

Ukraine's Recovery: rebuilding with research

Report of a conference held at the Royal Society, London on 15 – 16 May 2023

The theme of the MCO's Anniversary Conference held from 23 - 25 October 2023 at the University of Lodz, Poland, was **Universities and Re-Construction of Cities: the Role of Research and Education**

Earlier in the year, on 15 and 16 May, the **Royal Society** in London, in association with other bodies, including the Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom, organised a conference in partnership with the Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN), together with the Fund of the President of Ukraine for Education, Science and Sports, and the Embassy of Ukraine. The report of this conference has recently been published.

The event was funded by Universities UK International, Research England and the British Council, and was supported by the Academy of Medical Sciences, the British Academy and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

The conference brought together researchers from Ukrainian and UK universities and policy makers to explore how research can help tackle some of the many challenges facing policy makers, from rebuilding Ukraine's economy, to addressing the complex needs related to health and wellbeing, re-imagining regional security and partnerships, and planning for a green recovery.

On day one, keynote speakers, panellists and session speakers across a breadth of scientific disciplines showcased the most relevant research on reconstruction and on some of the key areas crucial to the recovery of Ukraine. On day two a group of policy makers and researchers discussed how the key recommendations from the conference might translate into policy initiatives and roadmaps for recovery.

The organisers hope that the discussions at the conference, and the post conference report, will support continuing conversations through the international series of Ukraine Recovery Conferences, and will ensure that work on Ukraine's recovery more widely, is informed by research evidence and expertise. As well as a record of the conference discussion, the post-conference report also covers the key outcomes and areas of future action identified from the conference.

The organisers have kindly agreed that the recording of the conference sessions and their report can be shared with the Magna Charta community. The recording of the sessions can be found at royalsociety.org/Ukraine.

The conference report can be found at [Ukraine's recovery: conference report](#)

Members of the MCO community who wish to follow up aspects of the report are invited to contact Dr. Stephen Evans on stephen.n.evans@durham.ac.uk

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