



## UKRAINE

# A FORGOTTEN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN EUROPE?

### Conference on the Humanitarian Situation in Ukraine and Ways Forward

22nd November 2017, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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The ongoing conflict in Ukraine continues to claim the lives of people and damage civilian infrastructure. After more than three years, over 10,000 have been killed, including almost 3,000 civilians, 1.6 million have been displaced, and 4.4 million have been directly affected by continued hostilities. With 4 million people in need of urgent assistance, with no forthcoming political solution in sight, and support to humanitarian aid waning, vulnerabilities—particularly of those living along both sides of the contact line and in non-government controlled areas—are increasing at a worrying pace.

Feelint that the situation increasingly risks becoming a crisis forgotten by a large section of the international community, with the support of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) and the German Foreign Office, ACCESS Consortium partners (Action contre la Faim, People in Need, Médecins du Monde and Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development with its REACH initiative) joined forces to organize an international conference to present the current humanitarian situation in Ukraine, and look at ways forward.

Through a two-panel discussion, the conference aims to shed light on the vulnerabilities of the conflict-affect population, encourage discussion among speakers and participants, and urge the main stakeholders in the conflict, in the negotiations and in the humanitarian action to take action leading to a sustainable and lasting solution to the conflict, and a tangible improvement of the humanitarian situation.

# AGENDA

Time	Speaker	Point of Discussion
9:00-9:20	Registration	
9:20-9:40	<b>Welcome Notes</b>	
Introduction: Jan Sebastian Friedrich-Rust, <i>Executive Director of Aktion gegen den Hunger / Action Contre la Faim Germany</i>		
9:20-9:25	Šimon Pánek, <i>President of People in Need</i>	
9:25-9:30	Christos Stylianides, <i>EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management</i> (video message)	
9:30-9:35	Heorhiy Tuka, <i>Deputy Minister of Temporary Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons (Ukraine)</i>	
9:40-11:00	<b>Panel I: The Humanitarian Situation on the Ground in Eastern Ukraine</b>	
Moderator: Krista Zongolowicz, Country Director of Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine		
9:40-9:55	Jeremy Wetterwald, <i>REACH</i>	Overview of needs along the contact line and in non-government controlled area (NGCA)
9:55-10:05	Alexandr Galkin, <i>Director of "Right to Protection" NGO, Ukraine</i>	Protection concerns in the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine
10:05-10:15	Olha Kosinova, <i>Director of "Most" NGO, based in the non-government controlled area (NGCA)</i>	The humanitarian situation in the non-government controlled area of Ukraine
10:15-10:30	Valentina Sirenko, <i>Chief Doctor of the Emergency Medical Center of Popasna, Luhansk Region</i>	The impact of the conflict on access to healthcare: a frontline perspective
10:30-10:40	Ingrid Macdonald, <i>Head of UN OCHA, Ukraine</i>	Debrief on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine (via Skype)
10:40-11:00	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	
11:00-11:30	<b>Health Break</b>	
11:30-12:50	<b>Panel II: Ways Forward in Addressing the Humanitarian Situation</b>	
Moderator: Winfried Jilge, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik (DGAP)		
11:30-12:45	Mark Buttle, <i>WASH Cluster Coordinator (UNICEF), Ukraine</i>	The water question in the Donbass, between strategic planning and humanitarian diplomacy
11:45-12:00	Andreas Prothmann, <i>Head of the Ukraine Task Force, German Federal Foreign Office</i>	The political process and the status of humanitarian discussions at the Trilateral Contact Group on Ukraine
12:00-12:15	Martin Taschner, <i>ECHO Deputy Head of Unit for the European Neighborhood and Turkey</i>	Humanitarian Aid in Eastern Ukraine
12:15-12:30	Nadiya Vertebna, <i>Member of the Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR</i>	EU plans around humanitarian/development transition aspects in Eastern Ukraine
12:30-12:50	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
12:50-13:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	
13:00-14:00	<b>Press Conference</b>	