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INFORMATION

From:	Commission services
To:	Ad hoc Working Party on Reconstruction and Support for Ukraine
Subject:	EU-Ukraine Business Summit (Brussels, 22-23 April 2026) recap & ENEST private sector engagement outlook - Presentation

As a follow-up to the RESUA WP meeting on 29 April 2026, delegations will find enclosed the presentation by the Commission services.



EU-UKRAINE
BUSINESS
SUMMIT



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EU-Ukraine Business Summit recap & ENEST private sector engagement outlook

for discussion in AHWP RESUA

DG ENEST 29.04.2026



EU-Ukraine Business Summit in Brussels, 22-23 April 2026

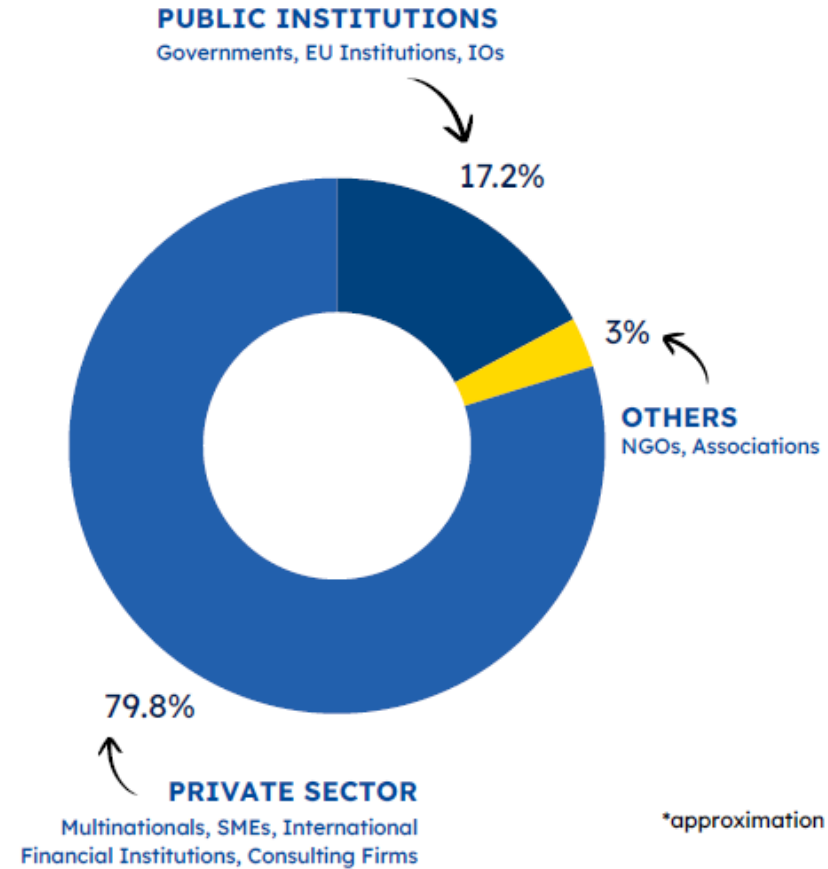
- Lead organiser: European Commission (ENEST, GROW, MOVE, DEFIS)
- Co-organisers: Poland, Ukraine
- Partner: European Business Summits
- Official pre-conference for URC 2026 in the business dimension

For official pictures see: [EU-Ukraine Business Summit 2026 - ON THE ROAD TO URC Photo](#)

