

**Preparatory event for the
Ukraine Recovery Conference 2024 in Berlin
06.-07.03.2024, Berlin, Germany**

Unlocking opportunities, creating momentum: Transformative Urban Reconstruction in Ukraine

Background:

Supporting Ukraine and its resilience since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression is a top political priority for Germany. At the European level, the EU is supporting Ukraine in the EU accession process and is committed to accelerating reforms. In terms of urban development policy, the New Leipzig Charter, with its value-based, integrated, and common good -oriented approach, is the defining framework for action in the European context.

The German commitment and pioneering role in the field of urban development within the EU and among the G7 partners is appreciated worldwide. The National Urban Development Policy and in particular its urban development funding programs can provide important impetus both for the reconstruction of Ukraine and for the ongoing EU rapprochement process. The creation of liveable neighbourhoods, whether in the context of reconstruction or transformation, can only be achieved through strong municipalities with support from the regional and national levels.

Objective and strategic dimension:

The pre-conference combines the showcasing of concrete projects and different programs and approaches with a professional exchange involving both municipalities and national authorities. Through the joint and critical discussion of selected examples of urban development practice in Germany, Ukrainian partners from different government levels will be given the opportunity to critically examine the approaches and programs from Germany for their own needs in a safe space. This will support partners Ukrainian partners in sharpening their own role in the joint efforts for a transformative reconstruction of cities. The joint exchange with representatives of German municipalities, municipal umbrella organisations and national authorities will provide examples of how a system based on trust and subsidiarity can be put into practice.

This will be done through showcasing selected projects and programmatic approaches and programs of urban development funding. The key results and highlights of the conference will be documented high-profile communication contributions to be included in the URC 2024.

Target group:

The program design will focus on the participation of representatives from both the municipal and national levels. The participation of the German representatives serves to demonstrate the practical implementation aspect within the programs of the National Urban Development Policy and the great potential of trustful cooperation in a multi-level approach. potential. In terms of Ukrainian partners, the key target group is the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine (Ministry of Infrastructure) and the representatives of the Ukrainian municipalities.

Agenda:

06.03.2024: Trialog with Ukrainian and international architects and urban planners
“Planning and Building for Resilience”, Opening reception
Location: CHECK IN of Tempelhof Airport, Platz d. Luftbrücke 5, 12101 Berlin

07.03.2024: Conference (Location: Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften)

speakers tbc as of February 28, 2024. All times are indicated in CET.

06.03.2024 – Wednesday, Trialog on Planning and Building for Resilience Location: Former Tempelhof Airport, CHECK IN Pl. der Luftbrücke 5, 12101 Berlin Moderation: Natalia Mysak	
16:00 – 17:30	Site Visit “Former Tempelhof Airport” <i>Translation English – Ukrainian</i>
18:00 – 19:15	Trialog on Planning and Building for Resilience Welcome by Elisabeth Kaiser , Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building Oleksandra Azarkhina , State Secretary in the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine Jochen Flasbarth , Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Drozdov, Architect, Founder of the Kharkiv School of Architecture and Co-Founder of <i>Ro3kvit</i>: Urban Coalition for Ukraine • Philipp Meuser, Architect and Publisher, DOM Publishers • Hubert Trammer, Architect. Member of the Roundtable of the New European Bauhaus <i>Translation English - Ukrainian</i>
19:15 – 19:30	Small break setting up the buffet for the reception
19:30 – 21:00	Reception
07.03.2024 – Thursday, Conference Day Location: Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Jägerstraße 22/23 10117 Berlin Moderation: Katja Theise	
08.00 – 08:50	Arrival and Registration
8:50 – 9:00	Moderator calls everyone to order and gives word to Ms. Geywitz
09.00 – 09.30	Opening by Klara Geywitz , Federal Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Building Oleksandr Kubrakov , Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine - Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine <i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i>
09:30 – 09:40	Introduction to the Conference Programme and brief interaction
09.40 – 10.10	Keynote by Dr. Jochen Lang (Director General Housing and Urban Renewal, Senate of Urban Development and Housing of Berlin) <i>Rebuilding and creating liveable cities by multi-level governance and finance: The role of National Urban Development Policies and Federal Funding Programs</i> <i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i>

10.10 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 – 12.15	<p>Panel Discussion and Q&A with audience: Governmental and financial architecture of recovery and transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz (tbc), Minister for Development Funds and Regional Policy of Republic of Poland • Prof. Dr. Thomas Drachenberg, Head of Heritage Service of the Federal State of Brandenburg • Dr. Anton Kolomieitsev, City Architect of City of Lviv • Gabriel Blanc, Team Leader for Reconstruction, EU Commission, DG NEAR • Dr. Jochen Lang, Senate for Urban Development and Housing of Berlin <p><i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i></p>
12.15 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:50 – 14:20	<p>Local self-governance and recovery – an interview of Oleksandra Azarkhina, Deputy minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine</p> <p>Interview by: Prof. Dr. Oliver Weigel, Head of International Urban Development Policy, Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building</p> <p><i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i></p>
14:20 – 14:30	Introduction of breakout-sessions and facilitators; transfer to breakout rooms
14.30 – 16.30	<p>Breakout Sessions <i>in parallel.</i></p> <p><i>Coffee break takes place during breakout sessions.</i></p> <p>(1) How to Plan for Recovery and Transformation <i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian</i> Moderation: Dr. Tina Silbernagl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hanno Ehrbeck, Head of Urban Planning, City of Mannheim • Yevgen Plaschenko, Min for restoration, Director of department of spatial planning of territories and architecture • Hilmar von Lojewski, German Association of Cities • Alina Saraniuk, Deputy Mayor of City of Bucha • ITA representative (tbc): Italian Experience of urban transformation and preserving heritage • Oleksandr Solontai, NGO “Agency for recovery and development” <p>(2) New Models of Housing for Ukraine Moderation: Anastasia Bobrova <i>Interpretation German - Ukrainian</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annett Jura, Head of Department for Housing and Real Estate of the Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building: Social and Affordable Housing Policy in Germany • Axel Gedaschko, President of GdW - Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies: The role of municipal housing companies in affordable housing provision in Germany

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Svitlana Startseva, Head of Department for Housing Policy of Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine: New Legislative Framework for Housing in Ukraine • Mariia Smyrnova, Leading architect of the Municipal Enterprise "Spatial development agency", City of Vinnytsia: New Housing Projects in Vinnytsia • Oleksandra Kirian, Head of the Sector of Cooperation with International Financial Partners, International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council: New affordable housing model for Kharkiv. <p>(3) Sustainable and energy-efficient construction and renovation Moderation: Nataliia Mysak Interpretation English – Ukrainian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yegor Farenjuk, Acting Director of the Energy Efficiency Fund of Ukraine • Joanna Averley, Chief Planner at the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, United Kingdom • Slava Balbek, Architect, founder of Balbek Bureau, Ukraine • Prof. em. Kees Christiaanse, Architect and urban planner, the founding partner of KCAP Architects & Planners • Andrii Kopylenko, co-founder of Charitable Foundation "District number 1"
16:30 – 16:35	Transfer to plenary
16:35 – 16: 50	Musical interlude (tbc)
16.50 – 17:20	<p>Wrap Up of Breakout Sessions: Five Key Statements from each breakout session</p> <p><i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i></p>
17:20 – 17:30	<p>Closing of Conference</p> <p>Ministry of Reconstruction and BMWSB</p> <p><i>Interpretation English - Ukrainian - German</i></p>
17.30 – 19.30	Reception at the venue