

# **Ukraine-Luxembourg Business Club**

### to host

## **Business Forum on the Rapid Recovery of Ukraine**

### with a Gala Fundraising Dinner

Tuesday, 31 January 2023, 9:00-18:00,

### Abbaye de Neumünster 28, rue Münster L-2160 Luxembourg

Although the war in Ukraine is far from over, planning has begun for the post-war period. Ukraine plans a structural transformation that is unprecedented in modern history.

Ukraine's reconstruction and renewal will present singular opportunities for investors. It will also present unique investment risks. Post-war investment in Ukraine raises serious commercial, legal and technical questions, issues of coordination with public financiers and policymakers, and reform requirements within Ukraine.

The Ukraine-Luxembourg Business Club, in collaboration with its sponsors and partners, is hosting a Forum to examine those challenges on 31 January 2023. This work should begin now, so that bottlenecks can be rigorously identified and addressed, and funds can flow promptly whenever conditions on the ground allow.

The Forum will present diverse stakeholder perspectives by bringing together Ukrainian and Luxembourg businesses and direct investors in Ukraine, members of the international investor community and Luxembourg's funds industry, and multilateral lenders.

Prime Minister Bettel will open the forum. 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.

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

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, Luxembourg is ideally positioned for this discussion.

#### Panels (9:00-17:00, 31 January 2023)

The full-day panel agenda will indicatively cover measures related to strengthening Ukraine's investment environment including reconstructing basic and social infrastructure, opportunities in the technology and agriculture spaces, deepening financial markets, and regulatory and rule of law reforms. Further panels will consider issues for investors such as coordinating public and private efforts, ESG considerations, corporate governance, instrument design, and country risk.

Registration and agenda details are available at <u>https://ulbc.lu</u>.

#### Gala fundraising dinner (from 19:00, 31 January 2023, Cercle Cité)

The Forum will conclude with a gala charity dinner on 31 January, featuring Ukrainian performers and artists at Cercle Cité in Luxembourg City. Tickets will 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.

Like the Forum, the gala charity dinner will be delivered under the patronage of the office of the Prime Minister of Luxembourg. Ukrainian ministers, members of parliament and business leaders will attend this event.

Individual seats and corporate tables are available. Details are available at https://ulbc.lu.

#### Workshops

Small-group workshops will aim to develop initial solutions and prototype instruments, and shape work plans for addressing anticipated investor challenges. Participants with interest and expertise may request to participate in those workshops.

#### About the Ukraine-Luxembourg Business Club

The Ukraine-Luxembourg Business Club, founded in Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg in 2017, is a non- profit organisation facilitating vibrant business-to-business relations between Ukraine and Luxembourg.

ULBC's aim is to support the relationship between the Ukrainian and Luxembourgish business communities in both countries, using its wide networks across a range of sectors to connect businesses, develop business skills, promote leading businesses with potential counterparts, provide them with access to useful information and advice about doing business in both countries, encourage and organise economic and cultural programs, seminars and business forums about current business issues, key points of trading, trends and business opportunities and other events in Ukraine and Luxembourg.

#### To attend

To attend the Forum and the gala charity dinner, book your places at info@weareulbc.com.

Questions can be directed to ULBC's CEO, Evgenia Paliy, by email at <u>evgenia.paliy@weareulbc.com</u>.