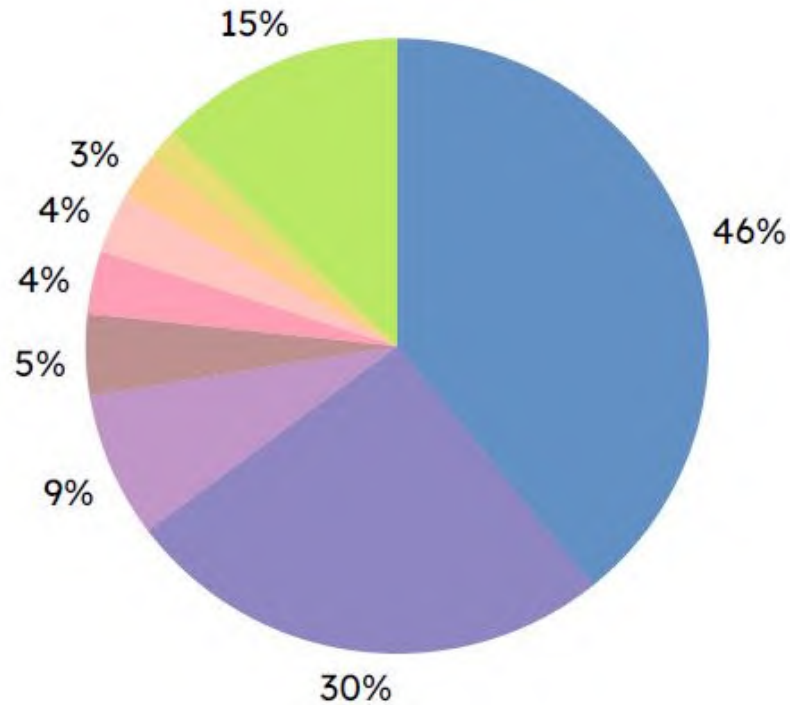


Who was there?

