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Ministry of Culture
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CONCEPT

The **Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Fund (UCHF)** is a multi-donor platform dedicated to protecting and restoring Ukraine's cultural heritage and development of Ukrainian culture amid the devastation of war.

VISION

To preserve, restore, and promote Ukraine's cultural heritage and culture as expressions of its identity, resilience, and democratic values, ensuring their renewal for future generations through international solidarity and national commitment.

MISSION

UCHF mobilises international resources to protect, restore, and revitalise Ukraine's cultural heritage damaged by war and develop Ukrainian culture.

Through **transparent, inclusive, and sustainable approaches**, the Fund strengthens Ukraine's cultural resilience

BACKGROUND AND ESTABLISHMENT

FEBRUARY 2025

The initiative to establish the Fund was announced in the **Uzhhorod Declaration on Strengthening the Resilience of Ukraine's Cultural Sector**, endorsed by **31 countries**.



JUNE 2025

A working seminar was held in **Florence**, bringing together **40 experts from 15 countries**. It became an important milestone in shaping the Fund's concept and defining the first steps toward its launch.



SEPTEMBER 2025

A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between the **Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine (MCSC)** and the **International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage (ALIPH)**, marking the beginning of the Fund's practical implementation phase.



MAY 2025

The **European Commission** reaffirmed that the preservation of Ukraine's cultural heritage is a priority and presented a **study by the European Expert Network on Culture (EENC)**.



JULY 2025

The Fund was **officially** presented during the **Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC2025)** in Rome.



OCTOBER 2025

UCHF is in the process of being registered in **Brussels** as a non-profit association with an international scope.



FUND'S KEY AREAS OF WORK

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Provide financial support for initiatives focused on the preservation, stabilisation, restoration, rehabilitation, and sustainable use of Ukraine's cultural heritage.

Promote the digital transformation of heritage protection and restoration processes.

Engage international expertise and resources to accelerate recovery efforts.

Support the training and professional development of specialists in heritage protection, preservation, and restoration (including restorers, architects, curators, and related experts).

Facilitate the exchange of expertise and best practices between Ukrainian and international professionals.

CULTURE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Promote and develop culture and creative industries in Ukraine as key drivers of innovation and resilience.

Support capacity building and professional training for cultural sector professionals.

Foster international cultural exchange and cooperation to enhance the global presence of Ukrainian culture.

STRUCTURE

The ALIPH Foundation, together with the MCSC (represented by the Ukrainian Center for Cultural Research, UCCR), are co-founders of a non-profit organization registered in Brussels. The co-founders have established transparency, accountability, and responsibility as the Fund's core principles.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Approves strategy, budgets, and appoints Board members

THE BOARD

Oversees operations, programs, and resources, including representatives from founding members, Ukrainian authorities, and civil society

Scientific Committee

Provides the Fund with recommendations on scientific matters related to the selection and evaluation of programs and projects eligible for funding.

Ethics and Governance Committee

Oversees compliance with ethical standards and governance norms of the Fund.

Audit Committee

Conducts audits of the Fund's activities and ensures compliance with the Fund's standards.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Heads the Fund's Secretariat, manages its operational activities, and is responsible for the effective implementation of the Board's programs and decisions. Appointed through an **open competitive selection process** in accordance with principles of transparency and integrity.

SECRETARIAT

Ensures the day-to-day operations of the association, as well as the proper implementation and evaluation of the Fund's programs and projects.

THE FUND OPERATES UNDER BELGIAN LAW AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL SCOPE.

OUR NEXT STEPS

PHASE 1 Q4 2025

- Register the **non-profit association (ASBL)** in Brussels
- **Interim Acting Manager** launches the Fund
- Open a **dedicated bank account** in Brussels
- Draft and approve **by-law**
- Nominate **Ukraine and ALIPH representatives** to the Board
- Appoint the **Board of Directors**

PHASE 1 Q1 2026

- Launch an **open call for Managing Director**
- Complete **organizational setup** — Fund becomes fully operational
- Begin transition from **ASBL → AISBL** (international non-profit association)

PHASE 3 Q2-Q4 2026

- Confirm composition of **Expert Boards**
- Approve **evaluation methodology** for project selection
- Launch **open calls for project proposals**
- Evaluate and select **first portfolio of projects**