

## FIEC-EIC Task Force “Ukraine”

### Brief description and main aims:

Shortly after the start of the war started by Russia against Ukraine, in June 2022, FIEC and EIC decided to set up a joint *Task Force “Ukraine”* with the aim of centralising and coordinating information and initiatives in view of the future reconstruction of Ukraine once the war will be over. It is comprised of FIEC’s member federations and has been enlarged to other concerned stakeholders (engineers, construction products and machineries manufacturers, etc.).

The Task Force is chaired by Kjetil Tønning, FIEC Honorary President, and our Ukrainian member federation CBU (Confederation of Builders of Ukraine) is actively involved in the discussions, as well as local and national authorities. External speakers such as representatives of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU, other concerned stakeholders and European Commission’s officials regularly participate in both the Task Force and bilateral meetings with FIEC.

### Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

Russia’s war of aggression in Ukraine has devastated the country, with direct damage estimated at USD 152 billion (RDNA - Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment 3 of February 2024), with housing and transport being the most affected sectors. Reconstruction and recovery needs are estimated that USD 486 billion (RDNA 2).

The Task Force therefore mainly focuses on issues related to the reconstruction phase. Given the variety of stakeholders that have expressed their interest to assist Ukraine in its reconstruction efforts, providing a coordinated approach through FIEC is especially important. A lack of coordination could lead to undesired outcomes, e.g., duplication of efforts, which is what we hope to avoid.

FIEC is also committed to assist its Ukrainian member federation, CBU, in terms of learning needs. A contribution that is important not only in terms of the reconstruction efforts but also in the Ukraine’s path to EU accession.

### Actions and key dates:

**29/06/2022** → FIEC welcomes in Brussels a delegation of authorities from the city of Irpin.

**08/07/2022** → Kick-off meeting of the Task Force “Ukraine”.

**11/10/2022** → Meeting with the Ambassador of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU ([Press Release](#)).

**19/10/2022** → Intervention of FIEC President, Philip Crampton, in the “*Recovery Forum Ukraine 2022*” organised by CBU.

**19/04/2023** → Publication of [Recommendations for the Future Reconstruction of Ukraine](#) endorsed by several EU stakeholders.

**14/09/2023** → FIEC/EIC send a letter to the European Commission outlining their position on the proposed Regulation on establishing a “Ukraine Facility”, which entered into force in February 2024.

**18/10/2023** → Kjetil Tønning, Chairman of *Task Force “Ukraine”*, chairs the meeting from Kyiv.

**14/11/2023** → FIEC participates in the *Recovery Construction Forum 2.0* in Warsaw. The first conference took place on 15/02/2023.

**16/11/2023** → FIEC and EFBWW sign a [Memorandum of Understanding on the Sustainable Reconstruction of Ukraine](#).

**17/04/2024** → FIEC President Philip Crampton participates in a panel discussion on Ukraine’s circular reconstruction at the *World Circular Economy Forum 2024* in Brussels.

**13-14/11/2024** → 2024 edition of *ReBuild Ukraine* is held in Warsaw.