

Supporting the Ukrainian Research Ecosystem through International Exchange and Collaboration

A 2026 ALLEA General Assembly Satellite Event

26 May 2026 | 16:30 – 20:30 | Staszic Palace, Warsaw

Programme

16:00 – 16:30 Arrival and registration		
16:30	Welcome and Opening	Paweł Rowiński , President of All European Academies (ALLEA) Marek Konarzewski , President of Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS)
16:40	Introduction and short review of the EFDS funding scheme supporting Ukraine	Matthias Johannsen , ALLEA
Session I:		
Which are the most pressing needs of the Ukrainian research ecosystem?		
16:50	Impulse: Perspectives from the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU)	Anatoly Zagorodny , President of NASU
17:00	Moderated discussion on session theme, followed by Q&A: Nataliya Vasylieva , Institute of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics of NASU (EFDS beneficiary institution, Sloviansk) Frederik Søndergaard , European Commission DG RTD / International Coalition for Ukraine	Moderator: Mateusz Białas , Director of PAS Representative Office in Kyiv
18:00 – 18:30 Break		

Session II:		
How can Ukrainian researchers abroad best support science in Ukraine?		
18:30	Impulse: Experiences made at the Space Research Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN CBK)	Galyna Lytvynenko (EFDS grantee) Hannah Rothkaehl (EFDS host)
18:40	Moderated discussion on session theme, followed by Q&A: Irina Kolupaieva , Kharkiv National University of Radio electronics (EFDS grantee) Marie-Louise Nosch , Past President of Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters Yevheniia Polishchuk , Co-founder of Ukrainian Science Diaspora network	Moderator: Jerzy Duszyński , Past President of PAS
19:30	Key takeaways for Ukraine Coalition and launch of EFDS alumni network	Frederik Søndergaard , European Commission Paweł Rowiński , ALLEA
19:40 – 20:30 Networking Drinks & Snacks		

About the event

Organised in partnership with the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Polish Academy of Sciences, the event brings together former grantees of ALLEA's [European Fund for Displaced Scientists](#) (EFDS), delegates of European Academies, and other interested participants to exchange insights on Ukrainian needs and concrete support opportunities. Key takeaways from the discussions inform the work of the [International Coalition for Science, Research, and Innovation in Ukraine](#) to help shape future strategies and priorities for Ukrainian science. The event will also mark the kick-off of an Alumni Network, a community of former EFDS grantees that aims to become a platform for further exchanges and collaborations in support of Ukrainian scholarship.

About EFDS

Immediately following the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, ALLEA partnered with the [Breakthrough Prize Foundation](#) to support scholars and scientific institutions impacted by the war. EFDS provided funding to over 40 academic institutions in Europe to host displaced scholars, as well as to several Ukrainian institutions to help maintain their scientific operations under wartime conditions. As one of the first support schemes, EFDS had a high strategic impact on co-shaping numerous successor initiatives.