



**UKRAINE-LUXEMBOURG BUSINESS CLUB**

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## **INVITATION TO LUXEMBOURG-UKRAINE BUSINESS FORUM "RAPID RECOVERY OF UKRAINE"**

The Ukraine-Luxembourg Business Club, together with its partners, invites you to participate in a full-day Luxembourg-Ukraine Business Forum themed "**RAPID RECOVERY OF UKRAINE**", on 31 January 2023 at Abbaye de Neumünster in Luxembourg City, to be followed by a Gala Charity Dinner on the evening of 31 January 2023.

### **THE FORUM**

The overall topic of investment in post-war Ukraine is receiving widespread attention. The Forum aims to give Luxembourg businesses exposure to these opportunities, and to involve the Luxembourg Financial Centre and international investment community in the development of new instruments that will be needed to enable broad-based private investment in Ukraine.

The Forum will be delivered with the support of the Luxembourg government.

Prime Minister Bettel will open the Forum and Luxembourg ministers are expected to participate.

Ukrainian ministers, members of the Ukrainian parliament, and Ukrainian business leaders will attend to explain investment needs and opportunities, and the plans for economic and social reform, including EU accession.

With its financial market infrastructure that supports the asset management industry globally, and its range of European institutions essential to the public aspects of Ukrainian reconstruction and EU accession, Luxembourg is ideally positioned for this discussion.

### **EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES AND EXAMINE RISKS**

Ukraine's post-war reconstruction and recovery will require monumental levels of private investment. While this will be a unique opportunity from both a business and human perspective, it will also present unique commercial, legal, and coordination risks for investors. Many investors are not yet prepared for these risks. This is likely to limit broad-based investment with consequences for the pace and breadth of Ukraine's recovery.

The Forum will complement global discussions on Ukrainian reconstruction by focussing on those challenges, as well as the opportunities for European businesses and investors and for the Luxembourg Financial Centre.

The Forum will enable investors to explore legal and economic measures necessary for de-risking, and create channels of dialogue that can support the ongoing planning for financing Ukraine's overall recovery, examine in detail the risks, obstacles and challenges that could prevent investors from seizing those opportunities, with a view to supporting the practical work of addressing those problems and enabling broad-based investment, including through the establishment of tailored Luxembourg-domiciled funds.

### **SPONSORS AND PARTNERS**

The conference will be delivered under the patronage of the office of the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, in cooperation with the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, and headline sponsors headquartered in Luxembourg: ArcelorMittal (the main sponsor, and the largest foreign direct investor in Ukraine), Clearstream (which offers the only infrastructure-to-

infrastructure settlement link to Ukraine), the European Investment Bank (the world's largest multilateral lender, with major operations in Ukraine), and others.

## **PROGRAMME**

The Business Forum will feature speakers from Ukrainian government and business, and major foreign investors, to explain investment needs and opportunities, indicatively covering investment areas including infrastructure, technology, energy, agriculture and food, social, and capital markets.

A further series of panels will feature speakers from the investment and asset management industries and associated service providers, multilateral lenders, and government, and addressing issues and challenges for investors such as rule of law and EU accession, economic and social reforms, instrument design, private-public coordination, due diligence, and ESG considerations.

The Business Forum will include:

1. A full-day conference conducted at Abbaye de Neumünster.

The conference will feature speakers from Ukrainian government and business, and major foreign investors, to explain investment needs and opportunities, indicatively covering investment areas including infrastructure, technology, energy, agriculture and food, human capital, and financial markets. The conference is intended to deliver tangible impact. Participants will be expected to identify opportunities, risks, and the questions that will need to be solved to enable broad-based, coordinated investment.

2. Small-group workshops on 30 January will aim to develop initial solutions and prototype instruments.

## **GALA FUNDRAISING EVENT**

The Forum will conclude with a gala charity dinner on 31 January at Cercle Cité in Luxembourg City, to raise funds for the Olena Zelenska Foundation, which works to restore the human capital of Ukraine by focussing on education, healthcare and humanitarian needs during and after the war.

## **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

### **Participate in the Forum**

Please register at the ULBC website at [www.ulbc.lu](http://www.ulbc.lu).

### **Sponsor the Forum**

We welcome sponsors to support us in this major undertaking. If your organisation wishes to support the event, help shape the discussions, and demonstrate this publicly, please review our sponsorship packages by email [evgenia.paliy@weareulbc.com](mailto:evgenia.paliy@weareulbc.com).

### **Join us at the gala fundraising event**

To attend the gala charity dinner, book your places or corporate table at [info@weareulbc.com](mailto:info@weareulbc.com).

Questions can be directed to ULBC's CEO, Evgenia Paliy, by email at [evgenia.paliy@weareulbc.com](mailto:evgenia.paliy@weareulbc.com).

Yours faithfully,

***Ms Evgenia Paliy***

**CEO**