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About Us

Transatlantic Dialogue Center (TDC) is a non-governmental and non-partisan think tank that provides high-quality policy advice to private and public clients. The network of our friends and partners includes government officials, members of parliaments, businessmen, journalists, experts and analysts.

We conduct in-depth research to obtain new information on current foreign policy challenges and provide insightful evidence-driven analysis.



Expertise

We provide decision makers with the necessary analytics



Briefings

We provide media with weekly briefings on what is happening in Ukraine



Events

We organize events in Ukraine and abroad to raise awareness and move forward



Our activities are presented through three geographical programs – United States, Germany, Spain and Latin America program. We analyze Ukraine's bilateral relations with these countries and regions, aiming to identify existing obstacles, create space for growth, generate solutions, and build partnerships for sustained success. In 2025, we launched the EU-Ukraine partnership program.



Our Mission

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At the heart of Transatlantic Dialogue Center mission lies the commitment to Ukraine, championing its journey towards embracing European norms and standards, and fortifying its position on the global stage. We strive to foster a deeper comprehension and endorsement of Ukraine's aspirations towards European integration and Euro-Atlantic cooperation among influential figures and officials within the EU and NATO circles. By generating and sharing high-caliber, data-driven policy insights, we ignite proactive dialogue, stimulate informed decision-making, and instigate impactful shifts in policy.

Our Principles

1 Research Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethics in our research processes, ensuring accuracy, transparency, and accountability in all our findings

2 Impartiality

As a non-partisan think tank, we are committed to providing balanced and unbiased insights, treating all perspectives with fairness and respect

3 Knowledge Sharing

We believe in the power of knowledge and strive to share our findings widely to inspire informed policy decisions and public discourse

4 Global Engagement

We actively engage with a diverse network of stakeholders, including government officials, policymakers, business leaders, journalists, and analysts, fostering a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding

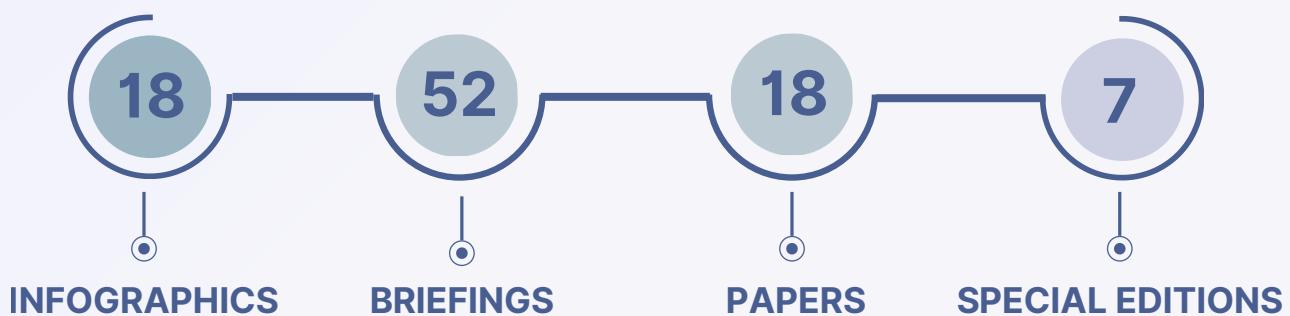
5 Innovation and Adaptability

We remain adaptable and forward-thinking, constantly seeking innovative approaches to address foreign policy challenges



2025 In Figures

We released



We organized or co-hosted



We were mentioned in media

UKRAINIAN 874 FOREIGN 616

*times

1600+
decision makers
as a target
audience

We gave comments to media

53

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Year's Analytics Focus

The TDC research department exists to provide clear, actionable insight on how Russia's war against Ukraine is reshaping European and global security.

We focus on topics where rigorous, **Ukraine-centred analysis** can genuinely move debates and decisions: from the evolution of NATO and EU defence, to sanctions design, great-power competition, hybrid threats, and the long-term implications for Ukraine's resilience and recovery.

Our goal is not only to describe events, but **to equip** policymakers, partners, and the wider public **with grounded assessments and practical recommendations** that can improve security outcomes for Ukraine and its allies.

Bi-weekly Analysis: A Deep Dive into Geopolitics

Over the year, TDC prepared **18 analytical articles** (each up to 10 pages) in its **Bi-weekly Analysis format**, devoted to key issues of contemporary security: the transformation of the role of the United States and NATO in European defense, global competition with Russia, China, and their partners, sanctions policy and the economic isolation of Russia, hybrid threats and Ukraine's internal resilience, the environmental consequences of the war, as well as political dynamics in neighboring regions.

These publications share a common goal: to explain to international partners why **the war against Ukraine is part of a broader struggle over the future security architecture** and international order, and **to offer practical recommendations** for strengthening support for Ukraine, adapting transatlantic security, and improving sanctions and defense policies.



18 papers issued

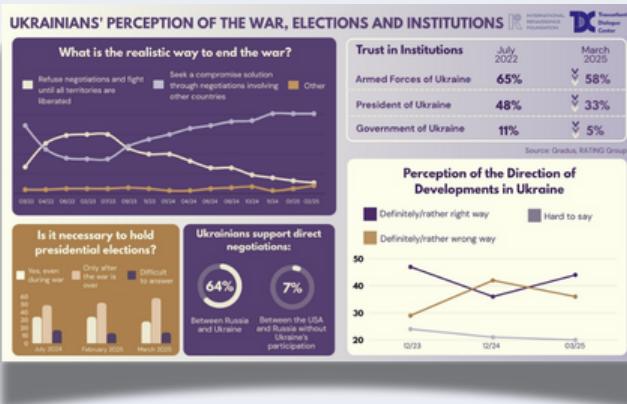
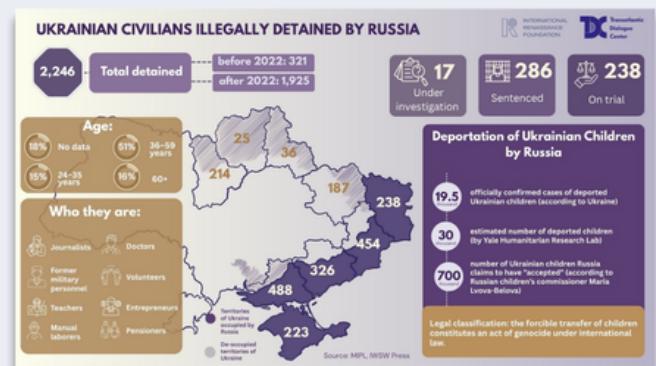


Average 15 min read

Infographics: Visualizing Change and Challenges

We increasingly rely on **visual storytelling** to make complex trends around Ukraine and global security easier to grasp. **Our infographics turn data into narrative** – tracing how energy and environmental damage accumulate, how money and weapons flow, how public opinion shifts, and how Russia's war reverberates far beyond the frontline. Each piece is designed to highlight both the scale of the challenges and the resilience of a country under constant pressure.

