

Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025

Capitalisation and the Way Forward: Decentralisation and Local Governance at the Centre of Ukraine's Reconstruction



Date:

25-27 November 2025



Locations:

Lviv city Hall - from 9:30 to 13:30 on November 26

Lviv Bank Hotel – 26 afternoon & 27 November 2025

25th NOVEMBER - Visits of the town and programme, later afternoon

26th NOVEMBER: Day 1 – Networking session

Interpretation in English, Ukrainian, French, Italian and Polish (in plenary sessions)

9.30 - 10.00 am

Welcome coffee

10.00 - 11.30 am

Opening - Plenary Session 1 - **Lviv City Hall**

From URC 2025 to Ukraine's local recovery – from commitments to delivery (part1)

- **Mr. Yurii Mushka**, Deputy Secretary General, Central European Initiative
- **Mr. Oleksii Ryabykin**, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine
- **Mr. Thibaut Guignard**, Member of the European Committee of the Regions' Working Group on Ukraine, Member of the Governing Board of ALDA, Mayor of Ploeuc l'Hermitage, President of LEADER France
- **Mrs. Tetiana Yehorova-Lutsenko**, President of URAROR and Regional council of Kharkiv
- **Mr. Andriy Moskalenko**, First Deputy Mayor of Lviv
- **Mr. Vadym Boichenko Mayor of Mariupol**, Governing Board member of ALDA and representative of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, Project: Sustainable and Affordable Housing programme

- **Mr. Asier Santillán Luzuriaga**, European Union Delegation to Ukraine, Head of Section - European Integration, Governance and Rule of Law, Civil Society
- **Mr. Kessler Ryszard**, Deputy Mayor of Wrocław (Poland)
- **Mrs. Mykhailina Skoryk-Shkarivska**, Head of Institute for Sustainable Community Development
- **Mr. Denys Tkachov**, Expert - Capitalisation paper from URC 2025

Moderator: **Mrs. Antonella Valmorbida**, Secretary General of ALDA

Rationale: **Presentation of the capitalisation paper from the URC 2025** (from Denys Tkachov) :40 pm

Implementation steps - URC was a major event with commitments and indications for the future. We need to proceed - sustainability is the key. Will be presented not only a summary for URC but systematization of the recovery process.

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11.30 - 12.00 pm

Coffee Break - Media Point

12.00 - 13.00 pm

Plenary Session 2 - Strengthening Inter-Municipal International Cooperation

- **Mr. Franco Ianeselli**, Mayor of Trento, Italy (TBC)
- **Mr. Francesco Nelli**, International Relations, Bologna (Italy) (online)
- **Mr. Fabrizio Rossi**, Secretary General of the CEMR (online), Bridges of Trust and the European Partnership Hub
- **Mrs. Nataliia Hokina**, Expert of the Association of Ukrainian Cities - Responsible for international cooperation
- **Ljubica Kosheliuk**, U-LEAD with Europe: on how to support international partnership for hormadas
- **Mr. Anatolii Fedoruk**, Mayor of Bucha (Ukraine)
- **Mr. Giacomo Possamai**, Mayor of Vicenza, video message

- **Mr. Nedim Useinow**, Program Manager for the Ukraine Cities Partnership (UCP) of the Marshal Marshall Fund

Moderator: Mrs. Olha Oliinyk, Representative fo the Local Democracy Agency Vinnytsia

Rationale: Supporting partnership and opening to new modalities and resources.

Please note that the afternoon sessions will take place at Lviv Bank Hotel

13.30 – 14.30 pm

**Lunch & Opening of Marketplace and Exhibition Area
(Lviv Bank Hotel)**

14.30 - 15.30 pm

Plenary session 3 : Empowerment of local communities

Sharing experience among Local Democracy Agencies - showcasing successful LDAs from Western Balkans and how to adapt this experience for UA LDAs

- **Mr. Ivan Korud**, Mayor of Ovruch, hosting a Local Democracy Agency
- **Mr. Maurizio Camin**, Tavolo Trentino per i Balcani and member of the ALDA, Governing Board, initiator of the LDA Kosovo and support of the LDA Central and Southern Serbia

Moderator: Mr. Slađan Ilić – Delegate LDA Zavidovići, Bosnia and Herzegovina

15.30 – 16.15 pm

Afternoon working groups - sessions 4

Workshop 4.1

Ukraine recovery, partnership local authorities and civil society and intermunicipal cooperation :

