

Purpose

Advance understanding of Ukraine’s EU accession and identify EU funding opportunities for cities.

Format

Keynote, expert panel & EU funding workshop — 2 hours, fully online via Zoom.

Audience

UBC member cities, Ukrainian municipalities, EU institutions, NGOs and civil society.

SESSION I — Ukraine’s EU Accession — 14:00 – 15:00

14:00	Welcome & Login
14:05	Opening Remarks — UBC President
14:10	Ukraine’s EU Accession Process in a Nutshell Keynote: milestones, reforms, cities’ role, timeline 2026–2030
14:20	Panel: Key Challenges in Ukraine’s EU Accession 2026–27 & the Role of Local Authorities <i>A. Jarosz-Friis (DG ENEST, EC) • Mayor I. Terekhov (Kharkiv) • M. Jurgutis (UBC President)</i>
15:00	Short Break

SESSION II — EU Funding for Ukraine — 15:05 – 16:00

15:05	EU Funding Calls & Opportunities Ukraine Facility (€50bn) • INTERREG • Horizon Europe • LIFE • Erasmus+ • Urban Agenda
15:35	Workshop: Project Development & Partnership Building Consortium building • City-to-city matchmaking • Q&A with experts
15:50	Conclusions, Joint Declaration & Next Steps
16:00	End of Conference

Panel Speakers

Anna Jarosz-Friis

Director, Ukraine Service — DG ENEST, European Commission

Ihor Terekhov

Mayor of Kharkiv — Chair, Association of Frontline Cities of Ukraine

Mantas Jurgutis

President, UBC — Deputy Mayor of Kaunas, Lithuania

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