

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	Opening of the conference Dr. Helena Melnikov , Chief Executive, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dr. Christian Bruch , Deputy Chairman, German Eastern Business Association; Member, Business Advisory Council Oliver Gierlichs , President, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce
10:50 am	Economic Resilience and Reconstruction: The Role of the Private Sector in the Recovery Process of Ukraine. <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 Moderation: Philip Sween , Spokesperson of the Working Group on Ukraine, German Eastern Business Association; Managing Director, HHLA International GmbH

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 Gierlich, CEO, Bayer Ukraine • Anatoliy Kochetov, COO, Sigma Software Group • Gennadiy Chyzykov, 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 <p>Moderation: Reiner Perau, CEO, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce</p>
5:00 pm	Musical performance by Cultural Forces, Ukraine
5:30 pm	Evening reception
7:00 pm	End of conference