- **Mrs. Desbina Kallinikidou**, international cooperation department, Oberhausen (Germany)
- **Mr. Ben Freeman**, Intercultural cities programme of the Council of Europe (online)

Assisted by: Adrien Licha and Vyacheslav Yefymenko, ALDA

Workshop 4.2

Municipal companies services and how to support partnership and support

- **Mr. Alessandro Marchetti**, Vicenza City councillor in charge of municipal services companies, (online)
- **Mrs. Antonella Valmorbida**, Secretary General of ALDA

Workshop 4.3

Sharing experience of post war recovery on Western Balkans: positive and negative outcomes

- **Biljana Spasovska**, Balkan Civil Society Network (online)
- **Mr. Slađan Ilić**, Delegate LDA Zavidovici, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Assisted by: **Yuryi Stepanets**, **ALDA**

16.15 - 17.00 pm

Exhibition lab - Presentation of Project Proposals & B2B Activities

17.00 - 18.00 pm

Assembly meeting with ALDA Members from Ukraine

(open session to members or interested ones)

- **Antonella Valmorbida**, Secretary General of ALDA
- **Yuryi Stepanets**, Ukraine Representatives

Review 2025, adopt 2026 plan, strategic direction for LDAs

18.00 pm

Reception and networking

19.00 pm

Official dinner (invitation only)



Date:
27 November 2025



Location:
Lviv Bank Hotel

27th NOVEMBER: Day 2 – Partnerships & Roadmap

9.00 - 9.30 am

Welcome coffee

9.30 - 11.00 am

Plenary session 5

From URC 2025 to Ukraine's local recovery - from commitments to delivery (part 2)

- **Mr. Maurizio Camin**, Tavolo Trentino per i Balcani, Vice President of ALDA
- **Mr. Pierre Heilbronn**, French Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine
- **Mr. Davide La Cecilia**, Italian Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, URC 2025 coordinator
- **Mrs. Tarschys Ingre Amelie**, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, rapporteur on Ukraine Reconstruction
- **Mr. Christian Debève**, Councillor of Region Grand Est, President of the International Relations Commission, First Vice President of Assembly of European Regions (ARE), Member of the Congress of the Local And Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- **Mr. Mykhailo Tenenev**, Mayor of Teofipol (Ukraine)
- **Mr. Vladislav Skalsky**, Deputy Mayor of Vinnytsia
- **Mr. Goran Gerasimovski**, Mayor of Skopje Centar, North Macedonia (online)
- **Mr. Antoni Montseny Domenec**, Director of International Relations and Agenda 2030, Deputació de Barcelona - Spain (online)

Moderator: Oleksandr Vasylenko, vice-president of UAROR, head of Cherkasy district (TBC)

Rationale: URC was a major event with commitments and indications for the future. Specific lessons learned and important steps forward and aims towards 2026.

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11.00 - 11.30 pm	Coffee break - Media Point
11.30 - 12.30 pm	Plenary session 6 and workshop model: City Charter programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ljubica Kosheliuk, U- LEAD with Europe programme • Mr. Yuriy Stepanets, ALDA representative in Ukraine
12.30 - 13.30 pm	Lunch
13.30 - 14.30 pm	Afternoon working groups <p>Working group 7.1 - Transborder cooperation Interreg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Recovery (ICLEI) TBC • Mrs. Anna Ackermann, Build back Ukraine Best practices and cooperation <p>Assisted by: Vyachselav Yefymenko, ALDA</p> <p>Working group 7.2 - Community dialogues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUCI Ukraine (TBC) <p>Assisted by Vyachselav Yefymenko, ALDA</p>
14.30 - 15.30 pm	Plenary workshop on future URC 8 - World Café <p>Outcomes in format of world cafe with different thematic tables (what could organizers of next URC do better in preparation; how could we evaluate efficiency of URC; how the organisation and selection of participants could be improved) - Mr. Yuriy Stepanets</p>
15.30 - 16.00 pm	Closing Plenary 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pawel Kowal, Polish Special Envoy for th reconstruction of Ukraine (TBC) <p>Deliverables & commitments beyond URC 2025 – presentation of the Post-URC Action Dossier - results of world cafe & 2026 roadmap</p> <p>Closing Remarks & Farewell Coffee</p>