



# EUROPEAN URBAN RESILIENCE FORUM

## 2024 TOPICAL REPORT 4

SPECIAL THEMATIC  
STREAM: THE ROADMAP FROM  
HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO POST-  
CONFLICT RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY



### TOPICS OVERVIEW

EURESFO24 dedicated a special half-day session to addressing the challenges of local governance and the lack of a coordinated vision for planning, implementing and prioritisation of investment for post-conflict reconstruction and sustainable development initiatives across regional and international partners in conflict fragile settings. The sessions shared the key findings three workshops organised with 19 Ukrainian cities as part of the ICLEI Roadmap in the run-up to EURESFO24 and provide a platform to share their voice, define urgent needs and demands as the roadmap to develop their Local Green Deals under three key thematic areas: sustainable reconstruction, energy efficiency and socio-economic recovery.





## MAIN TAKE-AWAYS

### Meet the donor's requirements

It is essential to develop municipal finance proposals that meet the requirements set by donors and have the potential to be funded. Despite their willingness to support the country, donors will prioritise projects that meet specific criteria to help increase creditworthiness and reduce investment risk taking into account the current fragile context of Ukraine. It is therefore essential to provide the technical capacity required for local authorities to prepare and develop strategies and projects in advance, so that when donors come, cities will be able to show them what they have to offer and what they can work on together. It is crucial to establish stronger connections with foreign investment entities, including banks and other financial institutions, to ensure better financial support for projects. Without the right enabling conditions in place, investors will not be attracted to these projects.

### Stakeholders' involvement and community participation

While the communities face many challenges, they also have significant opportunities that has been defined through the ICLEI-Ukraine Roadmap process,

where cities were able to map their priorities for short- and long-term investments and define their areas of strength to tap into existing resources. This learning process was essential to help set the ground for mapping local partners and cooperate with stakeholders in order to ensure the success of projects. Successes and developments in the cities are the result of effective teamwork between city administration and community. For example, social recovery cannot be achieved without social participation.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE CITIES

#### Energy efficiency - Lviv

The city developed an integrated urban planning system to avoid silos, since cities should transition from fragmented, siloed projects to integrated approaches that align with EU climate goals. Lviv has the objective of becoming climate-neutral and energy independent city by 2050. It is involved in different European projects:

- **SPARCS**: This project supports European cities in transforming into Sustainable energy Positive & zero cARbon Communities by creating citizen-centric ecosystems that are equipped to bring about meaningful change. Through the project, the city aimed to:
  - create an online system to track the real energy consumption of every building,
  - increase the integration of central district heating and renewable energy supply,
  - increase the share of electrical mobility,
  - decrease congestion,
  - improve walking and cycling infrastructure.
- **Support for District Heating and Cooling (DHC)**: the overall objective of the SUPPORT DHC project is to address these challenges by supporting a fast implementation of low-grade renewable energy and waste heat for DHC in Europe. Lviv is integrating innovative energy technologies into existing boiler systems, transitioning from natural gas to biogas.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE CITIES

#### Sustainable Reconstruction - Mykolaiv

The Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) and the city of Mykolaiv signed an agreement to rebuild a water supply system in the Korabelnyi district. This investment project will improve non-revenue water management and support the rebuilding of the city's water supply infrastructure.

[www.nefco.int/news/nefco-and-denmark-rebuilding-water-supply-infrastructure-in-mykolaiv](http://www.nefco.int/news/nefco-and-denmark-rebuilding-water-supply-infrastructure-in-mykolaiv)



## Holistic recovery plan

It is necessary to avoid silos and adopt a holistic approach that integrates inputs from different sectors. For example, the immediate needs of a city may not coincide with the development of blue and green infrastructure, but the immediate and substantial provision of energy will help cities to get back in shape to develop a strategy for green and blue infrastructure. In defining a holistic recovery plan for Ukrainian cities, it is necessary to consider the diverse local contexts, and how each city and each neighbourhood is affected by the war differently. A holistic approach can help bring stakeholders together and join forces.

