



## Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025: Concept note for international partners

The Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC2025) will bring together leaders from governments, members of parliaments, international organizations, businesses, local communities and civil society. It will be co-hosted by Italy and Ukraine in **Rome on 10 and 11 July 2025**.

The URC2025 is a continuation of the annual series of high-level political events dedicated to the swift recovery and long-term reconstruction of Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine. The Conference will reflect the Lugano principles, including a **"whole of society"** approach to recovery through the meaningful participation of a broad range of stakeholders. Upholding the spirit of the Ukraine Reform Conferences that took place up until 2022, the URC2025 will also showcase Ukrainian reform progress in the context of its economic resilience and the EU accession process.

The **key goal** of the URC2025 is to raise awareness and mobilize continued international **support and investments for the recovery and rebuild, reconstruction, reform, and modernization** of Ukraine. This includes providing emergency assistance for immediate needs, implementing rapid recovery projects, and creating attractive conditions for businesses to unlock private sector's investments in Ukraine as well as local communities to fully share in the recovery, and civil society to actively engage in the reconstruction process. The URC2025 aims to strengthen integration with the Ukraine Donor Platform and its Business Advisory Council for effective collaboration.

At the URC2024, Italy committed to building on the outcomes of Lugano, London, and Berlin, continuing the **"Four Berlin Dimensions"** (Business, Human Capital, Local & Regional, EU accession and reforms) as pillars of Ukraine's recovery. Retaining this format at the Rome Conference ensures **continuity** and fosters a **permanent process** to support Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and modernization, also by fully leveraging and valuing the experience, expertise and capabilities acquired by Ukraine, in particular in the security and defence field, considering that Ukraine's defence industry is emerging as one of the most dynamic and promising sectors of the national economy.

The URC2025 will focus on the following **four thematic dimensions**:

- **Business Dimension – Mobilizing the Private Sector for Reconstruction and Economic Growth:** To achieve economic growth and a successful reconstruction, private capital is key. The URC2025 will therefore try to address the private sector's concerns including on security, financing and insurances, excess of regulations and labour market.
- **Human Dimension – Social Recovery and Human Capital for the Future of Ukraine:** Ukraine's recovery depends on mobilizing human capital, fostering social cohesion, addressing inclusiveness, with the aim of unleashing the potential of all citizens at home and abroad, particularly women and youth. Key challenges will include – among others – the reintegration of internally displaced people, refugees, and veterans into civilian life. Collaboration among stakeholders, civil society, and the Ukrainian diaspora is vital to preserving and growing the nation's human capital for sustainable reconstruction.
- **Local and Regional Dimension – Recovery of Municipalities and Regions:** Local and regional actors are key to Ukraine's reconstruction, building on the decentralization reform. The Conference will emphasize the role of local self-governance and regional state administrations in recovery, financial access and capacity-building.
- **EU Dimension – EU Accession and Related Reforms:** Advancing European integration, and the perspective of joining the single market, will help aligning Ukraine's policies and institutions with European standards and driving long-term economic and social progress.

The **Recovery Forum** will provide an interactive, on-site platform for Ukrainian, Italian and international stakeholders – including local and regional authorities, IFIs and Development Banks – to engage in dialogue, share experiences, matchmaking and collaboration on how to foster the participation of the private sector to reconstruction programs and projects. It will be located within the conference venue and include a **Business Fair** with booths for Ukrainian, Italian and international companies that will enable local government representatives, small and medium-sized enterprises as well as major and international companies to interact, learn from each other, build new partnerships and seize business opportunities.