

HYDROGEN UKRAINE SYMPOSIUM FUTURES

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Hydrogen Futures Ukraine Symposium 2026

Thursday, 24.09.2026 / Lviv, Ukraine

Background and Objective

The high-level event **Ukraine Symposium 2026: Hydrogen Futures – From Vision to Sustainable Value Generation** aims to convene key Ukrainian and international stakeholders to discuss the role of green hydrogen and its derivatives in Ukraine's green recovery, energy transition and EU integration. The Symposium will bring together expertise and perspectives from Germany, the European Union and Ukraine to drive innovations, build alliances, forge new partnerships and foster collaboration on how to move from hydrogen visions to real value chains, jobs and climate impact.

The event will focus on framework conditions and concrete experiences needed to develop credible green hydrogen value chains in and with Ukraine: from fitting strategic approaches, to conducive legal and regulatory provisions, to prioritising high-impact use cases and designing ESG-robust projects, to the skills and just transition needs of regions, and developing green hydrogen and Power-to-X (PtX) concepts which reach final investment decisions (FID).

In cooperation with the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine, the symposium seeks to create relevant momentum for the hydrogen /PtX Sector Development of Ukraine.

Languages: English /Ukrainian – simultaneous translation

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Agenda

Facilitator - **Alina Konovalchenko**, Chief Operating Officer, UN Global Compact Ukraine

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:30 am Opening and Welcoming Remarks

- **Katrin Buchholz**, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy
- **Kira Spyrydonova**, Head of Department, Department for Economic Diplomacy and Recovery, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- **Hanna Schumacher**, Deputy Director General for hydrogen and gas infrastructure, German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Key Note: Strategic Outlook – Hydrogen as cornerstone for our energy transition

- **Hanna Lihun**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy of Ukraine

Key Exchange: German Foreign Perspectives on Hydrogen

- **Meik Laufer**, Head of Unit Hydrogen Diplomacy, Geopolitics of Energy Transition, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Juliane Weymann**, Head of H2-diplo Office Ukraine

Expert Opinion: Why the World Is Betting on Hydrogen – and Where Ukraine Could Fit In

- **Mikaa Blugeon-Mered**, Canada Research Chair in Clean Hydrogen - University of Québec at Trois-Rivières; Senior Researcher on Hydrogen Global Markets and Geopolitics

10:45 am COFFEE BREAK

Session I: Connecting to the European network – transportation, storage, the EU rules of the game and joint efforts

Moderator – **Klavdiia Yatsyshyna**, Energy Advisor, H2-diplo Office Ukraine

- **Prof. Dr. Rainer Quitzow**, Research Group Leader, Research Institute for Sustainability | at GFZ
- **Viacheslav Luchnykov**, CEO | UDPR Hydrogen, Co-Founder & Managing Partner | GreenWest PtX

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- **Sergii Diakonchuk**, Head of Department for R&D and Technical Oversight of Operation and Development, Ukrtransgaz JSC
 - **Oleksandr Haidin**, Head of Strategy Division, Gas TSO of Ukraine LLC
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Pre-Lunch Input: (Ukrainian) Hydrogen Projekt and Innovation Pitch Session Moderator – **Alina Konovalchenko**

- **Nazar Pavlyuk**, CEO&Founder LvivHydrogen Start-Up
 - **Björn Ledergerber**, Senior Vice President, SFC Energy AG
 - **Viacheslav Luchnykov**, CEO | UDPR Hydrogen, Co-Founder & Managing Partner | GreenWest PtX
 - **Yurii Maslov**, Advisor to the Head of Kobleve Territorial Community on Energy and Sustainable Development and **Oleksii Zurian**, Director, Institute of Renewable Energy, National Academy of Science of Ukraine
 - **Petro Yaremenko**, CTO, Hydrogen Ukraine LLC
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12:45 pm LUNCH

Session II: Decarbonised Value Chains – Potential and the Path to Bankability

Moderator – **Andrii Chubyk**, Project Manager for Energy Projects, AHK Ukraine

- **Miguel Sánchez López**, Visitor Researcher / Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford; Representative of SHIELD Research Project
 - **Werner Diwald**, Managing Director PtX Solutions, Vice President BRM+V, Vice Speaker EIWA and former Chairman of the Board, German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (DWV)
 - **Daniel Sosa Marquina**, Energy and Decarbonization Specialist, Berlin Economics
 - **Mikaa Blugeon-Mered**, Canada Research Chair in Clean Hydrogen - University of Québec at Trois-Rivières; Senior Researcher on Hydrogen Global Markets and Geopolitics
 - **Oleksandr Diachuk**, Leading Research Officer, Institute for Economics and Forecasting, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
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Session III: No Greenwashing Allowed - Climate Impact, ESG and Sustainability Rules for Hydrogen

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Moderator – **Mariia Lopushanska**, Ecologist, “Eco-Optima” group of companies;
Chairwoman of SEA and EIA Committee, “PAEW”; Member of “WECU”

- **Heino von Meyer**, Head Sustainability and Global Networks - International PtX Hub
- **Andrii Frolov**, Head of the Sector for Coordination of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) Implementation, Ministry of Economy and Environment of Ukraine
- **Andrii Semeniuk**, Research Officer, Institute for Economics and Forecasting, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- **Kostiantyn Krynytskyi**, Head of Energy Department, Center for Environmental Initiatives “Ecoaction”

15:45 pm COFFEE BREAK

Session IV: From Coal Miners to Hydrogen Technicians - People, Skills and Regional Futures

Moderator – **Oleksandr Diachuk**, Leading Research Officer, Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

- **Juliane Arriens**, Head of the Research Unit Mobility with Renewable Energies, Reiner-Lemoine-Institute
- **Maksym Karpash**, Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Strategic Development, King Danylo University
- **Niklas Becker**, Branch Manager Hy.Region.Rhein.Ruhr | HUB-Manager Hydrogen & Sustainability
- **Dmytro Vankovych**, Director of Lvivvodokanal LCCE

Call for Action: If We Start Tomorrow: Bold Moves for Ukraine's Hydrogen Future in Europe and Beyond

- **Oleksii Hnatenko**, Partner, Juscutum Legal Engineering; Member of the Supervisory Board, East European Association for the Development of the Hydrogen Economy

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- ***Khrystyna Kasyanova, Head of Energy & Energy Transition Committee, AHK Ukraine***

17:30 pm **Closure**

18:00 pm **Evening Reception**

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