



Shaping Future Support: UBC Task Force on Ukraine – Impact review and goalsetting

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A large, stylized illustration of the Ukrainian national flag, featuring a blue top half and a yellow bottom half, waving on a flagpole against a dark blue background. The flagpole is positioned diagonally from the bottom left towards the top center.

Session's objectives



Review Achievements

Reflect on progress and key results from 2025 activities and joint initiatives.



Identify Gaps

Discuss ongoing challenges, needs, and coordination gaps across member cities and partners.



Set Shared Goals for 2026

Agree on common priorities and next steps to strengthen UBC's coordinated support and advocacy for Ukraine.

Key priorities in 2025

Strengthen	Strengthen cooperation and knowledge exchange between UBC Member Cities and Ukrainian Associated Cities.
Enhance	Enhance integration and active participation of Ukrainian cities within the UBC network.
Build	Build capacity for joint EU funding and project development.
Promote	Promote visibility and recognition of successful Ukrainian-led initiatives and partnerships.

Some achievements in 2025

Developing the Guide
for Meaningful
Cooperation between
UBC Member Cities and
UKR Cities.

Compiling a list of
Ukrainian-speaking
interpreters

Compiling a list of
Ukrainian experts for
different fields

Promoting the
integration of UKR
Associated Cities in the
UBC network

Promoting successful
practices and projects
for/led by Ukrainian
cities

Online event to explore
EU funding
opportunities available
to both Ukrainian cities
and UBC Member Cities.

Keeping a regularly
updated calendar of EU
project calls to support
proactive engagement
and application efforts



Purpose of the Guide



Clarify roles & responsibilities

→ Among UBC statutory bodies to ensure coordinated support



Enhance communication & coordination

→ Improve information flow and joint decision-making



Facilitate joint initiatives

→ Promote integration, visibility, and active participation of Ukrainian cities



Purpose of the Guide



Develop EU-funded projects
→ Build capacity for resilience and recovery



Exchange best practices
→ Foster peer learning and mutual support among cities



Strengthen cooperation links
→ Create lasting partnerships between the cities in our network

Compiling a list of Ukrainian experts for different fields

List of experts in Ukrainian UBC Associated Cities

City	Culture	Inclusiveness and social issues	Education	Urban planning	Business and smart development	Environment and climate	Resilience, safety and security	Youth questions
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Compiling a list of Ukrainian- English interpreters

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EU funding opportunities online event



18 June 2025



32 registered participants from
**25+ UBC Member and Ukraine-
Associated Cities**



Overview of upcoming **EU
funding programs**



**Application tips & good
practices** from successful city
projects

Next Steps:



Organize a **follow-up
matchmaking session** to develop
project concepts





Examples from the Member Cities

Any examples of
successful
cooperation with
Ukrainian Associated
Cities?



Breakout discussions (world café)



Group 1 – Building on Success

 *What worked well in supporting Ukrainian Associated Cities?*
What should be **continued** or **scaled up** in the next phase?



Group 2 – Addressing Challenges

 *What challenges or limitations did we face?*
What should be **improved**, and **how** can we do it more effectively?



Group 3 – Looking Ahead

 *What have we learned from our experience so far?*
How can these lessons **shape the next phase of the Task Force's work?**

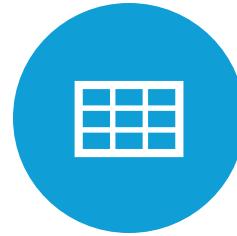
World café



Small groups
(4–6 people)
discuss a guiding
question at each
table.



After **10-12**
minutes,
participants
rotate to a new
table.



A table host stays
to summarize key
points to the new
group.



Conversations
build on previous
ideas



Key findings are
shared in
plenary.

Crafting Priorities for 2026

Discussion on key priority areas for
supporting Ukrainian Associated
Cities next year



Next steps



1. Drafting the 2026 Plan

Prepare a draft action plan based on the priorities and ideas discussed during this session.



2. Refining with the UBC Secretariat

Fine-tune the proposal in coordination with the UBC Secretariat to ensure coherence with overall network objectives.



3. Submitting the Final Proposal

Present the finalized 2026 plan to the **UBC Presidium and Executive Board** for review and endorsement.