

From solidarity to partnership

2026 ALLEA-EFDS Online Forum

3 November 2026 | 10:00 – 11:30am (Berlin) | 11:00am – 12:30pm EET (Kyiv)

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/H9azyXRyQPC7gZFc2ty-sw>

Programme

10:00am CET – Welcome and Opening of the Meeting		
10:00	Introduction and short review of recent ALLEA activities in support of Ukraine	Paweł Rowiński , ALLEA President
10:10	Presentation by Science At Risk , followed by Q&A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Trainings and other opportunities– “Academia in Ukraine” monitoring reports	Philipp Schmädeke , Science At Risk, Emergency Office by akno e.V., Berlin
10:40	EFDS Impulse 1: Enhancing brain circulation through collaboration : an example connecting Kharkiv, Graz, and Strasbourg EFDS Impulse 2: “Pro bono hominis” - Organising support for Ukrainian science : an example from Kyiv	Olena Kharytonova , Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv (EFDS alumna) Volodymyr Chernyshenko , Deputy Director for Science, Palladin Institute of Biochemistry of NASU
10:55	Open exchange: From solidarity to partnership	Moderator: Marie-Louise Nosch , ALLEA Vice President
11:25	Key takeaways and outlook to the future	Matthias Johannsen , ALLEA Senior Policy and Strategy Officer
11:30am CET - Closing of the Meeting		

About ALLEA

Established in 1994, ALLEA serves as the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, advocating for the role of science as a global public good and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration among its Member Academies and beyond. ALLEA is a registered non-profit association and remains fully independent of political, religious, and commercial interests. Read more on [ALLEA's website](#).

ALLEA is the most comprehensive association of academies in Europe, bringing together 61 academies from EU and non-EU countries, including established and young academies. Through its inclusive membership, ALLEA provides a forum for scientific exchange across borders, disciplines, and generations.

About EFDS and the EFDS Alumni Network

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.

Through two funding lines the [European Fund for Displaced Scientists](#) (EFDS) supported 40 displaced researchers at 28 institutions in 12 European countries and enabled up to 100 researchers at Ukrainian institutions to maintain their scientific operations under wartime conditions. As one of the very first support schemes, EFDS had a high strategic impact on co-shaping numerous successor initiatives.

Although the EFDS programme has ended, its relationships and collaborations continue through a dedicated network which draws on alumni experience of wartime disruption, international support, and cross-border cooperation. Bringing together former EFDS grantees and beneficiaries, the [EFDS Alumni Network](#) - launched in Warsaw in May 2026 - aims to foster the exchange of experiences, facilitate international collaboration and partnership, and contribute to further strengthening the Ukrainian science and research ecosystem.

About this meeting

This event forms part of a wider set of ALLEA activities in support of Ukrainian science, particularly of the EFDS Alumni Network. Among others, ALLEA regularly organises events, both in-person and online, to encourage exchange within and beyond the Alumni Network.

Attendees of this event include former grantees from across Europe, as well as representatives of institutions that received EFDS support in Ukraine, the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, ALLEA member academies, and other Ukrainian and European scientific institutions.