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Estonia calls on EU Member States to stand with Ukraine at one of the most challenging moments since Russia launched its full-scale invasion. Our solidarity must be matched with sustained and collective action to strengthen Ukraine's resilience and advance its European future.

We therefore invite EU Member States and EU institutions to use the months leading up to URC 2027 to identify concrete contributions that can be advanced or announced in Tallinn.

Estonia and Ukraine will co-host the **Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC 2027) in Tallinn on 28–29 January 2027**, in close partnership with Nordic-Baltic countries. **The conference will take place at a particularly challenging time for Ukraine, when continued hardship on essential services make timely and concrete international support for Ukraine's resilience more critical than ever.**

URC 2027 aims to translate international support into concrete commitments and partnerships that respond to Ukraine's immediate needs while supporting long-term recovery, reforms and European integration. These contributions may include financial commitments to agreed initiatives; support through professional exchanges and capacity-building; as well as political and institutional commitments through new or strengthened partnerships and bilateral or multilateral agreements.

URC 2027 builds on five dimensions: the Human Dimension; Business, Innovation and Green Growth; Local and Regional; EU Integration and Reform; and Security, Defence and Cyber Resilience. Four complementary platforms will focus on infrastructure, energy, donor coordination and civil society participation.

Guided by the principle of "**A Recovery that Works for People"**, the **Human Dimension** will place Ukraine's people at the centre of recovery efforts. It will be structured around five thematic areas:

1. **Sustainable and resilient welfare systems;**
2. **Education, skills and pathways to employment;**
3. **Research, innovation and digital transformation;**
4. **Inclusive and barrier-free demographic recovery;**
5. **Culture, identity and connected communities.**

Education is fundamental to Ukraine's resilience today and to its recovery tomorrow. Our immediate priority is to strengthen the energy resilience of educational infrastructure, ensure continuity of learning and supporting teachers and learners amid ongoing disruption. At the same time, we must continue our support to reforms that build a resilient, inclusive and future-ready education system and support Ukraine's path towards European Union membership.

We particularly encourage education ministers to engage directly with their Ukrainian counterparts to strengthen existing cooperation, launch new initiatives or join forces with other partners where collective action can deliver greater impact. Our ambition should be clear: every partnership, commitment and initiative announced in January 2027, at one of the most difficult moments Ukraine has faced since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion, should help Ukraine keep education going and strengthen the resilience of its education system.

Estonia looks forward to working with all of you, our European and international partners, to turn solidarity into action and action into lasting results for Ukraine's people and a European future.