

Strengthening Ukraine's Science and Innovation System: A Workshop

AGENDA

(updated on March 11)

All times CET (Zurich, Switzerland)

Venue: ETH Zurich, [Zentrum Campus](#), Room HG G 60 (Semper-Aula)

Moderator: Chris Luebke, Head of Strategic Foresight Hub, Office of the President ETH Zurich

DAY 1

March 13, 2025

- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Opening Remarks**
David Spergel, *President of the Simons Foundation, Co-Chair of the Science and Innovation Fund for Ukraine Board*
Vaughan Turekian, *Executive Director of Policy and Global Affairs Division, U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)*
Günther Dissertori, *Rector of ETH Zurich*
- 1:50pm Breaking Silos: Fund's Approach & Workshop Objectives**
Yulia Bezvershenko, *Senior Program Officer, NASEM*
- 2:00pm Update from Ukraine: Situation, Priorities, and Transformations**
Valeria Ionan, *Deputy Minister, Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine (virtual)*
Denys Kurbatov, *Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine*
- 2:30pm Invited Intervention: Olga Polotska, Executive Director, National Research Foundation of Ukraine**
- 2:35pm Fireside Chat with Denys Kurbatov. Interactive Q&A**
- 3:00pm Coffee Break
- 3:20pm Envisioning Multistakeholder Dialogue, Cooperation and Coordination for Ukraine's Science & Innovation-Based Economic Recovery and Growth**
Lightning Talks
Michele Mazzola, *Director of Office III - Internationalization of Research, Directorate General of Internationalization and Communication, Ministry of Universities and Research of Italy (virtual)*
Frederik Sondergaard, *Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (virtual)*
David Spergel, *President of the Simons Foundation, Co-Chair of the Science and Innovation Fund for Ukraine*
Oleksandra Antoniouk, *Head of Scientific Committee, National Science and Technology Council of Ukraine, Deputy Director for Development and Innovation, Kyiv Academic University*
- 3:50pm Breakout Rooms:**
Rooms TBC
Topic 1. Strengthening Collaboration for Ukraine's Science & Innovation Based Recovery and Growth: Leveraging Partnerships, Resources, and Coordination
- 5:00pm Coffee Break
- 5:15pm Integrating Session 1**
Key Takeaways Round
Open Discussion
- 6:30pm Bus transfer
- 7:00pm Informal Working Dinner | *Restaurant Bellavista (ETH Zurich's Hönggerberg Campus)*

DAY 2

March 14, 2025

- 9:00am** **Opening Remarks**
Jacques Gerber, Federal Council Delegate for Ukraine, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
Katarína Mathernová, Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine (virtual)
Anatoly Zagorodny, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- 9:15am** **Science Parks: Transforming Public Universities and Research Institutions into the Drivers of Change**
Case-Studies from Ukraine:
Kyiv Aviation Institute – Kseniia Semenova, Acting Rector of Kyiv Aviation Institute
Academ.City and Kyiv Academic University – Oleksandra Antoniuk, Deputy Director for Development and Innovation, Kyiv Academic University
- 9:45am** **Invited Intervention: Science.City – Mariia Krasnoschok, Directorate of Innovation and Science Liaison with the Real Sector of the Economy, Ministry of Education and Science**
- 9:50am** **Q&A**
- 10:15am Coffee Break
- 10:30am** **Breakout Rooms**
Rooms TBC
Topic 2: Building Global Partnerships: Lessons from Ukraine’s International Institutional Cooperation
Topic 3: Strengthening Science and Education Cooperation Within Ukraine
Topic 4: Bridging Science and Policy: Advancing Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- 11:30am Coffee Break
- 11:40am** **Integrating Session 2**
Key Takeaways Round
Open Discussion
- 12:40pm Lunch
- 1:45pm** **Science Innovation for Ukraine’s Recovery: Regional Development, EU Integration, and Economic Growth**
Lightning Talks
Janis Aizsalnieks, Team Leader for Socio-Economic policy team, DG ENEST
Margherita Bacigalupo, Deputy Head of Unit for Innovation Policies and Economic Impact, JRC
Nadiia Afanasieva, Director, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics, Deputy Head of National Team on Smart Specialization
Dmytro Pokhylko, Director, Strategic Projects and Lab-to-Market (L2M) Accelerator Network, Columbia Tech Ventures
- 2:15pm** **Q&A**
- 2:45pm Coffee Break
- 3:00pm** **Breakout Rooms**
Rooms TBC
Topic 5: Strengthening Science-Industry Collaboration
Topic 6: Regional and Sectoral Innovation Development: Connecting Stakeholders
Topic 7: Building Capacity for Innovation Development

4:10pm**Integrating Session 2***Key Takeaways Round**Open Discussion*

5:15pm

Coffee Break

5:30pm**Closing Session: From Insights to Action – Next Steps for International Collaboration****6:30pm****Adjourn**