

Panel description

The International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine is organised around thematic panels, designed to stimulate debate and discussions among the panellists, and with the audience. All panels are led and facilitated by moderators, with demonstrable expertise in their own right.

Under the session headlines stated below, questions such as – but not limited to – the following will be discussed among the experts and in interaction with the audience.

Session 1: Lessons from Recovery Efforts of the Past

This panel will evaluate the present situation in Ukraine in terms of lessons learnt from historic reconstruction and recovery examples, including the Marshall Plan and that of the Balkans.

The panellists will reflect on questions such as:

- **How were past recovery efforts structured? Looking at past examples, what are the prerequisites for successful recovery, and what can we learn about effective sequencing of priorities for maximum impact?**
- **How can history inform best practice to ensure effective coordination and governance in the recovery and reconstruction process, in terms of ongoing assessment and maintaining standards?**
- **Across different models of recovery and reconstruction, how was recovery linked to reform efforts?**

Session 2: Recovery and its Financing

This session will explore the optimal conditions to bring in financing, as well as models of governance built on strong ownership by Ukraine, international coordination and synchronisation with the EU accession process.

The panellists will reflect on questions such as:

- **How to ensure the cooperation between all relevant partners and organisations, Ukraine, EU, international partners and international financial institutions, as well as the private sector, to assess recovery needs alongside appropriate contributions from all involved?**
- **What main financing models could be envisaged to address Ukraine's financial needs for supporting its recovery? How best to link these with governance, anti-corruption and reporting requirements?**
- **How can private sector expertise and capabilities be mobilised and integrated into the reconstruction? How can it contribute to early recovery already, not only long-term reconstruction?**

Session 3: Institutional Transformation, Good Governance and Inclusiveness

This session will delve into the various priorities for inclusive recovery and modernisation, including with a view to EU accession, stability, sustainable growth and development.

The panellists will reflect on questions such as:

- **How to continue the modernisation of the State and its institutions – as a key pillar of recovery and reconstruction – to foster good governance and respect for the rule of law?**
- **How to ensure the continued legitimacy and strengthening of democratic institutions, in the recovery process and modernisation of the State and its institutions, including at regional and local level?**
- **What role can decentralisation play? What are the roles and formats for the civil society, for empowerment and participation in models for good governance?**

Session 4: Macroeconomic and Financial Stability

This panel will consider the economic impact of the war on Ukraine's economic model, including slower growth, trade disruptions, and steeper inflation, harming the most vulnerable. The panel will consider ways to forge a stable economic environment, which is a pre-condition for domestic and foreign investors and private funding for reconstruction.

The panellists will reflect on questions such as:

- **What's the best strategic policy mix in terms of national measures and international contributions? What monetary and fiscal policy fundamentals need to be put in place?**
- **What short-, medium- and long-term policy measures need to be taken by Ukraine?**

Session 5: Industrial Policy and Sustainable Development

This panel will consider how to support and modernize Ukraine's industrial strategy, forge new trading relations, and attract foreign direct investment. It will consider, amongst other angles, the importance of research and innovation policy for recovery, the green and digital transitions and long-term sustainability.

The panellists will reflect on questions such as:

- **What is the cross-sectoral development strategy for Ukraine? What is the adequate energy policy for Ukraine?**
- **How can Ukraine attract foreign direct investment and modernize its economy and trading relationships, with a strong and competitive private sector as the driving force?**
- **What is the role of technology and human capital in bringing about a sustainable and green recovery?**