

Ukraine's Future Summit

Investing in Tomorrow's Potential

18 April 2024 | Cercle Royal Gaulois, Brussels

Organised in context of the launch of the European Union's Ukraine Investment Framework,
Pillar II of the Ukraine Facility

DESCRIPTION

The European Council's mid-December 2023 decision to open EU accession negotiations with Ukraine marks a significant step towards the country's economic and political integration with the rest of Europe. In February 2024, EU Leaders, European Parliament and EU Council as co-legislators, reached another breakthrough agreeing to provide Ukraine with regular and predictable financial support under the new Ukraine Facility with an amount of up to €50 billion. This shifts the spotlight onto the challenges and opportunities of doing business with Ukraine, attracting inward investment from EU-based companies as well as boosting trade.

Building strong and resilient economic links between the EU and Ukraine is as central to Europe's backing of the Ukrainian government and its people. The conference will focus on EU efforts to foster investment into Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction. It will take advantage of the launch of the Pillar II of the Ukraine Facility – the new Ukraine Investment Framework. Key sectors of the Ukrainian economy will be discussed by high-level representatives of the EU institutions, governments, International Financial Institutions as well as distinguished company leaders with hands-on experience of doing business.

This conference aims to achieve two primary objectives: firstly, it serves as a platform for effective communication and keeping abreast of the latest developments, ensuring participants are well informed, connected and updated on the development of future instruments, notably under EU's Ukraine Facility. Secondly, the conference aims to foster invaluable connections and facilitate meaningful engagements between EU-based and Ukrainian business communities. The emphasis here lies on practical networking between government and business representatives.

This conference is an initiative of European Business Summits and Egmont Institute and benefits from the support the European Commission, Belgium's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mission of Ukraine to the European Union.

FORMAT

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND INTERVIEWS WITH MEDIA PARTNERS
(CNBC, Euronews, FT, Bloomberg TV, WSJ...)

VIP LUNCH BY INVITATION

LUNCH FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS

NETWORKING MOMENTS (lunch, cocktail)

Discussion panels will be moderated by high-profile journalists and reporters.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME

9h15-9h20: WELCOMING WORDS

9h20-9h30: OPENING PLENARY

Speakers:

- Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations
- Yulia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine
- Hadja Lahbib, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Federal Cultural Institutions

9h30-10h00: Session 1 – High-level Plenary – Boost the role of business in Ukraine's recovery, taking stock on EU support, investment mobilisation and future plans.

Speakers:

- Gert Jan Koopman, Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
- Yulia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine
- Milica Delevic, Director for Governance and Political Affairs, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Markus Beyrer, Director General, BusinessEurope

10h00-10h30: Session 2 – Reconstruction is happening now – presentation of resilience stories: businesses that make a difference in recovering & rebuilding Ukraine

10h30-11h00: COFFEE BREAK

11h00-11h50: Session 3 – Financial Markets for Ukraine's Prosperity, leaving no-one behind

Speakers:

- Anna Jarosz Friis, Director of Ukraine Service, Department for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
- Arthur Zagorodnykov, Deputy Chairman of the Board, First Ukrainian International Bank, PUMB

11h50-12h40: Session 4 – Rebuilding future Ukraine's infrastructures

Speakers:

- Natalie Pauwels, Head of Unit, Inter-institutional, Coordination of Relief and Reconstruction, DG NEAR

12h40-14h00: NETWORKING LUNCH FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

12h40-14h00: BUSINESS LEADERS LUNCH ON INVITATION ONLY

14h00-14h50: Session 5 – Accelerating Ukraine's Single Market Integration and Cultivating a Favourable Business Environment

Speakers:

- Jakub Boratynski, Director of Networks & Governance, Department for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- Anna Derevyanko, Executive Director of the European Business Association

Sectoral Sessions

14h50-15h40: Session 6 – Empowering Ukraine's Energy Future

Speakers:

- Paula Pinho, Director at Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Security, Efficiency and Innovation, Department for Energy, European Commission
- Artur Lorkowski, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat

15h40-16h10: COFFEE BREAK

16h10-17h00: Session 7 – Towards Strategic Autonomy – Crucial Resources and Industries to Power Ukraine's Recovery and contribute to EU's Economic Security

Speakers:

- Peter Handley, Head of Unit, Energy Intensive Industries and Raw Materials, Department for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

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