Together, these visual products complement our written research by giving partners and readers an immediate, intuitive picture of how the war is reshaping Ukraine, its institutions, and the broader international landscape.



Weekly Briefing: Capturing the War

Our Weekly Briefing has become **an indispensable chronicle of the key events** shaping Ukraine during the war against Russian aggression.

Each edition distills a week's developments into four core sections: **international support**, **military positions**, **humanitarian crises**, and a **detailed analysis of shelling**. Accompanied by meticulously crafted maps that track the geography and intensity of strikes over time, the Weekly Briefing offers a clear, data-driven picture of how the war is evolving on the ground.



Our briefings are regularly received and read **by a broad professional audience**. Among our active readers are representatives of parliamentary and governmental institutions – including members of the German Bundestag and the U.S. Senate.



They are also used by **specialists from international and humanitarian organizations** such as the UN WFP, Danish Refugee Council, and Action Against Hunger, as well as researchers at leading think tanks, who rely on the Briefing for concise, high-quality situational awareness on the war.

Special Editions: Handbooks and Recommendations for the Road Ahead

2025 saw the creation of three handbooks and four policy briefs



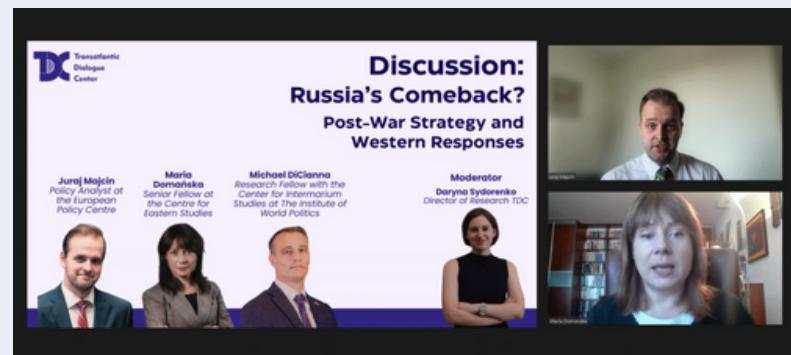
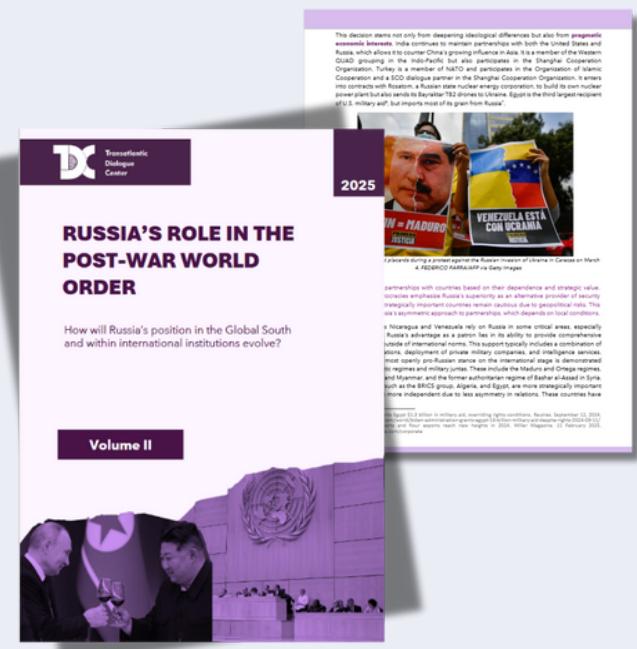
Among these, **Russia's Role in the Post-War World Order**.

This two-part research project examines **what a post-war Russia is likely to look like – and what that means for Ukraine, Europe, and the wider international system**. The core finding is stark: regardless of specific battlefield outcomes, a Russia that remains authoritarian, imperial, and militarized will continue to be a long-term source of instability and aggression. Deeply entrenched ideology, cultivated aggressive nationalism, and a war-adapted economy make a quick “reset” with Moscow both unrealistic and dangerous. For Ukraine and its partners, this implies the need to plan for enduring containment, sustained and better-enforced sanctions, and a security architecture that does not assume Russia's benign transformation.

The study also looks beyond Moscow, analysing **how Russia's war reshapes its relations with the West, the Global South, and international institutions**. It shows how Russia is adapting to sanctions, building alternative economic and political networks, and instrumentalizing narratives of **anti-Western "resistance"** to win **sympathies in parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America**.

At the same time, **it identifies the vulnerabilities and internal contradictions in this strategy** – from economic over-reliance on China to reputational costs in global institutions – and outlines concrete levers that Western policymakers can use to constrain Russia's ability to finance future aggression.

In May 2025, TDC **presented the key findings of its research at a public event**. The discussion brought together high-level experts and a diverse policy audience from European institutions, think tanks, and academia, and served as a platform to test and refine our conclusions about how Ukraine and the West should prepare for an aggressive, post-war Russia.



Ukraine's Long War: Changing Strategies and Great Power Competition



This policy brief examines how the Russo-Ukrainian war has evolved into a **long, attritional contest where endurance** – in air defence, ISR, munitions, energy resilience, and industrial output – matters more than any single battlefield breakthrough.

It shows how a more conditional, transactional U.S. approach under President Trump is reshaping Western support, pushing Europe toward higher defence spending, co-production, and new instruments such as PURL and SAFE, even as fragmentation and ISR gaps persist.

The study analyses how Russia uses calibrated and creeping escalation **to raise the cost of Ukrainian defence and probe NATO** without triggering a decisive response, while **China treats the war as an opportunity to learn, hedge, and deepen Moscow's dependence**.

For Ukraine, it documents the shift from a narrative of rapid victory to one of **national survival**, highlighting the rapid transformation of its defence industrial base (including mass drone production and offshore manufacturing in NATO states), efforts to decentralize and harden the energy system, and the mounting fiscal pressures that make predictable, multi-year Western financing essential.

Executive Summary

The Russo-Ukrainian war has transitioned into a prolonged, attritional contest where staying power, defense, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) continuity, munitions, energy resilience, and industrial output matter more than any single diplomatic or combat breakthrough. A sharp US policy shift from alliance-centric predictability to a more consequential, unpredictable, and calibrated approach to warfighting, research and co-production even as fragmentation persists. Meanwhile, Russia continues to exploit allied ambiguity through calibrated and creeping escalation and China quickly acquires strategic and economic gains while hedging. In effect, Ukraine has redefined victory as national survival, racing to localize production, harden its grid, and secure multi-year defense capabilities.

United States

- Under President Trump, Washington seeks greater burden-sharing, favors bilateral deals over large multilateral packages, and prioritizes autonomy over predictability. This no-policy shift has practical implications which consider them not as a clean break but a higher variance-support can surge or pause based on US cost-benefit analysis so allies are planning for episodic US engagement rather than continuous.