- Number of participants:
 - Day 1: 1112
 - Day 2: 675



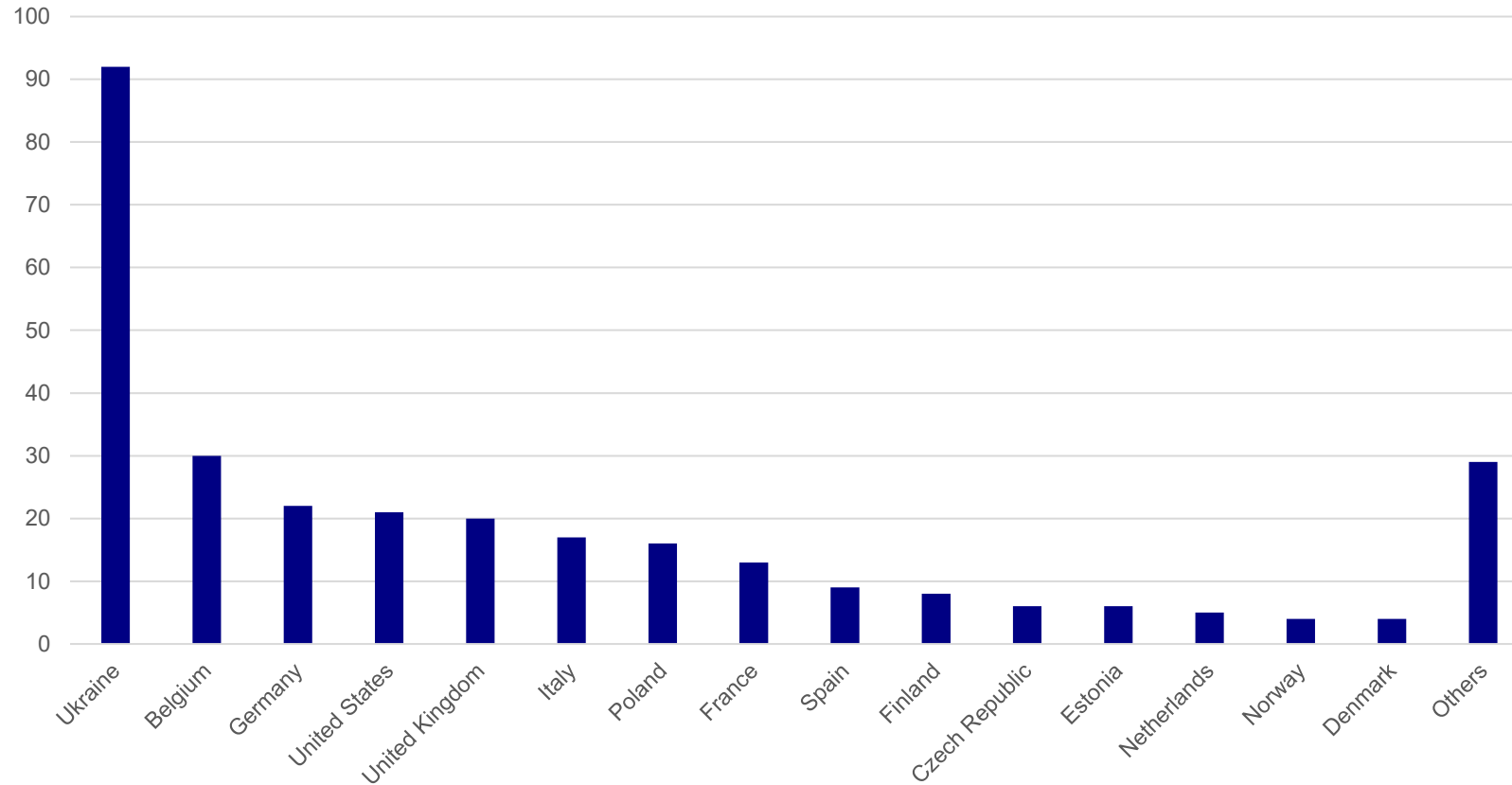
Participants by country



- Ukraine 46%
- Belgium 30% This also includes EU institutions and companies represented by their Brussels offices
- Others 15% Denmark, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Slovakia, UK, USA...
- Poland 9%
- Germany 5%
- France 3.9%
- Italy 3.7%
- The Netherlands 2.77%
- Spain 2%



Businesses by country



*Numbers refer to different companies represented, not individual participants. Some companies from other member states may have registered under “Belgium” because they were represented by their Brussels office.



High-level: EU institutions



MARTA KOS
European Commissioner for
Enlargement



GERT-JAN KOOPMAN
Director-General, DG ENEST



KARL NEHAMMER
EIB Vice-President



MAGDA KOPCZYŃSKA
Director-General for Mobility and
Transport

High-level: Ukrainian institutions



TARAS KACHKA
Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine
for European and Euro-Atlantic
Integration



OLEKSII SOBOLEV
Minister of Economy, Environment
and Agriculture of Ukraine



ALONA SHKRUM
First Deputy Minister for
Development of Communities and
Territories of Ukraine



YEGOR PERELYGIN
Deputy Minister at the Ministry of
Economy, Environment and
Agriculture of Ukraine



ANNA GVOZDIAR
Advisor to the Minister of Defence
of Ukraine



MARYNA KHLYSTUN
Executive Director, UkraineInvest

High-level: Polish institutions



MARTA CIENKOWSKA
Minister of Culture and National
Heritage of Poland



JAKUB JAWOROWSKI
Member of the Management Board,
BGK



JURAND DROP
Undersecretary of State in the
Ministry of Finance of Poland



KATARZYNA KOWALSKA
Vice-President, KUKE

Official opening & press conference

- **Marta Kos**, European Commissioner for Enlargement
- **Taras Kachka**, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
- **Oleksii Sobolev**, Minister of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine
- **Marta Cienkowska**, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland



Official opening & press conference

The recording of the opening speech by Marta Kos and the press conference is available here: [Audiovisual Service - EU/Ukraine Business Summit 2026, Brussels: opening session with the participation of Marta Kos, European Commissioner](#)



Signatures

- Agreement with Eximbanka and Slovak Aid on **Energy** Programme (EUR 93 m)
- Agreements with EBRD on **small business support** (SME recovery programme EUR 46 million; SME financial inclusion EUR 317 million)
- Letter of Intent to finance the Pysanka **solar power** project between EBRD and Kernel (EUR 38 m)
- Joint Statement on investments in **dual use technologies** (readiness of EU Member States financing institutions to finance dual use sector with mobilisation EU Guarantees)
- Statement of Contract Negotiations for new EUR 579 million allocation to the EIB to finance **priority infrastructure projects** in Ukraine
- Establishment of a **Joint Venture** between Sharks Robotics and Tencore and between Gomspace and Stetman to be supported in the future under the UF with consideration of potential financing EIB and BPI
- Declaration of Cooperation on EUR 161 million investment in emerging and disruptive technologies between the European Commission and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine



Announcements

- Unblocking of the Ukraine Support Loan
- New financing agreements signed under Pillar II
- Reopening of the Call for Expressions of Interest



Strategic panel: Ukraine's economic recovery and the role of the EU in making it happen

- Gert-Jan Koopman, Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement
- Oleksii Sobolev, Minister of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine
- Karl Nehammer, Vice-President, EIB
- Anna Derevyanko, Executive Director, European Business Association
- Wojciech Kostrzewa, President of the Polish Business Roundtable
- Nataliia Shapoval, chairwoman of Kyiv School of Economics



Support to SMEs, business environment reforms

- **Success stories:** videos and live testimonials by beneficiaries of EU support
- **Panel:** Helping SMEs succeed in Ukraine: business environment reforms, trade liberalisation and investment support instruments
- **Workshop:** From gap analysis to concrete business opportunities
- **B2B matchmaking platform**



