

8th German-Ukrainian Business Forum

Resilience in Action – Partnership in Progress

15th December 2025

Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Breite Str. 29, 10178 Berlin

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9:00 am	Registration
10:30 am	<p>Opening of the conference</p> <p>Dr. Helena Melnikov, Chief Executive, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Dr. Christian Bruch, Deputy Chairman, German Eastern Business Association; Member, Business Advisory Council</p> <p>Oliver Gierlichs, President, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce</p>
10:50 am	<p>Economic Resilience and Reconstruction: The Role of the Private Sector in the Recovery Process of Ukraine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine (<i>Video Message</i>) • Johann Saathoff, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development • Artem Rybchenko, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine • Stefan Wintels, Chief Executive Officer, KfW Group • Philipp von Michaelis, CEO, Global Clearance Solutions AG • Franziska Cusumano, CEO, Mercedes-Benz Special Trucks • Denys Bazilevych, GR Director, Nova Global, NOVA Group of Companies • Alexander Tebbe, Founder, Crowd Ukraine Invest GmbH <p>Moderation: Philip Sweens, Spokesperson of the Working Group on Ukraine, German Eastern Business Association; Managing Director, HHLA International GmbH</p>

11:50	Change of Panel
12:00 am	<p>Defense Industry Transformation: From Wartime Needs to Long-Term European Security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna Hvozdiar, Deputy Minister of Defence, Ukraine • Colonel (GS) Matthias Puschnig, Ukraine Task Force at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany • Ihor Fedirko, CEO, Ukrainian Council of Defence Industry • Friedrich Baumann, Member of the Executive Board for Sales & Customer Solutions, MAN Truck & Bus SE • Iryna Terekh, CTO, Fire Point • Marc Wietfeld, CEO, ARX Robotics • Nataliia Kushnerska, COO, Roboneers <p>Moderation: Reiner Perau, CEO, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce</p>
1:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:30 pm	<p>Business Panel: Tradition meets Innovation – On the Future Economic Model of Ukraine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherina Reiche, Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany • Oleksii Sobolev, Minister for Economy, Agriculture and Environment of Ukraine • Maxim Timchenko, CEO, DTEK • Luca Zanotti, CEO, Interpipe • Oliver Gierlichs, CEO, Bayer Ukraine • Anatoliy Kochetov, COO, Sigma Software Group • Gennadyi Chyzhykov, President, Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry <p>Moderation: Dr. Volker Treier, Chief Executive of Foreign Trade and Member of the Executive Board, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)</p>

3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Closing of the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Helena Melnikov, Chief Executive, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Dr. Christian Bruch, Deputy Chairman, German Eastern Business Association; Member, Business Advisory Council • Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine • Friedrich Merz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Moderation: Reiner Perau , CEO, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce
5:00 pm	Musical performance by Cultural Forces, Ukraine
5:30 pm	Evening reception
7:00 pm	End of conference