- The US is shifting from large, predictable direct budget support toward investment-linked vehicles (e.g., grants, concessional loans, concessional funds) and increased use of FMS/development. The approach aims to mobilize private capital, aid to US economic interests, and limit options flexible. The trade-off is less predictability for a more transparent, timelines, and governance effort across allies, creating execution risk in a long war.

- The late-January to mid-March 2023 ISR pause to restore the US satellite imagery feed – or access to the GEO satellite imagery feed – produced early-warning and targeting fidelity. Even though access was later restored, the episode signaled that high-end US enablers are not automatic; they can be threatened. Russia read this as an opening to press on multiple fronts while Europe's ISR substitutes remained patchy.

European Union

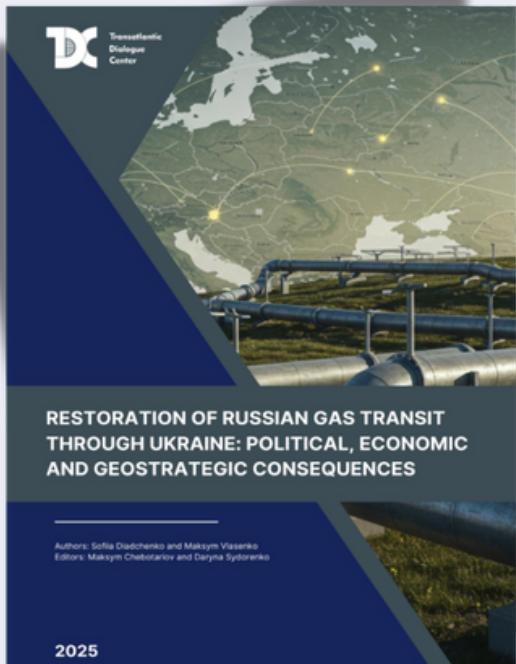
- European military and security initiatives seek to scale production of air-defense interceptors, artillery, and munitions, improve joint command and control, and increase strategic autonomy as a complement to NATO in an attempt to insure against US variability while keeping the Alliance central.
- Western Europe prioritizes industrial policy, joint procurement, and strategic autonomy; whereas Eastern Europe emphasizes defense, ISR, and US presence while also suring national defense outlays. The region is more aligned with US interests. However, Europe is investing more but transitioning timelines, and governance effort across allies, creating execution risk in a long war.
- September 2022 saw Russian drone and fighter jet incursions over the EU/NATO countries. Technically, these incidents forced scrambles and interceptor expenditures; strategically, they normalized low-level violence that the US and its allies did not allow clear resolution. The lack of strong response may invite Russia to further probe NATO's procedures and public tolerance.

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United States	European Union
Washington prioritized leaving the OT/US	European governments prioritized military outlays with increased self-reliance
– US policy shift which meant accepting a narrative of calibrated autonomy over predictability	– The Obama administration called for a ban on lethal aid, fearing escalation and war
– The US has deliberately stopped providing lethal aid, fearing escalation and war	– The conflict has US, not Russia, as the primary leader but drawing a ceiling around military involvement has been internalized as predictable restraint.
Lead coalition response → preserve alliance cohesion → limit US military combat with Russia	– Lead coalition response → immediate military engagement → European tools → economic tools
Preserve alliance cohesion → prioritize multilateral security → US military engagement → manage escalation risk → scaling restraint into coalition leadership	– Units in sanctions → avoidance of military confrontation → economic tools →
– US policy shift from no-war to no-war → only its partners (US, UK, and 2018 allies) → a 2019 top-down decision to expand petro control, expanded military engagement → targeted strikes → in 2020 (CAGSA, 2017) → in the P2020 (NATO), prioritizing alliance security → in Dec 2019, and withdraw from the JCPOA → Russian non-compliance. A will to use military and security funds drew a GAO legal violation finding.	– Increased sanctions policy → military allies → after the Kerch Strait → no-war still balancing strategic interests and economic tools (e.g., over Nord Stream 2) →
Strategic objective	– Preserve unity and deterrence at acceptable cost → economic tools → keep military pace, keep allies involved →
– Cooperation with allies continues in Donbas and Crimea, expand coalition leverage including at the expense of Russia → war while shaping facts on the ground for a future bargain.	– Raise costs on Moscow without alienating allies → sanctions + energy → US military engagement → selective arms transfers, allied posture via EDC and INF → alliance structure (INF exit) → all while containing escalation risk.

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Restoration of Russian Gas Transit Through Ukraine: Political, Economic and Geopolitical Consequences



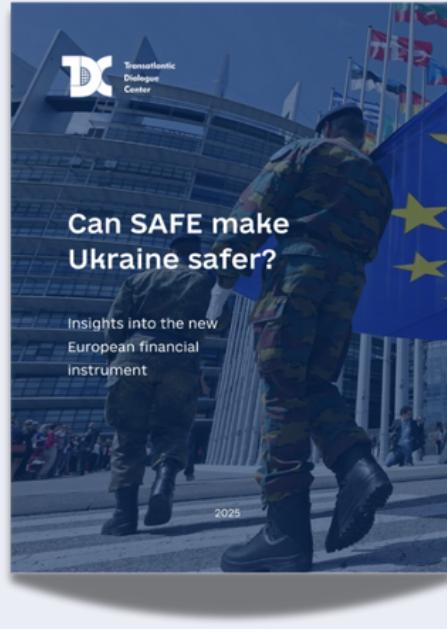
This study asks whether restarting Russian gas transit via Ukraine would truly serve Ukraine's and Europe's interests. It concludes that while transit brought Kyiv up to \$1 billion a year, **its termination has weakened Russia's leverage over the EU without undermining European energy security** – and that any "restoration" would risk rebuilding Moscow's political instrument of pressure.

The paper also reviews **alternative options** (Azerbaijani gas, direct EU booking of capacity, deeper use of Ukrainian storage) and shows why each is constrained, but collectively more promising than a return to business as usual with Russian transit.

Can SAFE Make Ukraine Safer? Insights into the New European Financial Instrument

This brief explains how **the EU's new SAFE instrument** – €150 billion in long-term loans for common defence procurement – **can, and cannot, help Ukraine**. It shows that SAFE has real potential to scale European production of ammunition, air defence, and other critical capabilities, and to open space for Ukrainian companies to join EU supply chains as subcontractors.

At the same time, the paper warns that national protectionism, Ukraine's own export restrictions, and the temporary, emergency nature of SAFE limit both its impact on Europe's defence base and the depth of EU-Ukraine industrial integration.



