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July
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11:30-13:00

📍 Martens Centre HQ, Rue du Commerce, 1000 Brussel

Discussion

Ukrainian Veterans: Pathways to Healing and Reintegration

ABOUT THE EVENT

As Ukraine continues to navigate the consequences of war, the question of what comes after active conflict becomes increasingly urgent. Recovery is not only about rebuilding cities and infrastructure, but also about restoring lives, supporting those most affected, and creating conditions for long-term stability and peace. The human, economic, and societal dimensions of this process are deeply interconnected and require coordinated efforts at national and European levels.

Join us for a conversation that brings together diverse perspectives on Ukraine's path forward. We will address the direct experiences of returning soldiers, exploring the psychological and social challenges of recovery, rehabilitation, and finding peace within. By drawing on crucial lessons from past conflicts specifically the post-war reconciliation and veteran reintegration process this discussion will examine how local communities can rebuild in a sustainable and inclusive way. Together, with insights from European policymakers and those on the front lines, we will explore the essential role of the European Union in supporting these human dimensions of reconstruction and ensuring a successful transition to everyday civilian life.

PROGRAMME

- 11:00** Registration and Coffee
- 11:30** Welcome Remarks
- 11:40** Panel Discussion
- 12:40** Q&A
- 13:00** End of event and lunch

SPEAKERS

Welcoming Remarks:

Antonio López-Istúriz White

MEP, EPP, Secretary Treasurer, Martens Centre

Discussants:

Yan-Yevhen Fidria

Veteran Officer, Armed Forces of Ukraine

Nedžad Novalić

Expert in Postwar Reconciliation, Centre for Non-Violent Action, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Riho Terras

MEP, Vice-Chair, Security and Defence Committee, EPP

Moderator:

Tomi Huhtanen

Executive Director, Martens Centre

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