINAMICO
 - ✓ Mr Eddy Deruwe, Flemish Energy and Climate Agency- LIFE IP BE REEL!
 - ✓ Ms Eleonora Paris, University of Camerino - LIFE ECO Tiles
- 15:50 – 16:00: Q&A and wrap up

Coffee break

Session 5 (16:30 – 18:00): Green recovery in the wider EU approximation process

Informing about the position of the green recovery opportunities in the framework of strategies and about practicalities related to public procurement.

Target audience: companies and industry stakeholders

- 16:30 – 17:00: Ms Svitlana Berzina, head of the Public Council - president of the All-Ukrainian NGO LIVING PLANET: “Solutions for the green reconstruction of Ukraine”
- 17:00 – 17:30: Mr. Oleh Bondarenko, Ukrainian Parliament Chair: “Ukraine’s progression in approximating with EU standards on the green economy”
- 17:30 – 17:50: Mr. Mykola Tkachenko, Director of Prozorro (Ukraine’s online public procurement platform): “Public procurement processes in Ukraine”
- 17:50 – 18:00: Wrap up

Evening (18:30 – 20:30)

Standing Networking Cocktail

30 November – Business Segment, Day 1

Circular Economy Conference

This Conference will bring together businesses, technical specialists, as well as NGOs and government to discuss specific challenges and industrial solutions available on the market, in the form of plenary sessions and break-out sessions.

Morning (09:30 – 12:15)

- 09:30 – 09:45: **High level opening by Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for the Environment**
- 09:45 – 10:00: **Keynote speech by Vidmantas Janulevičius, President of the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists**
- 10:00 – 10:45: **High-level panel discussion: “Circular reconstruction in Ukraine”** moderated by Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director-General of DG Environment of the European Commission and with the participation of high-level Ukrainian guests
- 11:15 – 12:15: **Panel discussion: “How to translate cutting-edge circular economy expertise into affordable and sustainable reconstruction”** moderated by Mirjam Niemeyer, Partner at Helsinkizurich architecture practice

Afternoon (13:45 – 17:15)

Participants will be able to choose their favourite presentations from two tracks running simultaneously, with the possibility to move from one track to the other. Each track will include four presentations, with a Q&A session for each presentation and a break in between.

Track 1: Sustainable post-war infrastructure

- 13:45 – 14:30: **International practices of circularity in cities**
- 14:30 – 15:15: **Boosting ecosystem health through the circular economy**
- 15:45 – 16:30: **Empowering Communities for Sustainable Reconstruction: Local Engagement, Ownership, and Job Creation in Post-War Ukraine**
- 16:30 – 17:15: **The new legal framework for waste management and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Ukraine**

Track 2: Circular construction technologies, products, and processes

These sessions will be industry-led. Speakers will be selected among the Green Recovery Conference's participating companies, providing an opportunity to showcase most innovative practices.

- 13:45 – 14:30: **Concrete recycling: reuse of fine and coarse recycled aggregate recovered from old concrete**
- 14:30 – 15:15: **Digital technology for damage assessment and debris analysis**
- 15:45 – 16:30: **Enabling circularity: managing secondary materials and matching supply and demand**
- 16:30 – 17:15: **Water decontamination through nature-based solutions**

Evening (19:00 – 21:00)

Dinatory cocktail with all Conference participants, with high-level opening.

1 December – Business Segment, Day 2

Building connections

Morning (09:00 – 13:30): B2B matching & networking

After a welcoming plenary, participating EU and Ukrainian businesses will have the opportunity to deliver “elevator pitches”. On this basis as well as on the basis of preferences previously expressed by each participant, businesses will then be matched with other participants in a “speed dating” fashion (face-to-face meetings with quick rotation). This will foster the exchange of knowledge and the exploration of business opportunities.

- 09:00 – 09:10: **Opening remarks and instructions**
- 09:10 – 10:10: **Elevator pitch session**
- 10:10 – 11:30: **Business matching** (pre-arranged meetings and networking), part 1
- 12:00 – 13:20: **Business matching** (pre-arranged meetings and networking), part 2
- 13:20 – 13:30: **Formal closing of the Conference by Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for the Environment**

Afternoon (14:30 – 17:00): Field visit

The Conference participants will have the opportunity to visit a site demonstrating exemplary practices in the circular economy domain in or near Vilnius. This site visit will provide valuable insights and practical knowledge to the participants, fostering their understanding and engagement in circular economy approaches.

- 13:30 – 13:35: **Logistical briefing**
- 14:30 – 17:00: **Field visit**