

Social Cohesion in Wartime and Postwar Ukraine: A Shared Agenda for Joint Action

Monday, June 8, 2026, 15:00-17:00 PM

NaUKMA, 12/4 Voloska Street, Building N°7, 4th Floor

Purpose of the event:

- Invitation to the national discussion on the social cohesion scenarios for Ukraine
- Launch of the NaUKMA inter-disciplinary research initiative “Social Cohesion Scenarios in Wartime and Postwar Ukraine: Anticipating Risks, Strengthening Resilience, and Informing Policy”
- Expert discussion on key components of social cohesion during war and post-war recovery

Agenda

14:30 – Registration / Coffee

15:00 – 15:10 Welcome remarks

Denys Azarov, First Vice President of the NaUKMA

15:10 – 15:30 Social Cohesion in Ukraine: Call for Action

Serhiy Kvit, President of the NaUKMA

- Project background: current Ukraine and previous NaUKMA initiatives, which formed the basis for research on social cohesion in war and post-war conditions.
- Conceptual framework of the project: social cohesion as a multidimensional phenomenon, including institutional trust, social ties, sense of justice and shared identity.
- Implementation team: NaUKMA and the newly established institutional analytical center KMA Analytics.

15:30 – 15:40 Introduction to the Social Cohesion Scenarios in Wartime and Postwar Ukraine: Anticipating Risks, Strengthening Resilience, and Informing Policy

Denys Azarov and Julia Sedyk, Head of the KMA Analytics

- Architecture of the first stage of the study
- Methodological approaches
- The main directions of social cohesion research



15:40 – 16:50 Expert Panel Discussion

Moderator: Denys Azarov

Discussion of structural components of social cohesion in Ukraine in the context of war and post-war reconstruction: development of the Shared Agenda

- **Human Capital: Education, Science and Institutional Resilience** (education as a tool for recovery, adaptation and long-term social integration)
Serhiy Kvit, President of the NaUKMA
- **Identity and Social Cohesion** (formation of a common national identity in war conditions, including the impact of information and hybrid threats on social unity, trust and perception of “one’s own/other’s”)
Oleksandr Alfiorov, Ukrainian public figure, historian, Head of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory
- **Psychological Resilience of Society and the Individual** (post-war trauma and recovery – collective and individual war trauma, recovery mechanisms, resilience, socio-psychological adaptation of communities)
Vira Chernobrovkina, Doctor of Psychological Sciences, Associate Professor, Professor of the Department of Psychology and Pedagogy of NaUKMA
- **Justice and Sense of Fairness** (the role of the judicial system, constitutional institutions and legal certainty, including transitional justice approaches, in building trust and strengthening social cohesion)
Yuriy Barabash, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine
- **Return to Civilian Life and Reintegration of Veterans** (social adaptation, policies reintegration, experience of transition from military to civilian identity)
Ruslan Prykhodko, veteran, Deputy Minister for Veterans Affairs of Ukraine
- **Rebuilding and Spatial-Social Reconstruction of Communities** (institutional and social models of territorial restoration. The role of international partnerships and local communities)
Gennadiy Zubko, Head of the Supervisory Committee of the NaUKMA, Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine (2014-2016 and 2016-2019)

Timing: up to 10 min per speaker + Q&A

16:50 – 17:00 Concluding remarks

Serhiy Kvit, President of the NaUKMA

- Summary of key findings
- Next steps

17:00 – Informal networking / coffee