



Meeting of the UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv Task Forces

21 February 2023, 2-4 p.m. CET / 3-5 p.m. EET

Background

The meeting is organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in cooperation with the Ministry of Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure and the city governments of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv.

UNECE is currently supporting Ukrainian national and local governments in their efforts to plan and prepare for rebuilding and reconstruction. On the request of the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine (now, Ministry of Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure), UNECE is implementing two pilot projects in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv as a part of the UN4Kharkiv&UN4Mykolaiv Initiative. The objective of the Initiative is to support the national government and the two cities to build back better.

The two pilot projects link relief, rehabilitation and sustainable development through a series of activities which support the preparation of reconstruction master plans for Kharkiv and Mykolaiv. Since April 2022, the Norman Foster Foundation and international experts, in close collaboration with local experts and citizens, have been developing the new Master Plan for the city of Kharkiv on a pro-bono basis and. Since August 2022, One Works, a global architectural company, and its international experts have also been doing pro bono work on developing the new Master Plan for the city of Mykolaiv. The Norman Foster Foundation and One Works are working closely together with a group of local architects. Thematic workshops, bringing together key international experts on priority topics identified by the two city governments for the master plans, are organized by UNECE in cooperation with its partners.

The meeting of the UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv Task Forces will include an update on the two pilot projects by UNECE and the international architects. This will be followed by presentations from representatives of the Task Force members –United Nations agencies and other international organizations - and a discussion on the next steps to “build back better” Kharkiv, Mykolaiv and other Ukrainian cities.

Languages:

English and Ukrainian, with simultaneous interpretation.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Moderator: Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE

14:00-14:30 Opening and welcome

- **Natalia Kozlovsk**a, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure
- **Jochen Flasbarth**, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- **Paola Deda**, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE
- **Ihor Terekhov**, Mayor of Kharkiv
- **Oleksandr Syenkevych**, Mayor of Mykolaiv
- **Jaco Cilliers**, Resident Representative a.i. of the UNDP

14:30-15:30 Update on the UN4Kharkiv & UN4Mykolaiv initiatives and next steps

UNECE

- **Gulnara Roll**, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE

Kharkiv

- **Olga Demianenko**, Director, Department for Cooperation with International Agencies and Financial Institutions, Kharkiv City Council, Ukraine
- **Alberto Cendoya and Diego Lopez Urruchi**, Architects, Architecture, Design and Technology Unit, Norman Foster Foundation

Mykolaiv

- **Tetiana Shulichenko and Yevhen Poliakov**, Head of Economic Development Department and Deputy Chief Architect of Mykolaiv, Mykolaiv City Council, Ukraine
- **Ana Paez**, Programme Manager, One Works

15:30-15:55 Update by UN Agencies and international partners on relevant activities

- GIZ – **Erik Schweikhardt**, Project Director, “Integrated Urban Development in Ukraine II”
- UNOPS – **Sophie Djugeli**, Senior Partnerships Advisor
- UNDP – **Mustafa Sait-Ametov**, Regional Development Programme Manager
- Others

15:55-16:00 Wrap-up and Conclusions

Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Management, UNECE
