



# UKRAINE EXPERT CONFERENCE

Civil Society, Resilience & Reconstruction

BERLIN | JULY 3, 2025

## Introduction

As Russia's full-scale war on Ukraine enters its fourth year, civil society organizations—both in Ukraine and across Europe—are being stretched to their limits. While they continue to shoulder increasing responsibilities, international donors scale down their support. A dangerous funding gap is emerging—threatening the continuity of vital humanitarian, medical, and reconstruction efforts in Ukraine.

We are honored to welcome you to the **Ukraine Expert Conference on Civil Society, Resilience & Reconstruction**, jointly co-organized by **Be an Angel e.V.**, **European Ukrainian Bridge** and the **Evangelische Akademie**.

This high-level event is structured in two main parts—Civil Society and Business Sector — to highlight how both sectors can contribute to Ukraine's sustainable recovery in times of war and peace.

**We kindly encourage all presenters and participants to share the guest registration link within your networks to help us reach a broad and engaged audience:**  
<https://be-an-angel.org/news/ukraine-berlin-2025-expert-conference/>



**Date:** Thursday, July 3, 2025 | 09:00–18:00



**Location:** Französische Friedrichstadtkirche zu Berlin, Gendarmenmarkt 5, 10117 Berlin



**Language:** English



**Format:** In-Person Event



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## Conference Objective:

This expert conference will convene NGOs, business leaders, medical and humanitarian professionals, and digital innovators to strengthen partnerships and co-create a cooperative roadmap for Ukraine's recovery. Through panel discussions, presentations, and targeted networking, participants will exchange strategies and spotlight concrete solutions that are both adaptable in times of war and scalable in peace. The sessions will also generate insights that respond to two overarching strategic questions, guiding efforts toward sustainable post-war reconstruction and economic resilience.

The outcomes are intended to be presented of a joint presentation at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Rome (URC2025).



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## Guiding Questions

### Wartime & Peacetime Guiding questions:

- 1. Inclusive Recovery:**  
What strategies ensure that economic recovery benefits all social groups, including marginalized communities and activists?
- 2. Civil Society Impact:**  
How can insights from civil society shape reconstruction efforts—especially business-led ones—so they reflect real community needs?
- 3. Cross-Sector Collaboration:**  
Which forms of cooperation between civil society and businesses are most effective for sustaining recovery efforts during wartime instability?
- 4. Activity Alignment:**  
How can overlapping initiatives on similar themes be aligned or synchronized to maximize impact and avoid duplication?
- 5. Strategic Communication:**  
How should PR, marketing, reporting, and outreach be designed to clearly communicate needs and results to potential donors and grantmakers?



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## Panel Guiding Questions:

### **Humanitarian Aid – what works, what doesn't?**

Which humanitarian programs remain essential, which require adaptation, and where are redundancies or gaps in current response structures? How can civil society and (businesses) and co-develop job creation strategies for IDPs, women, and veterans.

### **Medical Response**

Which approaches to trauma care and rehabilitation are proving successful? What structural support does Ukraine's strained health system require, especially for complex cases and cross-border care?

### **Investment & Economic Resilience -**

What role should social ventures and crowdfunding platforms play in Ukraine's rebuilding? What tools can mitigate the risk of ethical investment in reconstruction?

### **Re:build – Reconstruction & Digital Solutions**

How can Ukraine attract investment that aligns with ethical standards and long-term resilience rather than short-term exploitation? How can local self-governments and regional administrations take the lead in Ukraine's reconstruction—ensuring transparent processes, equitable access to funding, and long-term regional resilience?