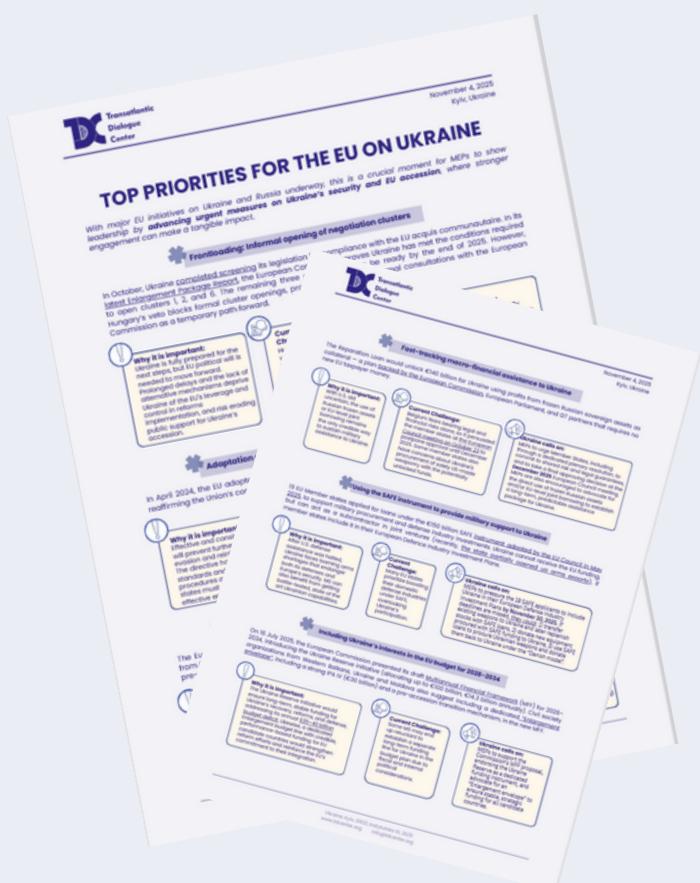
The authors argue that whether SAFE actually benefits Ukraine **will depend almost entirely on the choices of Member States**: whether they include Ukraine in their European Defence Industry Investment Plans, design projects with dual benefit for EU and Ukrainian security, and use the tool creatively (for example, replenishing stocks after donating equipment to Ukraine).

The brief closes with **concrete recommendations to governments** in the EU and in Kyiv on how to use SAFE as a bridge toward a more permanent, rules-based framework for joint defence production and a stronger, more interoperable Ukrainian defence industry.

Top Priorities for the EU on Ukraine

This short paper **sets out six concrete asks for MEPs at a decisive moment for EU policy on Ukraine and Russia**. It calls on Parliament to help unlock a €140 billion Reparation Loan based on frozen Russian assets, to “frontload” Ukraine’s accession by starting informal cluster talks despite Hungary’s veto, and to ensure the SAFE defence instrument is used to include Ukrainian industry and deliver more military support.

It also urges MEPs to back **stronger enforcement against Russia’s “shadow fleet”**, push Member States to fully implement the new EU directive **criminalising sanctions evasion**, and anchor Ukraine in the 2028–2034 EU budget via a dedicated Ukraine Reserve and an Enlargement envelope – turning political commitments into **predictable, long-term resources for Ukraine’s security, recovery, and integration**



The Role of Social Media in Youth Radicalization: The 2025 German Federal Election Case



The paper shows how, in the 2025 German election, social media helped pull young voters (18–24) away from the political centre toward The Left and the AfD. **TikTok and Instagram became key battlegrounds** where these parties outperformed mainstream competitors with emotional, personalized content and strong online figures, while CDU/CSU and SPD relied more on traditional, programmatic messaging.

For Ukraine, the key insight is that German youth politics are fragmented but still fluid, and the war in Ukraine is one of their top concerns. This creates **space for Ukrainian public diplomacy to use digital-first, personality-driven communication** – elevating young, credible voices who can speak about Ukraine’s democracy, resilience, and European future in the same formats and platforms that already shape youth political attitudes in Germany.

Program Activities

US-Ukraine Partnership Program

The U.S.-Ukraine Partnership Program at the Transatlantic Dialogue Center is dedicated to **strengthening a durable, long-term strategic partnership between Ukraine and the United States** through senior-level policy dialogue, targeted advocacy, and evidence-driven analysis.

The key objective of the Program's advocacy for **2025** was to **reinforce U.S.-Ukraine political, military, and economic cooperation within the Trump administration's policy framework and to showcase Ukraine's vital importance for U.S. regional interests**. We also aimed to facilitate dialogue at the leadership level between the U.S. and Ukraine.

Throughout **2025**, the Program organized **roundtables, public panels, and discussions** featuring high-ranking U.S. and Ukrainian officials, think tank partners, and TDC experts to discuss **how Ukraine should recalibrate its advocacy strategy** in light of shifting U.S. priorities. The events were organized in partnership with **the International Renaissance Foundation, Razom for Ukraine, and others**.

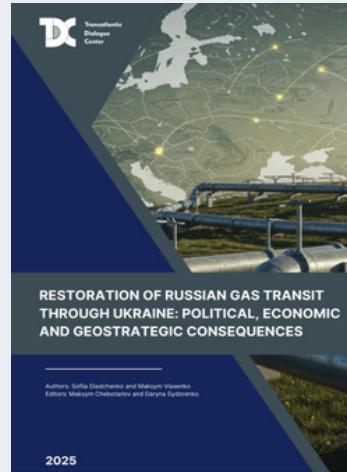


The TDC actively hosted in-person events, involving U.S. and Ukrainian speakers to discuss the most pressing issues of the current U.S.-Ukraine relations and inform ongoing advocacy efforts

In parallel, the Program contributed its research capacity to **provide data-driven, evidence-based analysis of current U.S.-Ukraine bilateral relations across multiple domains and to propose comprehensive policy frameworks for both sides**. These efforts were designed to support smarter, more coordinated policymaking and ensure the advancement of U.S. and Ukraine's national interests in a highly complex and volatile global environment.

The team sought to deliver high-quality analytical outputs to **a diverse range of stakeholders**, including Ukrainian and foreign government officials, U.S. policymakers, think tank experts, advocacy organizations, and international media.

The Program's team actively contributed its expertise to various **international media outlets**, including Al Jazeera, The New York Times, Inside Story, The National Interest, Beijing News, The Hill, Anatolu Agency, The Wall Street Journal, GTI Insights, and others. Their analysis and insights on contemporary political developments in the global arena helped **inform public discourse and support decision-making among policy audiences**.



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Ukraine war Could Ukraine hold a presidential election right now? Will Europe use frozen Russian assets to fund war?

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Ukraine does not need a NATO Article 5-like guarantee

It needs a security mechanism that triggers action automatically, not after collective consultations and individual deliberations.

By Maksym Skrypchenko, President of the Transatlantic Dialogue Center. 20 Oct 2025. Share Save

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How to Build Ukraine's Military Edge Against Russia

December 21, 2025 | By: Maksym Skrypchenko

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To match Russia's industrial strength, Ukraine must look to the Cold War US-Israeli relationship.

