

LIBERTY, EQUALITY, INNOVATIONS: Digital Tools and Data for Ukrainian Recovery

DAY 1. WEDNESDAY (19 FEB 2025), KYIV/EET

10.00-10.30 Registration and coffee

10.30-11.00 Welcoming remarks

10.30-10.40 Dr. Tymofii Brik, KSE.

10.40-10.50 Gwendoline Mennetrier, Ukraine Urban Lab.

10.50-11:00 Aline Machado Da Matta, UNITAC Hamburg.

11.00-11.30 UN-Habitat in Ukraine

11.00-11.15 Niina Rinne, Ukraine Urban Lab.

11:15-11:30 Livia Schaeffer Nonose, UNITAC Hamburg.

11.30-12.00 Keynote 1. Mykhailo Leichenko, Center for Innovation Development.

12.00-12.30 Public discussion.
Moderated by Anastasiia Bobrova, CEDOS.

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 Podium 1. Agents of recovery. Led by KSE.
Moderated by Dr. Tetiana Vodotyka.
Participants:
1. Yevheniia Drozdova, texty.org.
2. Vasyl Rozhko, HeMo.
3. Hanna Denysenko, Lun Misto.

15.15-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.45 Podium 2. Vision. Led by KNUCA.
Moderated by Dr. Alirza Mamedov.
1. Oleksandr Shevchenko, Restart.
2. Anna Kuzyshyn, TU Kaiserslautern/
PAN for Ukraine.
3. Mariana Kuzemska, CEDOS.

16.45-17.15 Coffee break

17:15-17:45 Keynote 2. Dr. Ella Libanova.
Ptoukha Institute for Demography and
Social Studies of the National Academy
of Sciences of Ukraine. Public lecture.

17:45-18:30 Public discussion and closing reflections.
Moderated by Dr. Tymofii Brik, KSE.

19:00 Dinner and mingling

DAY 2. THURSDAY (20 FEB 2025), HAMBURG/CET

09.15-09.45 Registration and coffee

09.45-10.15 Welcoming remarks

09.45-09.55 Welcome. Prof. Dr. Gesa Ziemer.

09.55-10.05 Olga Novytska, Consulate of Ukraine in
Hamburg.

10.05-10.15 Daphne Gross-Jansen, Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development
BMZ.

10.15-10.30 Recap of the first day
Maryna Semenchenko, UNITAC Hamburg.

10.30-11.00 Keynote 3. Oleksandra Azarkhina,
We Build Ukraine Foundation.

11.00-11.30 Public discussion.
Moderated by Abdinassir Shale Sagar,
UNITAC Hamburg.

11.30-13.00 Lunch

**13.00-14.15 Podium 3. Localisation. Led by UNITAC
Hamburg.** Moderated by Anja Berestetska.
Participants:
1. Enkel Leskaj, UNECE.
2. Rob Watson, CEOBS.
3. Shanmathi Rajkumar, U_CAN.

14.15-14.30 Coffee break

**14.30-15.45 Podium 4. From vision to implementation.
Led by PAN for Ukraine.**
Moderated by Frank Schwartze.
1. Kateryna Lopatiuk, ReThink.
2. Elena Orap, Landscapes of Emergency.
3. Olena Melnyk, Bern University of
Applied Science.

15.45-16.15 Coffee break

16.15-16.45 Keynote 4. Asia Bazdyrieva, University of
Applied Arts Vienna. Public lecture.

16.45-17.30 Public discussion and closing reflections.
Moderated by Prof. Dr. Gesa Zeimer.

18:00 Dinner and mingling

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While funding, including international support, remains vital for Ukraine's recovery, a purely utilitarian approach risks reducing the process to mere physical reconstruction of damaged dwellings and infrastructure. UNITAC Hamburg and Kyiv School of Economics conceived the conference to co-define recovery of settlements that would be data-driven and digitally supported yet sensitive to intangible aspects of agency, individual and group identities, dignity, equality, and democracy itself. This two-day conference, held in Kyiv on February 19th and Hamburg on February 20th, is designed to critically examine the roles of innovative digital tools and international perspectives on rebuilding Ukraine's cities and communities.