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## Formats:

- **Presentations (max. 10 minutes):** Individual NGOs and initiatives present their work. Please introduce your NGO/ initiatives no longer than a minute + than focus on solution for Ukraine in times of war + in case of peace: please keep in mind our guiding questions.
- **Panels (1 hour, max 4 panelists):** Discussions on current challenges, synergies, and innovative approaches
- **Networking & Exchange**
- **Participants:** max. 400
- **Working language:** English

**Conference Moderator:** Helga Truckenbrodt

## Preliminary Schedule

**09:30 – 10:00** - Registration & Welcome Coffee

**10:00 – 10:15** - Welcome & Introduction by the Organizers

## Session 1: Humanitarian Aid

(moderation: Jan Jessen)

**Presentations: 10:15 – 10:35**

- **Kateryna Onishchenko** – CEO & Founder (Volunteer Center of Kramatorsk)
- **Tony Anthony** – CEO (Great Commission Society)

**Panel 1: 10:40 – 11:40**

- **Alexander Davies** – Global Programme Advisor (Norwegian Refugee Council Global Shelter & Settlements)
- **Kateryna Onishchenko** – CEO & Founder (Volunteer Center of Kramatorsk)
- **Yevhen Ursalov** – CEO & Founder (CASERS)
- **Roman Ruwinski** – CEO & Founder (LEF - Lviv Ecological Foundation)



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## Session 2: Medical Response

(moderation: Jan Jessen)

**Presentations: 11:50 – 12:20**

- **Tamara Aleksandrova - Procurement Management Expert (100 Percent Life)**
- Oksana Schocher – Co-Founder and Head of Development (Mission Ukraine)
- Thomas Humphrey – Head of Informatics (UA-MED)

**Panel 2: 12:25 – 13:15**

- Dr. Douglas Davis – Founder (UA-MED)
- Nataliia Lukyanova – Co-Founder and Head (Mission Ukraine)
- Zoriana Stepanenko – RFE /RL (Help Heroes of Ukraine)

**Lunch Break (Catering: Kreuzberger Himmel) 13:15 – 13:45**

## Session 3: Investment & Economic Resilience

(moderation: Stephan Orth)

**Presentations: 14:00 – 14:20**

- Natascha Grams – Founder and Chair (German Ukrainian Institute for Private Enterprise)
- André Pilling – 1st Chairman (European Ukrainian Bridge -EUB)

**Panel 3: 14:25 – 15:25**

- Roland Becker – Investor Relations and Marketing (Crowd Ukraine Invest AG)
- Dr. Olga Trofimtseva – Sector Lead Agriculture and Food Security (Ukraine Facility Platform)
- Dmytro Beshpalov – Operation Partner (Ukrainian Export Alliance)

**Coffee Break with Ukrainian Specialties 15:25 – 16:00**



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## Session 4: Rebuild – Digital Solutions & Practical Aid

(moderation: Sergiy Govorovskyy)

### **Presentations: 16:00 – 16:20**

- Adrienne Goehler – curator of (HOPE HOME-НАДІЯ / radically different –ecological– construction in Ukraine)
- Lukasz Mackiewicz – Policy Advisor (GPPI)

### **Panel 4: 16:25 – 17:25**

- Fee Dorina Dutombé -Project Lead (HOPE HOME-НАДІЯ)
- Wolfram Putz – Founder (GRAFT Architects)
- Krystyna Rivera – Public Relations Senior Officer (100% Life)

## Networking 17:25 – 18:00

## Closing Ceremony – 18:00

Presentation of central solution approaches from all sessions:

- What measures are necessary if the war continues?
- What priorities apply in the case of peace?

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## [Networking + Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel](#) - 19:00

Join us for an informal dinner and networking evening at [Kreuzberger Himmel](#) – a unique restaurant founded by Be an Angel in 2018 and entirely run by people with a refugee background. This is a great opportunity to continue conversations and connect with fellow participants and guests in a relaxed atmosphere.

### **Limited capacity!**

The restaurant can accommodate up to 100 guests – please reserve your spot in advance via:  <https://kreuzberger-himmel.de/reservieren/index.html>

### **Please note:**

Dinner and drinks are at your own expense.