The Ukraine War has collapsed the technological life cycle on the battlefield. In 2022, a new gadget could survive a season before the enemy adapted. By mid-2025, that cycle shrank to a period of weeks. The side that innovates fastest and produces at the lowest cost holds the advantage. Forces

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Trump's new model to support Ukraine is a win-win

BY MAKSYM SKRYPCHENKO, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 07/24/25 8:00 AM ET

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Overall, the US-Ukrainian Partnership program plays a crucial role in **advancing mutual understanding and collaboration between the United States and Ukraine**, while also providing substantive contributions to the wider policy debate on transatlantic relations and security.

EU-Ukraine Partnership Program

Shaping strategic dialogue on Ukraine's integration into the EU and its place in the transatlantic security architecture

In 2025, the EU-Ukraine Partnership Program was established within the Transatlantic Dialogue Centre, aiming to strengthen collaboration between Ukraine and key transatlantic partners, and to advance Ukraine's integration into the EU and NATO.

Primary Objectives



Throughout its first year, the Program achieved substantial results:

Cooperation with European think tanks

Participation in and co-hosting of roundtables

Conducting its first advocacy visits

Holding closed-door discussions

Convening its own public events

Publishing research papers

Policy papers and wide-ranging stakeholders

Aiming to advocate for the EU to make further decisions regarding Ukraine's accession, continuing multi-sectoral financial support, allocating funds for the state's defence sector and its closer cooperation with the European producers, the Program issued **comprehensive policy documents**. Its **targeted recommendations** were presented to stakeholders from EU institutions (European Commission and European Parliament), the governments of Ukraine and EU states, think tanks, political and defence experts, and NGOs.



Can SAFE make Ukraine safer? Insights into the new European financial instrument

⌚ September 2, 2025

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The policy paper justified the importance of Ukraine's broad involvement in receiving part of **150 bn EUR** funding and provided practical recommendations both for EU and Ukraine.

Result: Paper contributed to the implementation of recommendations: **15 out of 19 SAFE** participants included Ukraine in their manufacturing plans

Top Priorities for the EU on Ukraine

By clearly framing key priorities for the European Parliament, a concise two-page document called for:

- further sanctions on the Russian "shadow fleet" and criminalisation of their evasion,
- allocation of funds to support Ukraine's budget,
- fostering the state's accession process through unconventional means.

500+ MPs were reached



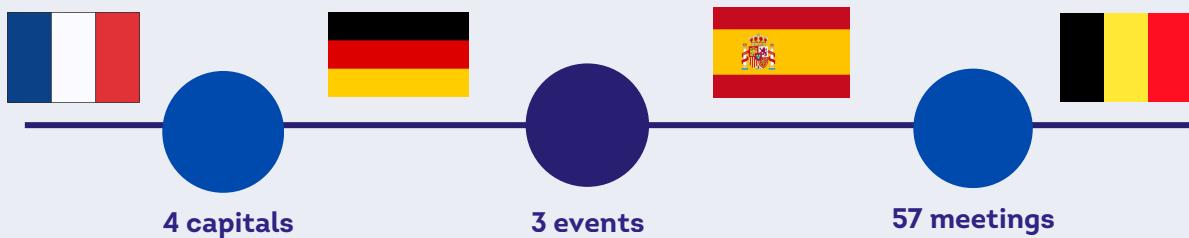
Top Priorities for the EU on Ukraine

⌚ November 7, 2025

Result: the EU unlocked the procedure for frontloading in the accession process and approved **€90 billion** in financial support for Ukraine in 2026-2027

Advocacy visit to EU capitals

Program carried out an advocacy trip to Berlin, Paris, Madrid, and Brussels, where held 57 bilateral meetings and co-organised three roundtables with in partnership with leading European think-tanks DGAP (**Germany**), Eastern Circles (**France**), EPC (**Brussels**).



In Berlin, Paris, and Brussels, the Program co-organised three events, focusing on Ukraine's path to the **EU accession**, EU-Ukraine cooperation in the **field of security**, and Ukraine's potential participation in the **SAFE mechanism**. In-depth discussions brought together EU officials, European government representatives, embassies, leading European think tanks, defence industries and experts.



Event "How Ukraine Can Benefit from SAFE" in Brussels

Event "Lessons Learnt, Trends in the European Defense Industry, Obstacles and Drivers of Cooperation with Ukraine" in Paris

Roundtable "Ukraine's EU Accession & Political Trajectory" in Berlin

Bilateral meetings constituted another vital part of the trip: Coordinators of EU-Ukraine and Germany-Ukraine Partnership Programs discussed opening of the first negotiation cluster with EU, the coalition of the willing and SAFE instrument with the representatives **of the European Commission, European Parliament, EEAS**; French, German and Spanish parliaments, MFAs and MODs, as well as leading European think-tanks **ECFR, GMF, IFRI, SWP, DGAP, IISS, IRSEM, EUISS, CIDOB, Bruegel, Egmont**.

Kyiv-based events

A briefing on the results of the European advocacy tour, involving 20+ Ukrainian experts, was held at the International Renaissance Foundation office.

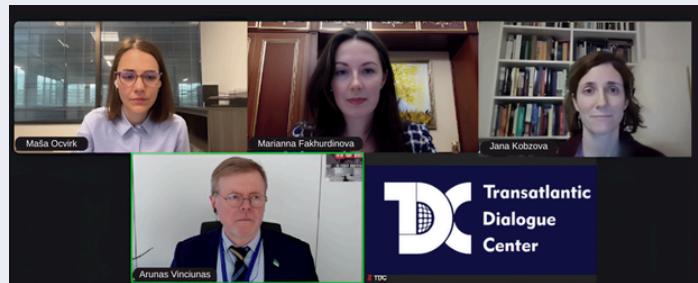
Ukrainian professionals from think tanks, non-profit organisations, and foundations were the first to hear insights gained by the team during the trip.



October 15, 2025

Following the extensive talks, the Program strengthened existing stable network of communications and established new partnership relations with representatives of EU institutions, governmental officials, and think tanks. Such fruitful cooperation has already culminated in the Program's online event "**SAFE and Beyond: Aligning EU Defense Efforts with Ukraine's Needs**", as among its speakers were the European Commission and the European Council on Foreign Relations (think tank) representatives.

The discussion facilitated expert dialogue on further EU military support for Ukraine, the opportunities and shortcomings of the SAFE mechanism, the partial lifting of Ukraine's restrictions on arms exports, and potential areas of security cooperation between Ukraine and the EU.