How to seize business opportunities: hands-on info sessions

- **Investing in Ukraine now:** interactive information session and Q&A for businesses by UkraineInvest
- Pitching session on **privatisation and public-private partnerships**
- Information session for EU companies on **public procurement**, with focus on current and upcoming tenders by development finance institutions
- Closed-Door Sessions with companies from the **Call for expressions of interest:**
 - Part 1: Financing Your Project
 - Part 2: Regions of Ukraine: Investment Destinations and Opportunities
 - Part 3: Adapting to the Energy Crisis: Strategic Industry in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine



Defence & dual-use technologies

- **Panel:** Strengthening Ukraine's defence and Europe's security: investing in industrial capabilities and technological innovation
- **Pitching session:** industries and technologies that boost Ukraine's protection
- **Workshop:** Defence and dual-use technologies: venture capital as a tool to power innovation
- **Presentation** by Kyiv School of Economics and the European Commission of the study on dual-use sectors and financing opportunities under the Ukraine Facility, Pillar II
- **Workshop:** Financing and Partnership Models for Ukraine's Dual-Use and Defence Industry
- **Information session:** Ukraine Support Instrument under the European Defence Industry Programme
- **Panel by BGK:** From the Ukrainian Battlefield to European Readiness: Technologies, Lessons, Adaptation



Critical Raw Materials

- **Panel:** Critical Raw Materials: de-risking EU investments to jointly develop Ukraine's subsoil potential
- **Workshop:** Developing Ukraine's Critical Raw Materials Sector: Investment Opportunities and Strategic Partnerships
- **Closed-door workshop:** EU-Ukraine Strategic Partnership on Raw Materials



Transport, logistics & connectivity

- **Panel:** Opportunities for European private investors in transport and critical logistics infrastructure
- **Workshop:** Ukraine at EU's Crossroads: Mobilising Public and Private Funding for Investments in Logistics
- **Workshop by Poland:** Polish Border Regions – Europe's Hub for Ukraine's Reconstruction



De-risking & insurance

- **Panel:** From Risk to Opportunity: Insurance Solutions for Investing in Ukraine
- **Workshop:** The Equity Un(b)lock: mobilising private capital at scale
- Risk, Capital, and Confidence: A Closed-Door Dialogue on Insurance and Re-Insurance in Ukraine





500



Registered participants

692



Booked meetings

7098



Exchanged messages


19.4k




Profile views





Matchmaking participants

 Ukraine (182)

 Germany (21)


 Belgium (59)

 Austria (14)

 Italy (42)

 Netherlands (14)

 Spain (27)

 Finland (14)

 Poland (22)

 France (14)

ORGANISATION TYPES

Service provider (engineering, law, IT) (102)

Other (99)

Manufacturer (67)

Agency, Association (43)

Project Developer/Designer/Architect (21)

International Finance, Donor, Investor (19)

Power/Energy Company (14)

Governmental State Institution (13)

Construction Company (11)

Supplier, sub-contractor (10)



Special Envoys meeting



AT	Wolfgang Anzengruber
BE	Jean-François Parmentier
CZ	Jiří Brodský
DE	Ulrike Hopp-Nishanka
DK	Lars Von Spreckelsen-Syberg
EE	Mariin Ratnik
ES	Clara Guzman Zapater
FI	Antti Vänskä
FR	Muriel Lacoue Labarthe
GR	Spyridon Lambridis
IT	Davide La Cecilia
LT	Darius Skusevičius
LV	Juris Poikāns
NL	Joost Klarenbeek
NO	Christian U. Syse
PL	Pawel Kowal
SE	Ulrik Tideström
SK	Juraj Toporcak
UA	Oleksii Sobolev
UA	Alyona Shkrum
EU	Gert-Jan Koopman
UDP	Simon O'Connor



Special Envoys meeting

Main topics of discussion:

- Operational model built around efficiency, speed, ownership, flagship projects and tangible delivery before winter (call by Minister Sobolev to identify three to five flagship projects per partner country and see them through)
- UIF, European Flagship Fund and national DFIs as key vehicles that need to be used more actively and flexibly
- The tour de table showed broad convergence around these messages: the priority is no longer to create new political formats, but to make existing instruments work faster and more visibly
- War-risk insurance, guarantees and business confidence as the bridge between political support and actual investment decisions; link between investment and sound governance, reforms, esp. in the business environment and EU integration



