



Dear colleagues and partners,

I am delighted to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Ukraine Culture Conference “Cooperation for Resilience” which will be held on 1-2 February 2025 in Uzhhorod, Ukraine.

Given your substantial support to the people of Ukraine in our fight for democratic values of the free world, I believe that your participation and thoughtful contributions would greatly enrich the outcomes of our meeting.

I am glad to have the opportunity to meet personally and exchange ideas and best practices for better coordination of our work on the protection of Ukrainian culture heritage which is an integral part of European legacy, for fostering bilateral and international cooperation, for joint efforts in struggling the common external threats, and for deepening the understanding between our people.

I look forward to our meeting in Uzhhorod in February.

Sincerely,

Mykola TOCHYTSKYI

Minister of Culture and Strategic
Communications of Ukraine

To confirm your participation in the event, kindly complete the online registration form at your earliest convenience no later than 24th of January, indicating the accompanying persons if any.

REGISTRATION FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rVUrcYuFFKI-oM6aE61hhDjZ9GFU8_qvxe6YXJPYysM/edit



UKRAINE CULTURE CONFERENCE: **COOPERATION FOR RESILIENCE**

February 1-2, 2025

**100 Uzhanska Street, Kamianytsia village, Zakarpattia region,
Ukraine (Verkhovyna Resort Medical & Wellness)**

Organizer: Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine together with the Zakarpattia Regional Military Administration in cooperation with the Recovery Support Unit implemented by UNESCO.

Cultural Sovereignty as an integral part of the Internal Resilience Plan was announced by the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, during his address to the Parliament of Ukraine on November 19, 2024. The format of “Cultural Ramstein”, will be a regular platform for partners’ cooperation.

The first **Ukraine Culture Conference: Cooperation for Resilience**, in the format of “Cultural Ramstein”, is to outline the main priorities in strengthening the resilience of the cultural sector in Ukraine, to discuss common threats to cultural heritage protection, to exchange ideas on countering the illicit trafficking of cultural goods, and to establish a roadmap for achieving concrete results. Ministers of culture, international organizations, and representatives of the Ukrainian authorities are invited to participate in the Conference.

The Conference, which will take place in Ukraine on 1-2 February 2025, will focus on issues related to the preservation of Ukrainian cultural heritage and national identity, as well as preparations for the Ukraine Recovery Conference, which will be held in Rome in July 2025. During the meeting, discussions will cover the establishment of the Ukrainian Heritage Fund, developing joint mechanisms to counter the illicit circulation of cultural goods, and the cultural component in post-war reconstruction of Ukraine. A joint Declaration will be signed as a result of the Conference.

PROGRAM

January 31, 2025

Friday

ARRIVAL

18:00

DINNER. LOCATION TBA

February 1, 2025

Saturday

9:30-10:00

REGISTRATION. WELCOME COFFEE

10:00-10:30

Opening. Welcome Remarks

Mykola Tochytskyi – Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine

10:30-12:00

MODULE I. Culture as a Component of National Security: Joint Steps for the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in Ukraine

This module highlights the pivotal role of culture in strengthening resilience, regional development and social cohesion in Ukraine and in Europe. It underscores the importance of countering the erasure of Ukraine's cultural identity and emphasizes culture as a key element of the global democratic society.

Discussion will address the need for consolidating efforts in support of the cultural sector through sustained cooperation with partners.

Open Microphone (registered speakers, 3-5 minutes)

Moderator: **Mykola Tochytskyi**, Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine

12:00-12:30

COFFEE BREAK

12:30-13:45**MODULE II. National and International Sanctions: Countering Illicit Cultural Property Trafficking**

This module highlights the urgent need for coordinated international action to counter the illicit trafficking of cultural property originating from Ukraine's frontline and occupied territories. It will focus on global efforts to prevent the looting and unauthorized trade of Ukraine's cultural heritage and ensure accountability for war crimes committed against cultural property.

Additionally, the module will address the role of Russian cultural and academic institutions in propagating narratives that fuel hostility and undermine international stability. Through dialogue and collaboration, we aim to strengthen global frameworks for the protection of cultural heritage and reinforce collective responsibility in preserving humanity's shared history.

Moderator: **Andrii Nadzhos**, Deputy Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications

13:45-15:00**LUNCH****15:00-16:15****MODULE III. Cultural Component in the Reconstruction and Recovery of the Country**

This module highlights the central role of culture in Ukraine's post-war recovery, inspired by the values of the New European Bauhaus and Baukultur. It emphasizes the integration of artistic and cultural elements into the restoration of urban and rural areas, infrastructure, and public spaces. The preservation and promotion of local and regional cultural identities will be key to rebuilding communities in ways that reflect their unique heritage and foster pride in their cultural legacy.

A critical aspect of this effort is the active involvement of local and regional authorities, working in partnership with cultural institutions and international organizations. This collaboration will ensure that recovery efforts are inclusive, sustainable, and culturally grounded, reinforcing social cohesion and preserving Ukraine's diverse cultural landscape. By embracing creativity and heritage, this module aims to rebuild not just physical structures but also the spirit and identity of Ukraine's communities.

MODERATOR: **Anastasia Bondar**, Deputy Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications

**16:15-17:30****Presentation of the Concept of the Ukrainian Heritage Fund**

Discussing the launch of the Ukraine Heritage Fund aiming to support the restoration and preservation of cultural heritage. Given that more than 1,200 cultural heritage sites have been damaged or destroyed since 2022, there is an urgent need for restoration efforts addressing both tangible and intangible aspects of Ukraine's cultural heritage.

Galyna Grygorenko – First Deputy Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications

17:30-18:00**SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION (*THE DRAFT IS ATTACHED TO THE INVITATION)****18:00-18:15****FAMILY PHOTO****18:15-18:45****PRESS BRIEFING****19:30-21:30****OFFICIAL DINNER****February 2, 2025**

Sunday

10:00-18:00**TIME RESERVED FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS****LUNCH. TRANSFER**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accommodation


The participants are responsible for arranging their accommodation. For your convenience, the organizer has reserved a certain number of rooms for the duration of the event in the hotels listed below.

Please note that the heads of delegations are invited to book their accommodation in Verkhovyna Resort Medical & Wellness. The transfer from other hotels will be provided by the organizer.



Verkhovyna Resort Medical & Wellness



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Hotel Resort & Spa Kamelot

Hotel Resort & Spa Kamelot is located in Kamianets. Guests have access to free Wi-Fi throughout the property, room service, and a restaurant. For guests' convenience, free private parking is available.

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Zakarpattia Region, Ukraine

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and indicate **CULTURAL**
 **RAMSTEIN** as the e-mail
subject



The heads of delegations are invited to the official dinner hosted by the Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine Mykola Tochytskyi on the 1st of February 2025 to be held at 7:30 PM in Verkhovyna Resort Medical & Wellness



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