Attended by 35 representatives of leading EU and Ukrainian think tanks



Participation in events organised by partners

An advocacy visit to Stockholm, organised by **SCEEUS and Sahaidachnyi Center**, became another vital constituent of the EU-Ukraine Partnership Program agenda in 2025. Its Coordinator participated **alongside Ukraine's experts and government officials** as a delegate to the Total Defence Forum, strengthening mutual understanding in Ukraine-Sweden cooperation.

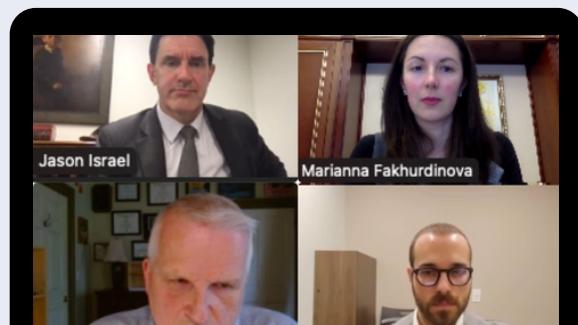


Delivering presentations, participating in conferences and moderating discussion at the events by distinguished think tanks (**American CEPA, Swedish SITE, Ukrainian Prism**) helped to build up Program's recognisability among professionals in the field.

Program Coordinator's speeches focused on Ukraine's successes and challenges on the EU accession path, broader security and defence architecture of transatlantic region, prospects of accelerating reforms, and enlarging armament capacities of Ukraine by its partners.



Speaking at Berlin Campaign Conference



Speaking at "Revitalizing Transatlantic Defense Industrial Strategy" by CEPA

German-Ukrainian Partnership Program

The German-Ukrainian Partnership Program at the Transatlantic Dialogue Center aims to foster a lasting strategic partnership between Ukraine and the Federal Republic of Germany by facilitating policy dialogue, targeted advocacy and evidence-based analysis.



The key objective of the Program's advocacy in **2025** was to **preserve and expand Germany's political, security, and societal support for Ukraine**, particularly in the context of the February federal elections and the heightened importance of sustaining cross-party consensus on Ukraine.

To this end, the Program conducted an intensive outreach campaign, holding **over 100 targeted meetings** with German policymakers, diplomats, media representatives, civil society organisations, and civic activists to reinforce the strategic rationale for continued support.



Throughout 2025, program representatives participated in a range of public events, expert roundtables and closed-door meetings.

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Stepan Rusyn, Coordinator of the German-Ukrainian Partnership Program, moderated panel discussion "Why It Matters — Tech Tactics: The Role of Autonomous Systems in Defense and Ukrainian Experience", a side event of the Munich Security Conference 2025

Throughout **2025**, the Program also focused on practical tools and institutional engagement. We **circulated a disinformation countermeasures handbook** among deputies across **all German Landtage**, ensuring that regional legislators had actionable guidance to identify, respond to, and prevent manipulative information campaigns related to Ukraine and European security.

In parallel, the Program **facilitated direct communication between German defence industry companies and Ukrainian military stakeholders**, creating channels for structured dialogue on capability needs, operational feedback, and cooperation opportunities. This supported more effective assistance and helped align industrial capacity with Ukraine's real-time requirements.



Additionally, as part of this track, we **co-organised an event at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)** together with Wirtschaftsjunioren Berlin e.V. to discuss **Ukraine's recovery and Germany's evolving role** in shaping it.

Bis die Ukraine selbst ausreichend Luftverteidigungstechnik herstellen kann, wird es noch dauern. Bei den Abfangdrohnen gehört das Land aber zu den Vorreitern. „Im Laufe des *Urieges* wurde klar, dass westliche Munitionslieferungen allein Verteidigungsanforderungen nicht erfüllen können“, sagt Stepan Rusyn, Koordinator für Deutsch-Ukrainische Partnerschaft. Deswegen habe die Ukraine einen zweigleisigen Ansatz. „Einerseits entwickelten Streitkräfte kreative und kostengünstige Lösungen zur Munitionseinsparung, andererseits suchten nach eigenen technologischen Alternativen, insbesondere Abfangdrohnen.“ Und diese heimischen Systeme seien, betont Rusyn.



Besonders den Punkt über Nato-Truppen in der Ukraine dürfte Moskau jedoch ablehnen. Denn auch *nicht dauerhaft* ist für Moskau nach bisheriger Haltung keine Option. „Eine Fassung, die ukrainische Wünsche berücksichtigt, wird für Moskau kaum akzeptabel sein und damit eine neue Konsultationsrunde erforderlich“, sagte Stepan Rusyn, Koordinator für Deutsch-Ukrainische Partnerschaft, zu *Table Briefings*. „Umso wichtiger ist es für Europa, in der Zwischenzeit den Druck auf Russland aufrechtzuerhalten und die Verhandlungsposition Kyjiws spürbar zu stärken. Die wirksamsten Schritte wären rasches Handeln beim Reparationskredit auf Basis eingefrorener russischer Vermögenswerte sowie eine konsequente Durchsetzung der Sanktionen gegen die russische Tankerflotte in der Ostsee.“

Spain and Latin America Cooperation Program

Strengthening Ukraine's Voice in Latin America

Throughout 2025, the Program for Cooperation with Spain and Latin America focused on systematically countering Russian disinformation in Latin America while **strengthening Ukraine's political, expert, academic, and media presence in the region**. The work combined advocacy, expert-led diplomacy, strategic communications, influencer engagement, media outreach, and educational initiatives to promote a fact-based understanding of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and to foster long-term solidarity with Ukraine across Latin American societies.

Strategic Focus

Advocacy and political dialogue

with decision-makers, parliaments, ministries, and think tanks in Spain and Latin America.



Strategic communications and media engagement

including cooperation with Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking journalists, influencers, and alternative media

Long-term educational and academic cooperation

aimed at building sustainable knowledge about Ukraine among students and researchers.



95+
activities



1 050+
participants



7
key countries



Advocacy and Strategic Engagement with Latin America

Conducting advocacy visits in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil

Advocacy and political dialogue formed the backbone of the program's activities in 2025. A key milestone was the implementation of a **high-level advocacy visit to Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay**, carried out in partnership with the Ukrainian human rights organization ZMINA and with the support of International Renaissance Foundation. This cooperation enabled the program to integrate human rights expertise into expert and political outreach, strengthening the credibility and depth of engagement.



[Committee on International Affairs of the Uruguayan Parliament](#)



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During the visit, the team conducted intensive consultations with **members of national parliaments, foreign affairs committees, ministries, presidential administrations, political parties, analytical centers, and diplomatic academies**. These meetings provided an opportunity to present Ukraine's perspective directly to decision-makers and opinion leaders, address sensitive and complex questions, and respond to entrenched Russian narratives circulating in the region.

One of the most significant outcomes of the advocacy effort was the adoption of a public declaration by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chilean Chamber of Deputies, which condemned Russia's systematic human rights violations in Ukraine and called on the international community to pursue justice and accountability. This development marked a concrete political result of sustained expert engagement and reinforced Chile's role as one of Ukraine's most consistent partners in the region.



