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UKRAINE: INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LAUNCHED

DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE, UNESCO, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

An **International Coalition for Science, Research, and Innovation in Ukraine** was officially launched today during the [2025 Ukraine Recovery Conference](#) held in Rome. This initiative is the result of a joint effort by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, UNESCO, and the European Commission. It marks a pivotal step in promoting science, research, and innovation as key pillars for Ukraine's sustainable, inclusive, and long-term recovery.

Now in its fourth edition, the 2025 Ukraine Recovery Conference gathered governments, businesses, international organizations, financial institutions, and civil society representatives, united in their commitment to support Ukraine. Within this context, the launch of the Coalition for Science, Research, and Innovation in Ukraine was announced by the Italian Minister of University and Research, Anna Maria Bernini; First Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, Yevhen Kudriavets; the European Commissioner for Startups, Research, and Innovation, Ekaterina Zaharieva; and UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, Lidia Arthur Brito.

On that occasion, the **Rome Declaration of Intent for Science, Research and Innovation in Ukraine** was presented and signed by the founding members of the Coalition, officially marking its establishment.

The Coalition aims to address both the urgent needs and long-term challenges of Ukraine's research and innovation ecosystem, by promoting concrete actions for its reconstruction and modernization, supporting Ukrainian scientists, and recognizing the central role of the sector in the country's recovery. To achieve this mission, the Coalition will coordinate efforts in support to Ukraine, define a shared agenda for international cooperation, and facilitate a structured and ongoing dialogue between the Ukrainian government and its international partners.

Membership in the Coalition is open to governments, international organizations, research entities, academic institutions, foundations, development banks, and private sector actors actively supporting Ukraine's research sector. Interested entities are invited to join the Coalition by agreeing to adhere to the Rome Declaration and submitting a formal request to the Secretariat at EC-R-I-COALITION-UA-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu. Alongside **Italy, Ukraine, the European Commission, and UNESCO**, also **Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and UNDP** have joined the Coalition.