

PUBLIC FORUM

UKRAINE AT THE FRONTLINE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY

The Path to a Just Peace,
Accountability and Human Dignity



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English

PROGRAMME

18:00 – 18:15

OPENING REMARKS

Rainhard KLOUCEK, President of the Paneuropean Movement Austria
Vasyl KHYMYNETS, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Austria
Yurii VITRENKO, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna
Henrike BRANDSTÖTTER, Member of the Austrian Parliament,
Head of the Parliamentary Group "Austria-Ukraine"

I

UKRAINE, EUROPEAN SECURITY AND THE PATH TO A JUST PEACE

Keynote Addresses and Discussion | 18:15 – 19:00

18:15 – 18:30

Ukraine as an Indispensable Security Provider

Ambassador Ihor KHARCHENKO

Former Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan, the United Kingdom, Poland and Romania;
Chief Consultant, Pylyp Orlyk Foundation.

Ukraine's contribution to European security, lessons learned from resisting Russian aggression,
and the country's role in shaping Europe's future security architecture.

18:30 – 18:45

Towards a Just Peace: Accountability for Russian Aggression and the Role of Austria and International Organizations

Ambassador Volodymyr YELCHENKO

Former Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations;
former Ambassador of Ukraine to Austria, the United States and the Russian Federation;
Head of the International Research Department, Pylyp Orlyk Foundation.

International efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace, accountability for Russian aggression,
and the role of Austria and international organizations.

18:45 – 19:00



Q&A

Questions and remarks from the audience.

II

VOICES FROM RUSSIAN CAPTIVITY: A UKRAINIAN DEFENDER'S TESTIMONY

Personal Testimony and Discussion | 19:00 – 19:55

19:00 – 19:15

Documenting Russian Captivity: Why These Stories Matter for Europe

Mykhailo DANKANYCH, Journalist and Documenter of Former POWs' Testimonies.

The importance of documenting first-hand testimonies of former Ukrainian prisoners of war,
exposing the realities of Russian captivity and torture, countering Russian disinformation,
and preserving evidence to support accountability for violations of international humanitarian law.

19:15 – 19:30

More than Two Years in Russian Captivity: A Survivor's Testimony

Arslan ANNAIEV, former POW

Personal testimony of a Ukrainian defender and former prisoner of war. An account of captivity,
treatment of Ukrainian prisoners of war, experiences of torture and violations of international humanitarian law.

19:30 – 19:55



Q&A

Questions and remarks from the audience.

19:55 – 20:00



CLOSING REMARKS

Concluding observations and thanks to the speakers and participants.

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