WCEF2024 Accelerator Session: Ukraine's circular reconstruction

Ukraine suffers extensive devastation, with industries and buildings in urban areas significantly damaged due to shelling. The reconstruction of infrastructure and the revitalization of the economy demand a forward-thinking approach that prioritizes minimizing environmental impact. By integrating circular economy principles from the outset, it's feasible to reduce construction waste, mitigate economic decline, and create new opportunities. Despite challenges, the restoration of Ukraine represents a chance for rapid modernization, especially with the backing of the EU in advancing environmental sustainability.

WHEN: Wednesday 17th April 2024; 9:30 am -12:30 pm

WHERE: Venue: Federation of Belgian Enterprises building (FEB/VBO), Rue Ravenstein 4, 1000 Brussels

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The session aims at:

- Discussing opportunities and challenges to ensure circularity when rebuilding Ukraine, with focus on economic recovery and infrastructure
- Highlighting international practices and circular solutions for the circular reconstruction of Ukraine

This session will highlight successful examples of the circular economy implemented in practice and facilitate dialogue with construction professionals on the crucial prerequisites for sustainable rebuilding.

The hybrid session is jointly organised by **European Commission Directorates General for Neighbourhood and**

Enlargement Negotiations and **United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)**.

SPEAKERS include:

- Ms. Nadiya Bihun, UA Deputy Minister of Economy
- Mr. Smail Alhilali, Chief of Division on Circular Economy and Chemicals management, UNIDO
- Ms. Morgane Veillet Lavallée, Senior Project Lead of UNIDO International Partner, Circle Economy Foundation
- Mr. Ricardo Seidl da Fonseca, UNIDO Senior Advisor on Technology Foresight
- Ms. Morten Albertsen, Good Valley LLC
- Mr. Maksym Tolmachov, Zmiivska Paper Factory LLC
- Ms. Kateryna Savchuk, Director, Regional Development Agency of Khmelnytskyi oblast
- Ms. Tetiana Dehodya, Deputy Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Center
- Ms Victoria Spevak, Kovalska Group
- Mr. Philip Crampton, President FIEC
- Mr. Oleksandr Chervac, Ukrainian Construction Federation
- Mr. Martin Bjerregaard, 3D consulting
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  Dr. Sergei Skokov, EU technical Lead of Sustainable promotion and consumption patterns in Ukraine

The **EU is supporting Ukraine** to build a brighter future on a foundation of environmental sustainability – with funding but also with technical and legislative capacity, which is provided by the UNIDO and some other organizations.

This event is an accelerator session at the World Circular Economy Forum 2024. WCEF2024 is guided by the

latest scientific evidence on the most impactful circular solutions and explores how to turn them from theory to action.