



FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BALTIC SEA REGION AND UKRAINE

How macroregional strategies can support the recovery of Ukraine

The Swedish Prime Minister's Office, in its capacity as the current President of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), in cooperation with the Swedish Institute invite you to an online conference to explore how macro-regional strategies can foster new sustainable cooperation for Ukrainian stakeholders.

This conference will introduce how the format of macro-regional strategies, such as the EUSBSR, can foster cooperation with Ukraine.

In the morning a first part will explore the opportunities that macro-regional strategies can contribute with to support Ukraine in its future reconstruction.

In the afternoon, a second part will be arranged in the form of parallel workshops on specific themes. The workshops aim to facilitate a dialogue between EUSBSR and Ukrainian stakeholders on needs and possibilities.

- Date:** 8 December 2022
- Time:** The morning conference programme starts at 09.30 and ends at 12.00 (CET)
The workshop programme starts at 13.30 and ends at 16.00 (CET)
- Venue:** Prime Minister's Office, Herkulesgatan 17, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Moderator:** Mr Fredrik Löjdquist, Director of the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS) at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs
- Registration:** Registration to the morning online conference:
<https://forms.office.com/r/nYzV5DwjVg>
Registration to the afternoon online workshops:
<https://forms.office.com/r/ObiGuAJHR7>

FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE MORNING CONFERENCE

(please find the latest updated version online: <https://si.se/en/events-projects/fostering-sustainable-cooperation-between-the-baltic-sea-region-and-ukraine/>)

09.30 Welcome and opening addresses

- Mr Christian Danielsson, State secretary, Swedish Prime Minister's Office
- Mr Ihor Korkhovyi, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine

Networks and cooperation – as a part of future reconstruction of Ukraine

- Mr Torbjörn Becker, Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics at Stockholm School of Economics

Potential of macroregional strategies for the support of Ukraine

How can macro-regional strategies support the recovery of Ukraine?

- Mr Moray Gilland, Head of unit for Macro-regions, Representative of the Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement within DG REGIO, European Commission.

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) perspectives on cooperation with Ukraine

- Ms Petra Česen Čatar, Slovenian National Coordinator and current President of the EUSDR, Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Panel discussion - opportunities to further elaborate cooperation with Ukraine

- Ms Nadiia Afanasieva, Director, Ukrainian Institute of International Politics.
- Mr Anders Bergström, representative of the Swedish EUSBSR Presidency team, Policy area coordinator for Education in the EUSBSR, Association Norden.
- Mr Kurt Bratteby, Director, Department for International Relations, Swedish Institute
- Mr Moray Gilland, Head of unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement within DG REGIO, European Commission.
- Ms Petra Česen Čatar, Slovenian National Coordinator and current President of the EUSDR, Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Closing remarks

12.00 End of the morning conference



FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSION

Thematic workshop to bring together EUSBSR and Ukrainian perspectives and stakeholders

Moderator: Anders Bergström Swedish EUSBSR Presidency team, EUSBSR Policy area coordinator for PA Education in the EUSBSR, Norden Association Sweden

13.30 **Setting the stage**

- Framing the workshop session including an introduction in brief of EUSBSR
- Introduction to Swedish Institute funding

14.00 **4 workshops**

- Key stakeholders of EUSBSR and Ukraine elaborate on their thematic ideas for cooperation
- Participants have chosen one of the parallel workshops upon registration:

1. Ukrainian ecosystem and economy (PA Bioeconomy/PA Nutri)

Recover a challenged Ukrainian ecosystem and economy. A first step to focus on the wastewater treatment plant in Lviv, one of the HELCOM hot spots and in dire need of modernisation

2. Distance education (PA Education)

Distance education – a necessity during Covid-19 and war that can be the new normal

3. Popular education for medical training (PA Secure/PA Education)

Popular education in Ukraine as a transformative force of change. Using the example of training centres for medical trainings, including methodological support, material support and operational support

4. Maritime transports and support to maritime students (PA Safe/PA Ship)

Collaboration in maritime transports with a first step to support maritime students to finalize their studies.

15.30 **Reflections from the workshops**

- Next steps to formulate ideas for cooperation

16.00 **End of workshop session**