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/e/LsrriHuFZ5>

Where: The conference will be held simultaneously in Kyiv and Hamburg with an online broadcast for a broad audience.

February 19th. In-person at Kyiv School of Economics, Mykoly Shpaka Str. 3, 02000, Kyiv, and online.

February 20th. In-person at City Science Lab, HafenCity University, Hongkongstr. 8, Hamburg, and online.

Programme overview

Question 1. Who?

The first day of the conference opens by providing a platform for various recovery agents – stakeholders and partnerships that drive current and future recovery efforts in a sustainable, democratic, and data-driven direction. The program showcases Ukraine's diverse recovery landscape, featuring projects and initiatives from businesses, NGOs, academics, and activists. Highlighting innovative use cases across sectors from cultural heritage to the environment, this section leads into the first podium discussion, which aims to address the question: Who? Who is currently shaping Ukraine's recovery, and who is being left out of the conversation?

Question 2. What?

The second half of the day provides an opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the concept of spatial recovery for Ukraine, focusing on innovative and people-centered approaches. The second panel, titled Vision, is designed to showcase multiple perspectives on recovery from urban planners and researchers. This panel seeks to answer a critical question: What does recovery mean for Ukrainian society?

The first day of the conference concludes with a public lecture by Dr. Ella Libanova, seamlessly transitioning into the next day's events in Hamburg. Her lecture sets the stage for a thoughtful discussion on critical data lacunae and the role of international experience and partnerships in supporting Ukraine's recovery.

Question 3. How?

The second day of the conference in Hamburg, Germany, centers on the crucial role of international support in Ukraine's recovery. It explores how advanced digital solutions and technical expertise can be effectively transferred and adopted in Ukraine to align with the recovery vision that Ukrainians themselves have set. The conference concludes with a lecture by Asia Bazdyrieva, who offers a critical post-colonial perspective essential for ensuring that Ukraine's recovery truly reflects and upholds Ukrainian interests, visions, and values.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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PANELS DESCRIPTION, KYIV / 19 FEB 2025

Podium 1. Agents of Recovery

February 19, 14:00-15:15 EET, Kyiv, Ukraine

The first podium discussion provides a platform to showcase diverse recovery-themed digital tools coming from business, media, and civil society. The discussion is meant to represent a polyphony of Ukrainian voices that shape the ongoing and future recovery. How do we claim our voice in the recovery debate and how do we support the voices of those who are excluded from the discussion?

Podium 2. Vision

February 19, 15:30-16:45 EET, Kyiv, Ukraine

The second panel brings together perspectives from urban planners and researchers to explore the multifaceted nature of recovery and existing visions of it. This discussion seeks to address key questions: What does recovery truly mean for Ukrainian society? What elements of the past should be preserved, and what should be reimagined? What are Ukrainian resilience and its indicators? And, of course, what is the role of digital instruments and skills in these recovery visions?

PANELS DESCRIPTION, HAMBURG / 20 FEB 2025

Podium 3. Localisation

February 20, 13:00-14:15 CET, Hamburg, Germany

This podium panel highlights the experiences of powerful international stakeholders supporting Ukraine's recovery. It provides a platform for organisations such as UNECE, U_CAN, and CEOs to share insights into their localisation strategies for digital tools and smart cities visions. What challenges do they face in making a meaningful impact within the Ukrainian context?

Podium 4. From Vision to Implementation

February 20, 14:30-15:45 CET, Hamburg, Germany

The final panel highlights real-world examples of how innovative technologies are driving Ukraine's recovery across various sectors, such as the circular economy and sustainable agriculture. It also delves into the practical dimensions of recovery, focusing on strategies that ensure its effective and meaningful implementation.