Bringing Kids Back: A Precondition for a Just Peace in Ukraine

13 June 2024
Programme

The HOTEL Brussels
Bd de Waterloo 38, 1000 Bruxelles

09:45 Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:30 Presentation of the preliminary findings of the Working Paper by the Bring Kids Back UA Task Force: “Safeguarding Children from Forcible Transfer and Deportation under International Law”

Input givers:

- Andriy Yermak, Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine (online), co-chair of the Bring Kids Back UA task force
- Baroness Helena Kennedy, Director of International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute, co-chair of the Bring Kids Back UA task force (online)
- Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine
- Daria Zarivna, Senior Advisor to the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine; Chief Operating Officer at Bring Kids Back UA

Responses:

- Olof Skoog, EU Special Representative (EUSR) for human rights
- Ailish Campbell, Ambassador of Canada to the EU
- Petra Gombohova Kyslingerova, Head of Ukraine division, EEAS
- Colin Scicluna, Head of Cabinet, Cabinet of VP for Democracy and Demography, European Commission
- Fabian Zuleeg, CEO and Chief Economist, European Policy Centre, EPC (Moderator)

Questions and discussion with the audience

12:00 Coffee break
Presentation of the “Living the War Vol.2” documentary project

Presentation of the book “Living the War (volume 2) - Children During the Russian War Against Ukraine”, with key highlights including a photo exhibition.

Storytelling presentations by:

- Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine
- Daria Zarivna, Senior Advisor to the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine; Chief Operating Officer at Bring Kids Back UA
- Vsevolod Chentsov, Head of Mission of Ukraine to the EU
- Sasha Maslov, Photographer
- Amanda Paul, Deputy Head of Europe in the World Programme and Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, EPC (Moderator)

13:15 Lunch and Photo Exhibition

15:00 End of Public Programme
Biographies of the Speakers

H. E. Ailish Campbell is a distinguished Canadian diplomat and trade expert, currently serving as Canada's Ambassador to the European Union. She has extensive experience in international trade policy, economic development, and government affairs, having held senior roles in both public and private sectors.

H. E. Vsevolod Chentsov is a distinguished Ukrainian diplomat currently serving as Head of Mission of Ukraine to the European Union. Among other posts, he previously served as Ambassador to the Netherlands as well as Director of the EU Department at the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Petra Gombalova Kyslingerova is a Head of Ukraine division at the European External Action Service. She has a strong background in international relations and diplomacy, having held various significant positions within Slovakia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Baroness Helena Kennedy is a renowned British barrister, broadcaster, and Labour peer in the House of Lords. She is known for her work in human rights, civil liberties, and social justice.

Andriy Kostin is a Ukrainian lawyer and politician. He has been serving as Ukraine's Prosecutor General since July 2022. Kostin is known for his work in legal reforms and prosecution of Russian war crimes in Ukraine.

Shasha Maslov is a Ukrainian-American photographer and author of documentary books concentrating on Russo-Ukrainian war. His work has been published in The New York Times, CNN, New York Magazine, etc.

Amanda Paul is the Deputy Head of Europe in the World Programme and Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre where she leads the EPC’s work on Ukraine. She also has well-established expertise on issues related to Turkish foreign and domestic policy, security and conflict resolution in the Black Sea region, Russian foreign policy in the former Soviet space and EU foreign and security policy in its Eastern neighbourhood.

Colin Scicluna is serving as the Head of Cabinet of Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography. He has held various significant roles within the EU institutions, focusing on diplomatic relations and international cooperation.

Olof Skoog is EU Special Representative (EUSR) for human rights, focusing on implementation of the EU’s human rights policy, promoting international humanitarian law, and supporting international criminal justice. He engages in dialogues with governments, international organizations, and civil society to strengthen the European voice on human rights, working closely with the European External Action Service and EU institutions to enhance the effectiveness and visibility of EU human rights policy.

Andriy Yermak is a Ukrainian lawyer and politician, serving as Head of the President’s Office since 2020, and is a key advisor to President Volodymyr Zelensky. Co-chair of the Bring Kinds Back UA Task force

Daria Zarivna is a Ukrainian journalist and media strategist, currently serving as a communications advisor to the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine. She is known for her expertise in media relations and strategic communications.

Fabian Zuleeg is the Chief Executive of the European Policy Centre. His analysis focuses on the political economy of the future of European integration. He also works closely with decision-makers in the European institutions, European think tanks and the wider Brussels and state stakeholder community.