



# Promoting economic recovery and planning post-war reconstruction in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv through the use of public-private partnerships (PPPs) and innovative digital tools

Session at the 7th UNECE International PPP Forum

**Date:** 4 May 2023

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. EET, Athens/Kyiv  
(11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. CET - Geneva)

**Place:** Athens (in-person with possible online participation)

**Website and registration Link:**

<https://unece.org/info/Housing-and-Land-Management/events/376931>

## BACKGROUND

The session is organized as part of the 7th UNECE International Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Forum (Athens, Greece; 3-5 May 2023). The PPP Forum will address current and emerging challenges and opportunities regarding the application of tools supporting “green” and digital transformation at global, national and local levels that contributes to achieving the SDGs. The Forum will also highlight how the challenges can be addressed through PPPs in areas, such as: post-war and disaster reconstruction and economic recovery; and transition to a circular economy.

This session will discuss experiences in engaging the private sector, including through PPPs and applying digital tools to planning of reconstruction of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv in Ukraine. - Since April 2022, on the request of the Ministry for Communities, Territories Development and Infrastructure of Ukraine, UNECE coordinates UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv initiatives which support the preparation of blueprints for reconstruction of these two cities in Ukraine.

The UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv initiatives include two pilot projects which 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 the city government, local architects and experts, have been developing the new Master Plan for the city of Kharkiv on a pro-bono basis. Since August 2022, One Works, a global architectural company, and its international experts have also been doing pro bono to develop the new Master Plan for the city of Mykolaiv.





UNECE organizes on regular basis thematic workshops, bringing together key international experts on priority topics identified by the two city governments for the master plans.

The session will discuss the following questions:

- How private sector engagement, including the PPPs, could be harnessed to 'build back better' the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, as part of the future implementation of the master plans?
- How digital tools and digitalisation opportunities are used for the development of the master plans and meaningful stakeholder engagement in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv?

### **LANGUAGES:**

English and Ukrainian, with simultaneous interpretation.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

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### MODERATORS:

*Tassos Kriekoukis*, Ambassador, Diplomatic Advisor to the Mayor of Athens, Athens City Council, Athens, Greece; and

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

### 12:30-13:00 How the engagement of the private sector and use of innovative tools can help the recovery of Ukrainian cities?

*This introductory session will include presentations by the cities' representatives who will be invited to respond to the questions:*

- *How private sector is engaged in the reconstruction efforts?*
- *How digital tools and digitalization opportunities are used for the development of the master plans and meaningful stakeholder engagement?*
  - *Olga Demianenko*, Director, Department for Cooperation with International Agencies and Financial Institutions, Kharkiv City Council, Ukraine
  - *Dmytro Falko*, Chairman of the Mykolaiv City Council, Ukraine

### 13:00-13:40 How can international digital solutions help to rebuild Ukrainian cities?

*This session will include interventions by international experts who already work in Ukraine with digital tools. They will be invited to respond to the questions listed above for the session and to bring concrete examples of innovative digital tools already used or which could be used to plan the reconstruction processes.*

- *Alberto Cendoya and Diego Lopez Urruchi*, Architects, Architecture, Design and Technology Unit, Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain
- *Stuart Smith*, ARUP Berlin
- *Ana Paez*, Programme Manager, One Works, Milan, Italy
- *Vadim Lysenko*, Project Coordinator of MineFree Ukraine App, Lausanne, Switzerland

Questions and comments

### 13:40-14:00 Conclusions by the moderators and next steps