



## Call for participants

For participation in Vidnova Lab we're looking for actors of Ukrainian civil society working in the fields relevant for recovery and reconstruction

## Background Information

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has severely damaged or destroyed large parts of the country, harmed critical infrastructure and disrupted millions of lives. Due to the severity of losses, Ukraine's recovery is predicted to span over the next couple decades and will require a concentrated effort of all the engaged parties, from small local communities and municipalities to big international partners and donors. It will entail not only physical reconstruction of architectural objects, but a socio-economical recovery as well.

Despite the ongoing attack on Ukrainian territories and continuing losses, the first initiatives that focus on reconstruction are already emerging. Ukrainian civil society actors are starting to initiate important societal discussions around agency, participation, sustainability and fairness of the recovery processes. There is a growing realization that recovery is not something that will happen once the war is won, but something that has to begin already during the active combat phase. At the same time, efforts of different actors are not consolidated and coordinated yet; the state is using a vertical model of communication towards communities and NGOs; and the society is not sufficiently informed about important tendencies, events, plans and problems connected with recovery. This creates a variety of sporadic projects, not connected into a united system.

## Our Solution

Vidnova Lab is a program that aims to strengthen the voice and role of Ukrainian civil society in the process of recovery. It aims to make sure that civil society actors have the capacity to facilitate the dialogue between the communities and authorities, as well as to advocate for the necessary solutions and ensure the transparent dialogue about these solutions before the decision-making stage. At the same time, we also seek to build bridges and enable sustainable collaborations between Ukrainian civil society actors that are based in Ukraine and those based in other European countries.



# **Vidnova Lab seeks activists and professionals that are involved in the following topic clusters of civil society:**

- **Participatory urban development**
- **Green recovery;**
- **Educational innovations;**
- **Culture infrastructure;**
- **Commemorative practices;**
- **Transparency and anti-corruption;**
- **Mental health and resilience;**
- **Work with vulnerable groups;**
- **Others.**

# The core elements of the program include:

**A fellowship of 1750 euros per month for 6 months;**

**Working in a duo with another peer actor of a civil society organization from your topical cluster;**

**Mapping the ecosystem and prototyping a solution in your duo;**

**Two network meetings in Berlin: Lab Meeting on 15-19 of November 2023 and Vidnova Forum on 22-25 of April 2024;**

**One decentralized meeting per topic cluster (every duo will decide the time and place for the meeting on their own);**

**Funding for developing a prototype (max. 2000 Euro per person).**

# About you:

- You are an activist, a leader, founder, manager of an NGO or charity organization, a researcher (e.g. of a think tank or university) etc.;
- You are professionally engaged in the field, relevant for recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine (topic clusters mentioned above);
- You want to network with other peers in topics, related to recovery and reconstruction, assess the needs and resources of the ecosystem, prototype solutions and work on a common roadmap for civil society;
- You have the capacity to commit to a 6-months fellowship on a part-time basis.
- You are living in Ukraine and/or abroad;

## About Vidnova

Vidnova is dedicated to supporting Ukrainian civil society. We are building bridges, navigating relationships, enabling sustainable collaborations with civil society actors and organizations in Ukraine and other European countries.

Vidnova is a hub of programs created by Commit by MitOst gGmbH.



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and help to shape the recovery of Ukraine

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more questions, get in touch with us at**

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