

**Invitation Letter for the Diplomatic briefing on the economic situation in Ukraine,
October 12, 2026**

Dear Colleagues,

The Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting is pleased to invite you to our regular monthly "Diplomatic Briefing," where IER experts share their insights on the current economic situation in Ukraine and present the latest results of our business tendency survey.

The upcoming Diplomatic Briefing, focused on **"Ukraine's economic situation and challenges in September 2026"**, will take place online **via Zoom on October 12, 2026, Monday, from 16:00 to 17:00 Kyiv time (9:00-10:00 EST / 15:00-16:00 CEST).**

In September, economic situation worsened as Russia continued attacks on logistics as well as large companies. Steel production stopped as Russia targeted key metallurgical plants causing large-scale damages and destruction. Several warehouses were also damaged. As a result, industrial production declined more than in August. Overall, real GDP in 2026 is not likely to increase, while growth perspectives for 2027 are rather gloomy.

At the same time, Ukraine faces large fiscal gap as revenues are lower, expenditures higher, and the Government and the Parliament are not fulfilling all liabilities fully and timely to receive needed international assistance. The gap will turn out higher in 2027.

During the Diplomatic Briefing we will discuss in more details current economic and fiscal challenges. We also will present September business tendencies to reflect on the business sentiments, expectations and obstacles they face.

Speakers:

Oleksandra Betlii, macroeconomic, public finance, social and healthcare expert, IER Leading Research Fellow;

Oksana Kuziakiv, IER Executive Director, Head of the Centre for Contemporary Society studies.

Moderator of the Diplomatic Briefing: Anastasiya Kropova, Research Fellow, IER

English is a working language of the meeting.

We sincerely hope that you can honour us with your presence.

Please, register for the participation in the Briefings via <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4wGW7Knnct>

Diplomatic Briefings represent an exclusive initiative by the IER, thoughtfully tailored to cater to the needs of diplomatic institutions, government entities, and central banks of Ukraine's international partners. We kindly request your discretion in refraining from sharing this invitation with individuals outside of your respective organizations.

Should you wish to extend this invitation to additional colleagues who would benefit from this discussion, we would appreciate if you would be so kind to provide us with their contact information.

The Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (IER) is a well-known Ukrainian independent think tank established in 1999, focusing on economic research and policy consulting. The IER is a top Ukrainian think tank with internationally recognized expertise almost 20 years of experience in implementing projects on Ukraine's economic development funded by international donor organizations, i.e. SIDA, USAID, UNDP, World Bank Group and others. In 2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report the IER is one of the 140 Best Independent Think Tanks out of 6,500 surveyed, it is 49th in "Best Advocacy Campaign" category, 69th as best International Economics Think Tank and 86th best Think Tank in Central and Eastern Europe. The IER has successfully implemented multiple international donors projects related to the field of reform implementation in Ukraine. The IER successfully combines professional analysis with active involvement in public dialogue and advocacy and actively cooperates with Ukrainian national and regional authorities in issues related to strategic planning and policy development as well as policy implementation. The IER has the capacity for grant management and provides re-granting for capacity development to regional civil society organizations and media. The IER financial standing has been secured through projects as well as private contributions.

Kind regards,

Igor Burakovsky,
IER Head of the Board