

## PRESS INVITATION

### Ukrainian museums meet in Berlin

**Rebuilding the country and strengthening civil society are the focus of a major conference on 28 and 29 May 2024**

**Under the motto 'From Crisis to Future: New Responsibilities for Museums in Ukraine', the largest meeting of Ukrainian museums since the outbreak of the war will take place in Berlin at the end of May. Over one hundred institutions from all parts of the country invaded by Russia will meet at the James-Simon-Galerie on 28 and 29 May to develop their own proposals for the reconstruction of their country. They will also discuss the question of how Ukrainian civil society can be strengthened right now.**

Representatives of Ukrainian museums are already working on concrete plans for their involvement in the reconstruction of the country at national and regional level in weekly online workshops. The main focus is on how to deal with the experiences, fears and expectations of visitors in future programmes. The museums not only want to modernise their buildings, but also confront Ukrainian civil society with new questions. Some museums that have been deliberately destroyed or robbed by Russia need to reinvent themselves, which is already being prepared today with digital offerings.

The museums' proposals and demands will be presented at the International Recovery Conference (Ukraine Recovery Conference), which will also take place in Berlin on 11 and 12 June.

The meeting is supported by the Ukrainian, Polish and German governments. The conference is organised by the OBMIN Foundation and the Ukrainian Institute. In addition to the SPK, the Ernst von Siemens Kunststiftung, the Polish Institute Berlin, the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity and the Federal Institute for Culture and History of Eastern Europe are partners of the conference.

#### **programme details:**

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## Programm im Überblick

### **May 28, 2024: James-Simon-Galerie:**

9:30: Opening and Keynote Speech

11:10: Panel 1: The mission of museums in municipal and regional reconstruction. Museums as objects of infrastructure and urbanistic aspects of reconstruction

14:00: Panel 2: The mission of museums to strengthen (civil) society

16:15: Panel 3: Ukrainian culture as part of Europe's common cultural heritage: protecting, restoring, communicating

### **May 29, James-Simon-Galerie:**

9:00: Opening

9:10: Panel 4: Transnational Perspectives on Heritage and Memory in Eastern Europe: The Responsibility of Museums for Narratives in Times of War (and how this can strengthen civil society)

10:30: Signing of the agreement between German War Graves Commission (Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e. V.) and the State Archival Service of Ukraine (der Staatliche Archivdienst der Ukraine)

11:30: Presentation of the Study "Beyond Greener Grass: Strategies Towards Ukrainian Transnational Cultural Reconstruction"

12:00: Diskussion und Abschluss

In addition, a round table on 'Scholarship programmes for Ukrainian museum employees at German museums' will take place on 27 May at Magnus-Haus, Am Kupfergraben 7, 10117 Berlin (by invitation only, open to press representatives)

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