

# America First Reconstruction and Defense for Ukraine



A Private-Sector-Led  
Framework for Ukraine  
That Delivers for U.S.  
Taxpayers and the  
Ukrainian People

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# Foreword from AUSP's CEO Davis Richardson

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To America's senior decision-makers,

Founded by alumni from BlackRock, Palantir, and the U.S. Intelligence Community, our company America-Ukraine Strategic Partners (AUSP) understands firsthand what is at stake for the world even if a just and lasting peace is secured between Ukraine and Russia.

Our team has lived and traveled across Ukraine on multiple missions since 2022, including assignments to frontline communities.

Our team has built relationships in all regions and forged strong partnerships among civilians, government, and military personnel.

Our team has toured numerous Ukrainian R&D and training facilities across the country.

Against the backdrop of the raw human pain from war, whirs the growing hums of industry. Ukraine's defense industrial base is rapidly expanding; "Marshall Plan 2.0" reconstruction conferences are popping up across Rome, Brussels, and Washington, D.C.; billions of dollars are announced by international development institutions (DFIs).

Our team has never been naïve: We understand that the private sector plays a crucial role in determining what Ukraine will look like for decades to come. This is why we incorporated as a private company, rather than a nonprofit. Fair, transparent, free markets will shape Ukraine's future in far more consequential ways than NGOs, and the incentives must align with both U.S. strategic priorities and the will of the Ukrainian people.

This white paper is written to present relevant, objective analysis for U.S. decision-makers to fulfill their mandate to be good stewards of the American taxpayer's resources. It must also be remembered that we are still talking about a war that impacts real people in Ukraine. Their voices matter in ensuring American success in Ukraine's reconstruction.

Sincerely,



Davis Richardson  
CEO of America-Ukraine Strategic Partners

# Executive Summary

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America stands at a strategic crossroads. Ukraine's reconstruction can become an American-led asset that strengthens U.S. power, or it can become a vacuum that China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea fill. There is no middle outcome. In a world shaped by real competition, hard choices cannot be avoided. They can only be made early or made late.

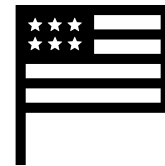
For years, U.S. policy drifted without urgency or clarity. Billions in taxpayer funds were allocated with little strategic discipline. Embassy officials in Kyiv highlighted a publicly funded translation of *Angels in America* as a signature achievement. While Ukrainian families were being shelled, U.S. funds supported woke cultural projects. It was tone-deaf and misaligned with the realities of a country fighting for survival. It was also a perfect symbol of how the United States lost focus while adversaries stayed committed to their goals.

While American policy drifted, China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea learned from Ukraine at full speed. They collected battlefield telemetry, software updates, electronic warfare (EW) logs, drone footage, and operational feedback. They studied adaptation cycles and countermeasures. They viewed Ukraine as a live-fire laboratory. The United States lacked a unified system to capture any of this. The world's most valuable wartime data was left on the table.

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