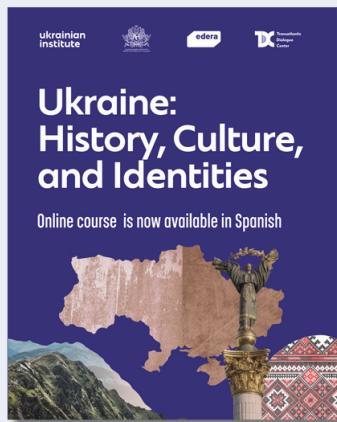
In addition to this regional mission, the Program Coordinator conducted **advocacy visit to Brazil**, significantly expanding the programme's political outreach in Latin America's largest country.

As part of this visit, the Transatlantic Dialogue Center held a working meeting at the Brazilian Senate, bringing together a TDC representative, Ukrainian diplomats in Brazil, and assistants and advisors to Brazilian senators. The meeting focused on Brazil's foreign policy priorities, Ukraine's political and security situation, and the broader diplomatic context of Ukraine-Brazil relations.

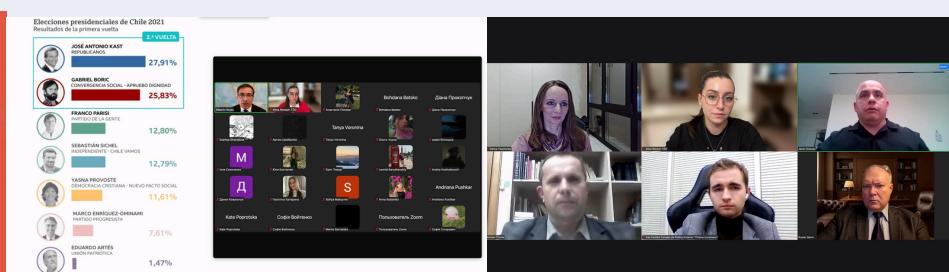
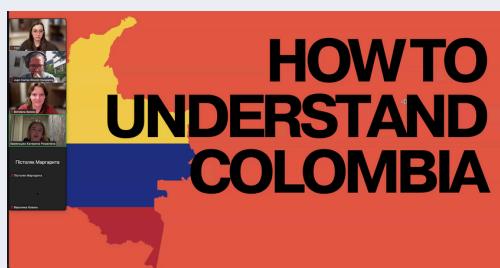


Education, Youth Engagement, and Long-Term Impact

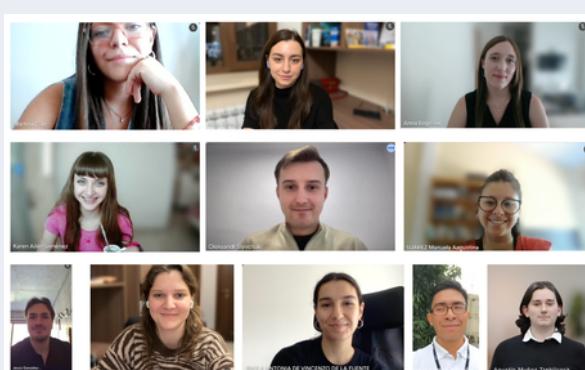
Understanding that sustainable support for Ukraine depends on knowledge and long-term relationships, the team invested heavily in academic cooperation and capacity-building initiatives. A major achievement was the translation and dissemination of the **Ukrainian Institute's** course **"Ukraine: History, Culture, and Identities"** into Spanish – the first comprehensive Ukrainian studies course made accessible to university audiences in Argentina and Chile.



The educational component was further strengthened through bilateral academic exchanges. Latin American experts delivered online lectures for Ukrainian students, while Ukrainian specialists engaged audiences in Ecuador through joint lectures and a transcontinental student dialogue. These formats transformed education from a one-directional transfer of knowledge into a space for mutual learning and empathy-building.



Youth engagement was also advanced through an **internship program that brought together students from Argentina, Chile, and Peru**. Over several months, interns participated in analytical work focused on media narratives about Ukraine, contributing to the preparation of an in-depth handbook on Spanish-language coverage of the war. Beyond technical skills, the internship fostered critical thinking, cross-cultural dialogue, and a sense of shared responsibility for truthful communication.



Media Presence, Influencers, and Information Resilience

Recognizing the growing **influence of digital platforms and alternative media in Latin America**, the team prioritized cooperation with journalists, political commentators, and influencers whose audiences increasingly shape public opinion beyond traditional news outlets.

Throughout the year, several prominent content creators and journalists **from Chile, Brazil, Colombia, and the United States visited Ukraine**. Each visit was carefully designed to match the professional focus and audience profile of the participant, allowing for diverse storytelling approaches – from geopolitical analysis and human rights reporting to visual narratives capturing everyday life during wartime.

By engaging directly with Ukrainian experts, civil society representatives, and affected communities, these communicators were able to produce content grounded in first-hand experience. The resulting materials – published in Spanish and Portuguese across platforms such as YouTube, Instagram, and X – reached a cumulative audience of **more than 1.9 million viewers**. Importantly, this content generated active discussion and engagement, demonstrating a high level of audience interest and emotional resonance.



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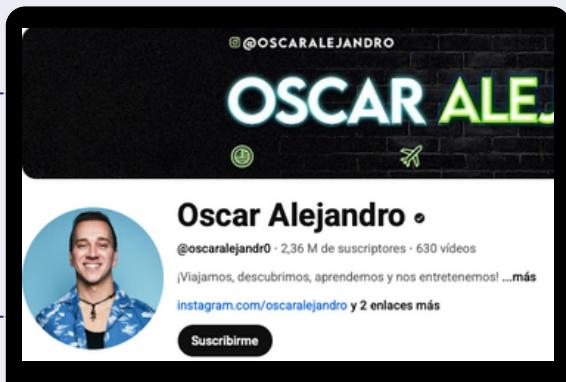
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Alongside influencer engagement, Ukrainian experts affiliated with the programme **maintained a continuous presence in leading Latin American and international media**. Through **television and radio interviews, opinion pieces, and analytical articles**, they addressed key topics such as democratic governance during wartime, peace negotiations, security guarantees, and the mechanics of Russian disinformation. This sustained visibility ensured that Ukraine remained part of the regional public discourse even during periods of shifting global attention.

