

preliminary agenda

20th Annual Conference of Kyiv Dialogue | 18-19 November 2025 | Berlin

Resilience and Reforms in Ukraine in Wartimes: The Role of Local Self-Governance

The Ukraine Recovery Conference in Rome showed more clearly than ever before that the reforms in Ukraine can only succeed against the horrors of the war if the EU's active support for the country's security will not waver. The resilience of the Ukrainian citizens and their institutions is the basis for a successful path towards the EU. This requires a strong civil society, as well as effective local administrations that work hand in hand and preserve what has already been achieved. It also requires the willingness of central government institutions and international donors to support the decentralisation process and the Ukrainian municipalities.

The 20th annual conference of Kyiv Dialogue will focus on how the resilience of civil society and security in the regions can be strengthened, which successful projects at the local level should set a precedent and how international funds must be used effectively and in a targeted manner. Last but not least, the aim is to show where the EU and its members can learn from Ukraine's experience and expertise at a time when their own security is under threat from Russia.

Tuesday, 18 November

16:00-16:30	Registration
16:30-16:45	Welcome & Opening
16:45-17:00	Keynote
17:15-18:45	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL: Human Security and decentralized recovery
19:00	Reception Celebrating 20 years of Kyiv Dialogue

Wednesday, 19 November

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-11:00	<i>Opening</i>
	PANEL II: Decentralisation vs. re-centralisation: State of local democracy in wartimes
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break

11:30-13:00	BREAK-OUT SESSIONS: State of recovery and local resilience RT Session I: Beyond emergency: decentralised energy as a path to local security <i>In cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the German Platform for the Reconstruction of Ukraine</i> RT Session II: Minorities in the recovery process – sidelined or important player? <i>In cooperation with the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) and the Society for Threatened Peoples (GfbV)</i> RT Session III: Frontline communities and temporary occupied territories of Ukraine: addressing Human Security and local needs <i>In cooperation with OWEN e.V., Germany, and Ideas for Change, Ukraine</i> RT Session IV: Social care as a backbone of Ukraine's resilient recovery <i>In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation</i>
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	PANEL III: Ukrainian media and journalism in the fourth year of the great war - challenges and perspectives <i>In cooperation with European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	PANEL IV: Security and mutual support between Ukraine and EU
17:00-17:30	Wrap Up and closing remarks

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