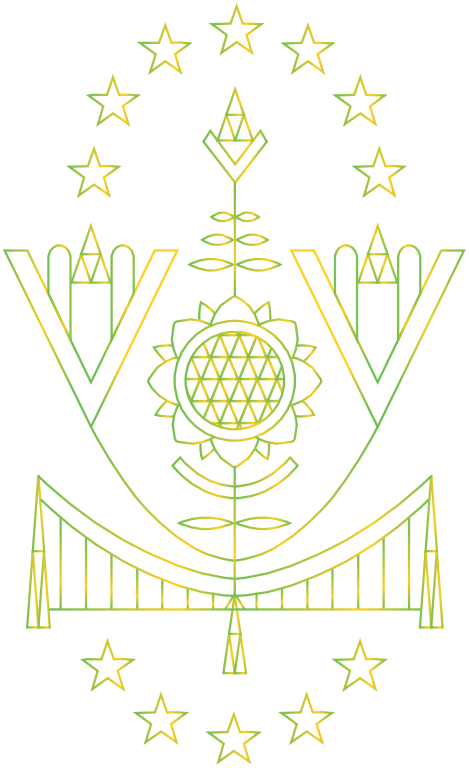
Kyiv Dialogue

UKRAINE'S PATH INTO THE EU — RESISTANCE, RESILIENCE, REFORMS

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

10-11 November 2026, Berlin



AGENDA | DAY 1

10 November 2026, Tuesday

16:30 – 17:00 — **Registration and Coffee**

17:00 – 17:15 — **Welcome & Opening**

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, Chairwoman, Konrad Adenauer Foundation
Thomas Vogel, Co-Director, European Exchange

17:15 – 17:45 — **Keynote**

Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Chairwoman, Centre for Civil Liberties (online)

17:45 – 19:15 — **Opening Panel: Ukraine's Path to the EU Between Reforms and Security Priorities – How Germany and Poland Can Contribute**

Poland and Germany have a strong interest in ensuring that Ukraine emerges from Russia's war of aggression as a victor and an independent state and becomes a full member of the EU through a performance-based, yet proactively designed and time-bound accession process. The panel examines the opportunities and risks of the EU accession process, identifies key thematic challenges, and discusses concrete proposals for Ukrainian-Polish-German cooperation.

Mariia Ionova, MP, Committee on Foreign Policy and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, Verkhovna Rada (online)
Johannes Volkmann, MP, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, German Bundestag
Viktoriia Melnyk, Head of International Relations and European Integration, Centre of Policy and Legal Reform (CPLR)
Agnieszka Walter-Drop, Director-General for Cohesion, Agriculture and Social Policies, European Parliament

Commentator: **Wilfried Jilge,** Associate Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Board Member Kyiv Dialogue

Moderation: **Edwin Bendyk,** Director of the Stefan Batory Foundation

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19:15 — **Reception**

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AGENDA | DAY 2

11 November 2026, Wednesday

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Coffee

09:30 – 10:45

The Role of Communities in Civil Protection and Comprehensive Defence: How to Build an Ecosystem of a Resilient Society?

The Ukrainian experience shows that resilience stems from the ability to engage in decentralized cooperation with state and non-state actors capable of acting independently, as well as from the ability to sustainably integrate government action with civil society, economic, and local capacities. The panel aims to highlight Ukraine's successful strategies and examine their applicability to countries such as Poland and Germany. It will showcase successful examples of cooperation among the three countries and initial steps toward moving away from ad hoc measures toward a more strategic approach to coordinating and sustaining civil protection.

Oleh Saakian, Co-founder, National Platform for Resilience & Cohesion
Regina Kharchenko, Acting Mayor of Zaporizhzhya
Monika Miłowska, Founder and Chair, Mapuj Pomoc Network

Moderation: **Wilfried Jilge,** Associate Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Board Member of Kyiv Dialogue

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11:00 – 12:15

Ukrainian Media and Civil Society in Survival Mode: Europe's Frontline against Russian Disinformation

For more than a decade, Ukrainian journalists have been working in survival mode: reporting under missile attacks, facing occupation and the economic collapse of their newsrooms, while countering one of the world's most sophisticated propaganda machines. Russia's disinformation campaigns do not stop at Ukraine's borders. They target elections, public trust, and social cohesion across Europe. Together with journalists and civil society organisations who monitor, expose, and counter Russian propaganda, we will discuss the threats, fights, experiences, and successes of Ukrainian media in defending reliable information and trust in media. What can Europe learn from Ukraine, and how can we support independent journalism as a pillar of democratic security?

