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Press Release

## Supporting Ukraine's business community: Eurochambres mission to Ukraine, 20-21 July

Eurochambres President Vladimír Dlouhý and CEO Ben Butters, along with a delegation of members, are heading to Kiev today for a two-day programme. They will reiterate the European business community's support for Ukrainian chambers, entrepreneurs and senior government representatives. Discussions with government representatives will revolve around how the European chamber network can help Ukrainian entrepreneurs maintain commercial opportunities across the continent and consider key success factors for the reconstruction process.

The war in Ukraine and its economic impact underscore the need for Europe to improve its supply chain security and reduce and mitigate strategic vulnerabilities. Reflecting on that, President Dlouhý encourages EU businesses to make every effort to pursue productive business relationships with their Ukrainian counterparts: "The Ukrainian business community is still active and ready to trade across Europe, despite extremely challenging conditions. Such economic cooperation is critical to sustain the economy in the present and to lay the foundations for the country's recovery and reconstruction. I hope that my meetings with senior government representatives and the business community in Kiev will contribute to this."

On 20 July, Mr Dlouhý and the Eurochambres network delegation will meet with the Deputy Minister of Energy on Ukraine for European Integration, Yaroslav Demchenkov; Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine, Oleksandr Kubrakov; Deputy Head of the President of Ukraine Office, Ihor Zhovkva. A round table is also scheduled with senior representatives from the Ukrainian chamber network and the broader business community.

On 21 July, Eurochambres President will meet the Deputy Minister of Digital Transformation for European Integration, Valeria Ionan; the Deputy Minister of Digital Transformation for IT Development, Oleksandr Borniakov; Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine, Taras Kachka and Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Olga Stefanishyna.

European businesses recognize the importance of greater and faster development of markets. This approach must continue to provide effective support to Ukraine and to deal with future threats to Europe's stability, security and prosperity.

As the leading voice for the broad business community at EU level, since the beginning of the war the chamber network has provided advice and assistance to companies active in the region and many are in contact with the Ukrainian Chamber to offer support.

## **Further information**

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