

Civil Society in Chernihiv Region

Presentation of a Study

23 May 2024, 10.00-12.00, Beletage, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Schumannstr. 8, 10117 Berlin

The Chernihiv region (oblast) was largely occupied by Russian troops in the first weeks of the full-scale invasion and is one of the ten regions of Ukraine most affected by the destruction of the war. The Russian occupation, which lasted around 40 days in February-March 2022 and covered almost two thirds of the region, has left deep scars. The proximity to Russia and Belarus, as well as constant shelling of the border areas, further complicates the situation.

Despite all the challenges, local civil society is making plans for recovery together with the local self-government and is seeking support and new partnerships. We will be speaking with three representatives from the Chernihiv region about local needs and expectations of Germany.

We hope for your interest and look forward to your participation! Please [register here](#)!

Program

10:00 Welcome

Robert Sperfeld, Senior Program Officer East and South East Europe, Heinrich Böll Foundation

Kateryna Stetsevykh, Head of the Project Group Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)

Mattia Nelles, Co-Founder & CEO, German-Ukrainian Bureau (DUB)

10:15 Presentation of the study "**Civil society in the Chernihiv region: factors of resilience, acute needs, participation in local recovery**"

Inna Nelles, Co-Founder, German-Ukrainian Bureau (DUB)

10:40 Discussion

Nataliya Drozd, Director, NGO "Dobrochyn", Chernihiv

Olena Yatskova, Deputy of the Chernihiv Oblast Council, Head of the Department of Culture, Family, Youth and Sports, Horodnya City Council

Kateryna Hutorka, chief specialist, Department for International Cooperation and Investment, Nizhyn City Council

Moderation: **Tetiana Lopashchuk**, Project Lead, German-Ukrainian Bureau (DUB)

12:00 Lunch and informal get-together

The event will be held in English.

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