## City-to-city support

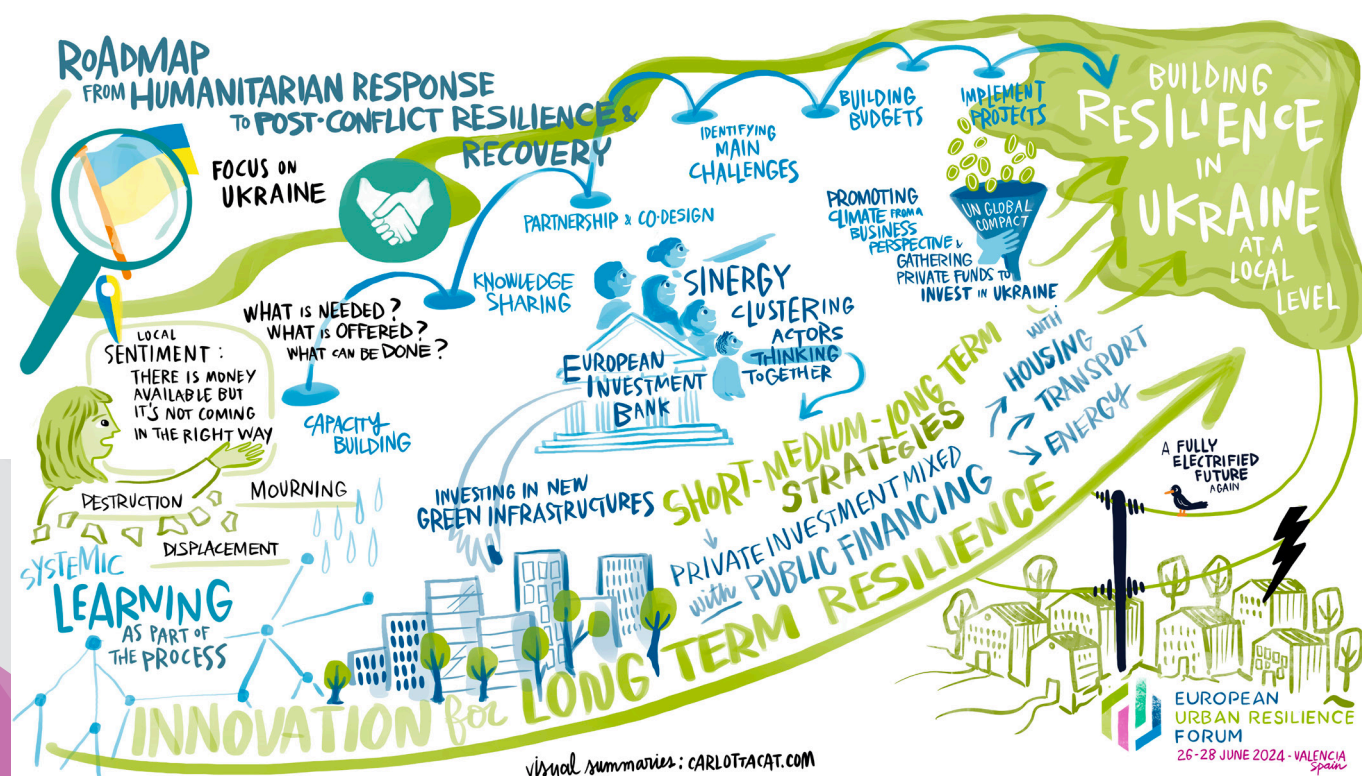
Large and small Ukrainian cities have different experiences of working with international organisations. Large cities have considerable experience of collaborating with international organisations, whereas smaller cities have less such experience, tending to collaborate only with local or regional stakeholders. A current deficit exists in the exchange of knowledge regarding experiences and potential solutions that could be implemented within the existing context between cities and regions. It is of great importance to engage in transdisciplinary cooperation. Furthermore, it would be advantageous to analyse the value of grouping projects for funding purposes.

## EXAMPLE FROM THE CITIES

### Socio-economic recovery - Rivne

Rivne is involved in many different initiatives related to the socio-economic recovery:

- Rivne is working on the Support to Rapid Economic Recovery of Ukrainian municipalities project (SRER). The SRER project aims to achieve the rapid recovery of local economies in Ukrainian municipalities by ensuring swift repairs and improvements to basic and business infrastructure. In this project Rivne has created a municipal Business Coworking Space in Rivne City Territorial Community
- Rivne Work Hub – Rivne launched a Regional Coordination Platform for Employers and employees to address issues of training qualified personnel in accordance with the needs of local businesses.
- Rivne is working on the Construction of a New Building for Inpatient Care with an Admissions & Diagnostic Testing Department and an Administrative Facility for Municipal Enterprise “Rivne Regional War Veterans’ Hospital”







## SESSIONS

- City Workshop: [Sustainable Reconstruction](#)
- City Workshop: [Energy Resilience](#)
- City Workshop: [Socio-economic Recovery](#)
- [The Roadmap from Humanitarian Response to Post-conflict resilience and Recovery – Focus on Ukraine](#)



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## RESOURCES

- [Ukraine Business Compact](#) - The Business Compact gives leading international businesses a platform to show their support for Ukraine's recovery and its drive to modernize, build a resilient and agile economy and emerge from war as a stronger and more prosperous state.
- [Ukraine Energy Initiatives](#) - Wide coalition of international stakeholders united in the desire to accelerate the recovery and development of the Ukrainian energy sector.
- [DREAM Platform](#) - DREAM collects, organizes and publishes open data across all stages of reconstruction projects in real time, implementing the highest standards of transparency and accountability.
- [EBRD in Ukraine](#)
- [ICLEI Ukraine Roadmap](#) - The ICLEI Ukraine Roadmap for Post-conflict Resilience and Recovery operates as an overarching framework for supporting Ukrainian cities in achieving their sustainability and post-war recovery targets.
- [MCR2030](#) - Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) is a unique cross-stakeholder initiative for improving local resilience through advocacy, sharing knowledge and experiences, establishing mutually reinforcing city-to-city learning networks, injecting technical expertise, connecting multiple layers of government and building partnerships.
- [ICLEI Membership](#)
- [Local Green Deals: A Blueprint for Action](#)
- [ICLEI-CDP Track](#)
- [Mayors for Economic Growth \(M4EG\)](#) - The Mayors for Economic Growth (M4EG) is a joint EU & UNDP initiative to support Mayors and their teams in the Eastern Partnership region. The M4EG offers resources, network and learning opportunities to explore new trajectories of growth, to make towns and cities more attractive for people and investment.
- [U\\_CAN Project: Ukraine towards Carbon Neutrality](#) - U\_CAN aims to bridge knowledge and expertise gaps in Ukrainian cities to help them achieve climate neutrality by 2050. This involves strategic cooperation between EU expert partners and Ukrainian stakeholders to develop comprehensive green strategies and enhance local capacities.
- The cities of Lviv, Ilvano-Frankivsk, Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv and Vinnytsia are developing pilot cases in this project. [www.ucan-ukraine.eu](http://www.ucan-ukraine.eu)



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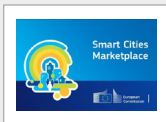
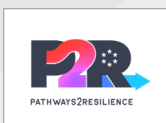
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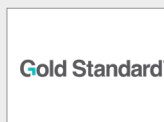
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