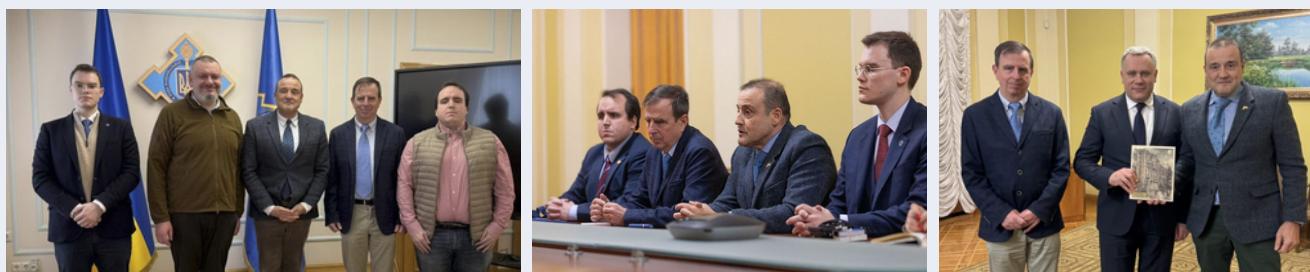
Taken together, these efforts significantly contributed to **information resilience in the region** – not by overwhelming audiences with messaging, but by offering credible voices, nuanced analysis, and human-centered narratives that counter simplified or distorted portrayals of the war.



Visit of Spanish Security Experts (IEEE)

In February, a delegation of Spanish security and strategic experts from the **Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies (IEEE)**, **Eurodefence Youth Spain** and **International Security Observatory** carried out a comprehensive visit to Ukraine, organized by TDC with the support of the European Union and the International Renaissance Foundation. Over several days, the delegation engaged in high-level meetings with representatives of the National Security and Defense Council, the Ministry of Defense, the Office of the President, human rights authorities and leading Ukrainian universities. The discussions addressed the evolving nature of Russia's war of aggression, Ukraine's defense and security priorities, long-term security guarantees, countering disinformation, accountability for war crimes and human rights violations, as well as opportunities for institutional and academic cooperation.

As a concrete outcome of the visit, TDC signed a **Memorandum of Cooperation** with Eurodefense Joven España, reinforcing a shared commitment to sustained strategic dialogue, expert exchange, and long-term collaboration.



Amplifying Voices in Spain

In November 2025, the Transatlantic Dialogue Center, in cooperation with Eurodefense Youth Spain, organized a **high-level conference in Madrid** dedicated to European security and the implications of Russia's war against Ukraine. The event brought together **more than 100 participants**, including members of parliament, journalists, security analysts, researchers, and students, reflecting a strong interest within Spanish and European expert communities in the strategic consequences of the war.

The conference provided a multidisciplinary platform to examine the Russo-Ukrainian war from political, economic, military, and technological perspectives, placing Ukraine's resistance within the broader context of Europe's long-term security architecture.



Our Partnerships

Memoranda signed in 2025



Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ukrainian Institute



Memorandum of Cooperation with Eurodefense Joven España

2024

Memorandum of Cooperation with the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine

The Transatlantic Dialogue Center has joined with 36 civil society organizations, charitable foundations, and media outlets committed to developing a strategic partnership between Ukraine and the United States of America.

Memorandum of Cooperation with Chamber of Foreign Trade of the North of Santa Fe (Argentina)

Organizations will cooperate to identify possible areas of business, promote and stimulate activities aimed at improving production among the companies.

Memorandum of Cooperation with Faculty of Law, Austral University (Argentina)

This collaboration aims to foster academic exchange, joint research, and professional development.

Memorandum of Cooperation with the University of CEMA (Argentina)

The agreement aims to promote joint academic initiatives, cross-border knowledge exchange, and collaborative research opportunities.

TDC signs Memorandum of Cooperation with Center for Geopolitical Studies Riga

This cooperation aims to enhance joint research, policy development, and advocacy efforts, contributing to the ongoing discussions on European security, regional stability, and Ukraine's future within the transatlantic community.

2023

Memorandum on Principles of Strategic Partnership with the U.S.

Entities aim to work together on organizing and conducting joint events to increase the interest of foreign countries, the international community, and organizations in cooperation with Ukraine.

Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

With the support of the Ministry, TDC hopes to reinforce its efforts to build direct and close communication with the leading political figures, analysts, and the general public of the Latin American region.

Memorandum of Cooperation with the Educational and Scientific Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Charitable Foundation "UDoNation"

Coalitions of NGOs and Media

Recovery Window Network

TDC joined the Network to strengthen the discourse on rebuilding Ukraine and contribute to monitoring and transparent coverage of all aspects of Ukraine's recovery. It unites more than 50 media outlets and 20 civil society organizations.

RISE Ukraine - Coalition for Reconstruction

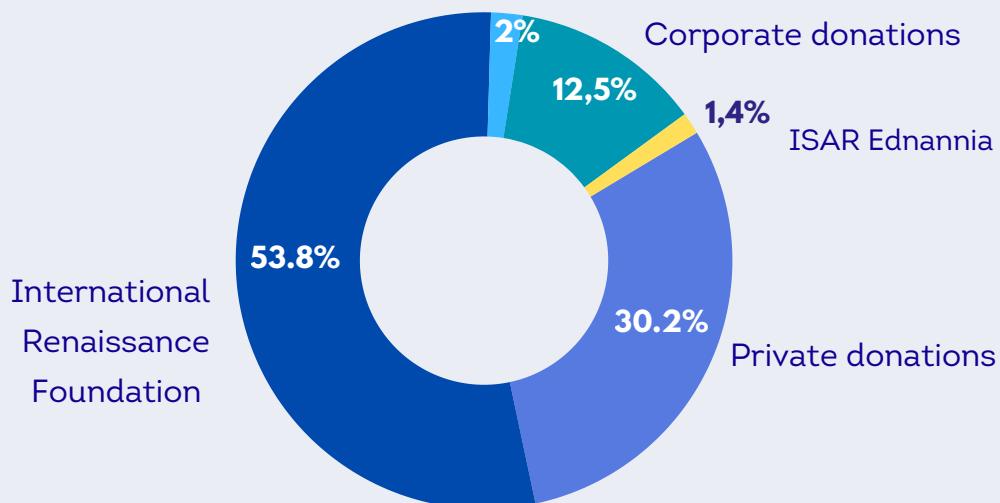
RISE Ukraine is a coalition of 50 Ukrainian and international public organizations, initiatives, state institutions, and activists who support our Principles for Ukraine's Reconstruction and Modernization through constructive dialogue with the authorities and international partners.

LatUkrNet

It is a cooperation platform with Ukrainian think tanks focusing on security, defense, and related issues. It will serve as a platform for joint events and publications.

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- Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Office of the President of Ukraine
- National Guard of Ukraine
- Kyiv Regional Military Administration (Ukraine)
- Embassy of Ukraine in the U.S.
- U.S. National Security Council
- U.S. State Department
- U.S. Department of War
- U.S. Embassy in Ukraine
- European External Action Service
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- German Bundestag
- Ministry of Defence of Germany
- Government Office for Coordination of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine
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- Embassy of Argentina in Ukraine
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- The Institute of World Politics
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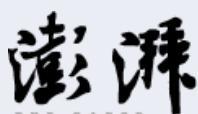
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