Ola Myrovych, CEO, Lviv Media Forum (LMF)
Ihor Rozkladai, Media lawyer, co-founder of the Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law (CEDEM)
Roman Kulchynskyi, Co-founder and editor-in-chief, Texty.org.ua

Moderation: **Rebecca Harms**, former Member of the European Parliament, Board Member of the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)

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12:15 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:45

Break-Out Sessions

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13:30 – 14:45

RT Session I: What If War Ends? Transitional Justice and Human Rights

Any negotiated end to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine may come at the cost of painful concessions on holding war criminals accountable, dealing a blow to justice and international humanitarian law. How can civil society work together to shape the agenda on international accountability mechanisms and contribute to a more just peace?

Yuliia Kaplan, Ideas for Change
Dr. Florian Kriener, Human Rights Fellow, Heinrich Böll Stiftung
Yuriy Uhryn, Truth Hounds

Moderation: **Dr. Olha Nykorak,** Heinrich Böll Stiftung Ukraine

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RT Session II: Local Partnerships for Resilient Communities. How Civil Society and Local Governments Can Shape Ukraine's Recovery

Across Ukraine, municipalities and civic initiatives are developing innovative ways of working together to respond to the war, strengthen communities, and lay the foundations for sustainable recovery.

This panel brings together practitioners who have built effective partnerships on the ground. They will discuss which governance models foster trust, how local authorities and civic actors can complement one another, and what lessons other municipalities in Ukraine and beyond can learn.

Yuliia Khomchyn, Director, Cultural Strategy Institute, Lviv
Yuliia Melnyk, Director, NGO Ekopoltava
Olga Sukha, Architect, Creative Residence MC6

Moderation: **Annegret Wulff,** Managing Director, Commit gGmbH

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RT Session III: From Local Action to Collective Impact. Strengthening Environmental Initiatives through Cooperation

The session will explore how local environmental initiatives in eastern and southeastern Ukraine can become stronger, more sustainable, and increase their impact. Through practical examples and group discussions, participants will identify common challenges and opportunities for cooperation, knowledge exchange, advocacy, and future partnerships.

Oleksii Musatov, NGO Terra Response Network (online)
Violetta Hurkush, NGO Zelenyi Hai (online)
Diana Shevelova, Head of GreenRoots Hub in Dnipro, environmental initiatives from East and Southeast Ukraine

Moderation: **Olha Boiko,** NGO Pletyvo, Allianz Foundation Fellow

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14:45 – 15:15

Coffee Break

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Can Europe Afford Ukraine – and Can It Afford not to?

The panel will examine how to secure predictable, sustainable financing for Ukraine in the years ahead – across defence, recovery, and reform – at a moment of geopolitical volatility and competing budgetary pressures. Building on the experience of the Ukraine Facility and the ongoing debate around the next MFF (Multi-annual Financial Framework), the discussion will also ask how private capital and investment can complement public support, and what role European and international institutions play in facilitating this. Ukraine's EU path serves as the framework for reform and strategic direction throughout this process.

Stefan Kägebein, Director East- und South Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (DIHK)
Olga Pindyuk, Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
Jeanne Robles, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, EU Commission (online)
Mareike Müller, Journalist, Foreign Correspondent and Author
Nadiia Pidsudok, President, Platform "Women in Business"

Moderation: **Miriam Kosmehl,** Senior Expert Bertelsmann Foundation

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16:30 – 17:45

Is Europe Ready for Civilian Defence? Emerging Threats, New Technologies and the Role of Civil Society

The war in Ukraine has become a live laboratory for 21st-century conflict. AI-enabled targeting, cyber operations, and hybrid tactics are reshaping how security is contested and defended on the battlefield, but also heavily affecting civilians.
Is Europe able to learn from Ukraine and set up its military and civilian defence?

Sara Nanni, MP, Member of the Defence Committee, German Bundestag
Marcus Welsch, OSINT and data analyst, author of the Ukraine Air War Monitor
Polina Istomina, Associate Fellow, Sahaidachnyi Security Center
Vaidas Saldžiūnas, Lithuanian Defence and Security Expert

Moderator: **Dr. Jan-Philipp Wölbern,** Deputy Head of the Ukraine Office, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

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17:45 – 18:00

Wrap Up and Closing Remarks

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