ENEST private sector engagement

We would like to **work more closely with member state institutions** to:

- **Disseminate information** on investment opportunities as well as opportunities related to public tenders, PPPs and privatization
- **Collect mature, fit-for-purpose project proposals** ready for DFI financing: Webinars for companies upcoming
- **Promote joint de-risking** between IFIs, national development banks, export credit agencies (ECAs), funds and private banks
- **Get feedback** from your business communities on the impact of our conferences and initiatives



Therefore, we kindly ask you for the relevant contacts in your national business associations, chambers of commerce, ECAs and development banks (form to be circulated via RESUA)

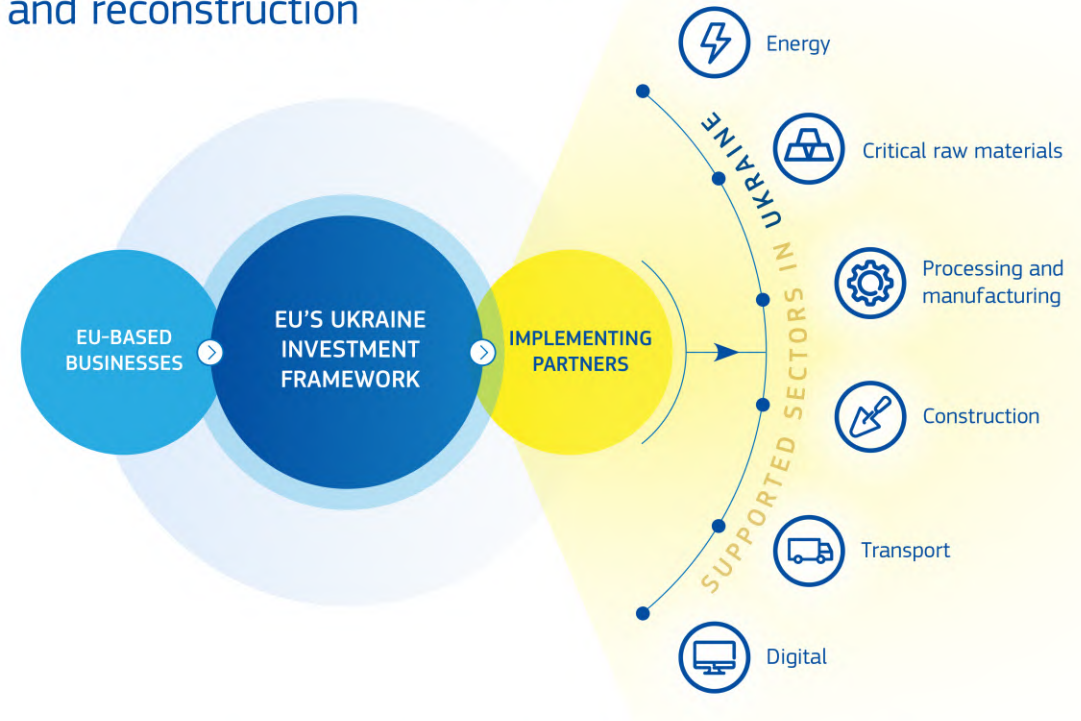


Reopening of the Call for Expressions of Interest from EU/EEA and Ukrainian businesses to invest in Ukraine

Link to the updated criteria and submission:

[Call for Expressions of Interest from EU/EEA and Ukrainian businesses to invest in Ukraine - Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood](#)

Call for Expressions of Interest from EU-based businesses: leveraging private investments for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction



Invest in Ukraine, Invest in the future of Europe



What's new: Call for expressions of interest

- Total project size of EUR 50 million and an **own equity participation** by the project promoter of **30%** of the total value of the investment project
- EU-Ukraine Joint Venture in industrial sectors will be considered in priority.
- The call operates **on a rolling basis with no fixed deadline**. Proposals may be submitted at any time once they have reached a **sufficient level of maturity**.
- Projects will be assessed based on needs, opportunities, and strategic priorities. Particular **priority** will be given to the most mature projects that align with EU policy objectives and demonstrate strong integration into European industrial value and supply chains, notably through EU–Ukraine joint ventures or consortia.



Thank you for your active collaboration.

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