



20 May 2025 | OECD Ministerial Meeting

Rebuilding Ukraine

Investments in the Future of Communities & Regions

Side event Agenda

17:00 - 17:15 Opening Remarks

- **Mrs. Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz**, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland
- **Mr. Oleksii Kuleba**, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine - Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine
- **Mr. Yoshiki Takeuchi**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

17:15 - 18:10 Thematic exchange and discussion

Moderated exchange among Ukraine, OECD Member countries and partners on two themes:

1. Public investment for reconstruction and recovery with a territorial approach
2. Co-ordinating short-term disaster reconstruction and long-term regional development

For each theme, a series of guiding questions is outlined, along with intervening countries and organisations. Ukraine will briefly introduce each topic to highlight the current state of play, emphasise their current approaches and areas of need.

1. Public investment for reconstruction and recovery with a territorial approach (~35 min)

- Introductory intervention by **Mr. Oleksii Riabykin**, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine
- Interventions by OECD Member countries and partners based on the following guiding questions:

- What approaches can Ukraine use to strengthen regional and local capacities for investment mobilisation and absorption?
Mr. Petr Kulháněk, Minister for Regional Development of Czechia
Mr. Daniel Liljeberg, State Secretary, Ministry for Rural Affairs of Sweden
- What tools can help Ukraine prioritise public investment projects for subnational (regional and local) reconstruction when urgent investment needs far exceed available resources?
Mr. Jim McMahon, Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, United Kingdom
- What approaches can Ukraine take to structure public investment mechanisms that are able to support vastly different territorial needs?
Mr. Jan Szysko, Secretary of State, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland
- What is needed for a sustainable and green reconstruction of Ukraine? How can the donor community support Ukraine's local and regional level reconstruction?
Mrs. Elga Bartsch, Director General for Economic Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany

2. Co-ordinating short-term disaster reconstruction and longer-term regional development (~25 min)

- Introductory intervention by **Mrs. Tetiana Yehorova-Lutsenko**, President of the All-Ukrainian Association of Local Government Bodies "Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils"
- Interventions by OECD Member countries and partners based on the following guiding questions:
 - How can emerging technologies and data analytics support disaster response and reconstruction efforts?
Mr. Hendrik Johannes Terras, Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture of Estonia
 - How can regional and local authorities be effectively integrated into national decision-making structures to support disaster reconstruction co-ordination?
Mr. François Rebsamen, Minister for Territorial Planning and Decentralisation of France
 - How can regional and local authorities support subnational recovery?
Mrs. Kata Tüttő, President of the European Committee of the Regions
 - How can international financial institutions such as the European Investment Bank support Ukraine's public investment in reconstruction and recovery, through a territorial approach that addresses urgent local needs while aligning with national priorities and promoting regional equity?
Mr. Kyriacos Kakouris, Vice President of the European Investment Bank
- Additional interventions may be possible at the end of each thematic exchange.

18:10 - 18:30 Closing Remarks

- **Mrs. Themis Christophidou**, Director-General, Regional and Urban Policy Department, European Commission
- **Mr. Oleksii Kuleba**, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine - Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine
- **Mrs. Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz**, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland