

International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine

Berlin, 25 October 2022

Event Concept Note

Russia's appalling war of aggression in Ukraine is causing immense human suffering, displacement, and destruction of critical infrastructure. We stand firmly with Ukraine and are resolved to support its recovery, reconstruction and modernisation for a sustainable, democratic, and prosperous future, in line with its European path and at the heart of the international community.

To this end, Chancellor Olaf Scholz for the German G7 Presidency and President Ursula von der Leyen for the European Commission – in close cooperation with the Government of Ukraine – will co-host the International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine on 25th October 2022 in Berlin. This conference will serve as a forum for an in-depth dialogue and feed into the comprehensive recovery and reconstruction planning in tandem with international efforts and in continued cooperation with the Government of Ukraine.

The conference will bring together renowned experts across various disciplines and backgrounds, international organisations, senior government representatives, think tanks and academics, as well as representatives from civil society and the private sector. It will be an exceptional opportunity to offer and hear from expertise to advise the ongoing and long-term global efforts to support Ukraine and its democratic future.

The event will be opened by co-hosts Chancellor Scholz and President von der Leyen, with the keynote address given by Ukrainian President Zelenskyy. This will be followed by an opening plenary with the participation of Ukrainian Prime Minister Shmyhal, offering international perspectives on Ukraine's geopolitical and economic outlook and the scale of the recovery and reconstruction needs.

The morning sessions, led and moderated by experts, will cover a range of topics beginning with lessons learned from historical reconstruction efforts like the Marshall Plan in Europe and taking stock of the current situation in Ukraine and the sequencing of recovery and reconstruction needs. Discussions will then focus on the financing of recovery and reconstruction, exploring possible frameworks for governance and emphasising strong Ukrainian ownership in the process of mobilising resources and private sector involvement.

The afternoon sessions will delve into the key priorities for Ukraine's sustainable growth, development, and stability, including with a view to EU accession. These sessions will, inter alia, focus on institutional transformation and good governance, macroeconomic and financial stability, industrial policy and sustainable development, and inclusiveness.