

UKRAINE GREEN RECOVERY CONFERENCE

28 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER 2023

DRAFT PROGRAMME¹

28 NOVEMBER – POLICY SEGMENT, DAY 1 – PREPARING THE RECONSTRUCTION

MORNING (11:00 – 13:00)

Introduction

- 11:10 - 11:15: **Opening session - Presentation of the programme and organisation**
- 11:15 - 11h20: **Message/Speech of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (tbc).**
- 11:20 - 11h30: **Welcoming words by the President of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda (tbc).**
- 11:30 - 11h40: **Introduction by EU Commissioner for Environment Virginijus Sinkevičius**
 - Presentation of the Ukraine Green Recovery Conference and the EU's commitment to this objective
- 11:40 - 12h00: **Introduction by Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine Ruslan Strilets (tbc)**
 - The impact of the war on the Ukrainian environment: key figures and challenges for post-war reconstruction

Session 1: Present situation and challenges for Ukrainian cities

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

- 12h00 – 13h00: **Presentation by Ukrainians mayors, NEB experts, followed by a Q&A**

Participants:

- Ms. Valentyna Shulimborska, RO3KVIT Urban Coalition for Ukraine
- Ms. Galyna Minayeva, Mayor
- ChuhuiivMr Volodymyr Petrovych Shmat'ko, Mayor, Chortkiv
- MS. Olga Velychko, Deputy mayor
- Mr. Yevhen Udod, First deputy mayor, Kryvvy Rih
- Mr. Yuri Tretiak, First deputy mayor, Myrnohrad

AFTERNOON (14:30 – 18:00)

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

- 14h30 – 14H40: **video message from Commissioner Iliana Ivanova**

¹ Kindly note that topics and speakers presented in this document may still change at the discretion of DG Environment depending on several factors.

- **14h40 – 15h30: panel**
Moderator: Ruth Reichtstein (tbc)
 - ✓ **Dr Oleksandra Azarkhina**, Deputy Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine (**tbc**)
 - ✓ **Hans Joachim Schellnhuber**, Founding director of Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
 - ✓ **Mr. Shigeru Ban**, Member of the NEB High Level Round Table
 - ✓ **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
 - ✓ **Veronika Valk-Siska**, Architect VIII and researcher)
- **15h30 – 15h45: Q&A**

Session 3: Supporting Ukraine

- **15h45 – 16h00: Presentation of financing options for Ukrainian municipalities**
Anna Jarosz-Friis, NEAR.E Director, or Marlene Madsen, NEAR.E2 Head of unit (tbc)
 - **16h00 - 16h00: Presentation of the NEB webinars, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, JRC**
 - **16h00 - 16h15: Presentation of the PHOENIX Policy Dialogues by DG ENV Director for Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism Astrid Schomaker (tbc)**
 - **16h15 - 16h45: Presentation of the specific support for the Horizon Europe call for applications, Presentation of the LIFE Policy and Legislative Priorities (PLP) projects on New European Bauhaus, waste, and of Emerald Network initiatives by DG ENV Deputy Director General Patrick Child or Director ENV.A Alexandra Vakrou (tbc) and selected applicants**
 - **16h45 - 17h00: Q&A**
 - **17h00 – 17h15: Presentation by the Directorate-General for Climate Action (CLIMA) on future actions**
 - **17h15 – 17h30: Presentation by the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER) on future actions**
- 17h30: Closing speech by a member of the College of the European Commission (tbc)**

29 NOVEMBER – POLICY SEGMENT, DAY 2 – RECONSTRUCTING AND TRANSFORMING URBAN AREAS WITH NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS PRINCIPLES, TIED TO ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE OBJECTIVES

MORNING (9h30 – 13:00): PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF CITIES

Session 1 (9:30 – 11:00): 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

- 09:30 – 09:35: **Introduction to the morning sessions by the moderator**
- 09:35 – 09:50: **Introduction by DG Environment Director-General Florika Fink-Hooijer**
- 09:50 – 10:00: **the LIFE Programme** by DG ENV or Executive Director of CINEA (tbc)
- 10:00 – 10:10: **Horizon Europe, EU Missions calls of relevance to the theme** by DG RTD Director John Bell (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

- 10:20 – 10:00: **Experience from Mayors of the Chernihiv region**
 - ✓ **Oksana Kysil, Covenant of Mayors East**
 - ✓ **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 Ukrainian stakeholders by showcasing effective sustainable solutions to plan for the future of cities: how to consider nature-based solutions (NBS), Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCA, CCM), circular economy principles and green energy in city and regional reconstruction plans, following the New European Bauhaus principles.

Target audience: mayors, municipal and regional planners.

- 11:30 – 12:40: **Presentation by a selection of 5-7 LIFE and Horizon Europe projects**
 - ✓ **Ana Ferriera**
 - ✓ **Zuzana Hudekova**
 - ✓ **Sarah Miller**
 - ✓ **Helmi HANSMA / Ester Ruijvoorn**
 - ✓ **Katarzyna Jankowska**
 - ✓ **Tanel Mätlik**

- ✓ **Cinzia Davoli**
- 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.

- 14:30 – 14:35: **introduction to the session by the moderator**
- 14:35 – 14:50: **Introduction by the Directorate-General for Energy**
- 14:50 – 15:50: **Presentation by a selection of 5-7 LIFE and Horizon Europe projects**
 - ✓ **PAUL VAN ROOSMALEN**
 - ✓ **ESTHER GAMERO CEBALLOS-ZÚÑIGA**
 - ✓ **ANDREAS SEDLMAYR**
 - ✓ **MARIA M. VAL**
 - ✓ **EDDY DERUWE**
- 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: **Embedding the green recovery in Ukraine's strategy: the Ukraine Plan under the proposed EU Regulation on a new Ukraine Facility by DG NEAR and a representative of a "core group" Ministry**
- 17:00 – 17:30: **Ukraine's progression in approximating with EU standards on the green economy, Ukrainian Parliament Chair Mr. Victor Bondarenko**
- 17:30 – 17:50: **Public procurement processes in Ukraine – Mr. Mykola Tkachenko, Director of Prozorro (Ukraine's online public procurement platform)**
- 17:50 -18:00: **Wrap up**
- 18:00 – 18:10: **Closing of the policy segment by Commissioner Sinkevičius**

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

- i. 13:45 – 14:30: **International practices of circularity in cities**
- ii. 14:30 – 15:15: **Boosting ecosystem health through the circular economy**
- iii. 15:45 – 16:30: **Empowering Communities for Sustainable Reconstruction: Local Engagement, Ownership, and Job Creation in Post-War Ukraine**
- iv. 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.

- i. 13:45 – 14:30: **Concrete recycling: reuse of fine and coarse recycled aggregate recovered from old concrete**
- ii. 14:30 – 15:15: **Digital technology for damage assessment and debris analysis**
- iii. 15:45 – 16:30: **Enabling circularity: managing secondary materials and matching supply and demand**
- iv. 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**

