

The second day of the Forum 2000 conference: Prominent personas from around the world have joined the Prague Manifesto for a free Ukraine

This year's worldwide renowned Forum 2000 conference entitled "Democracy's Clear and Present Danger: How Do We Respond?" takes place in the Prague Congress Centre from the 31st of August to the 2nd of September 2022. The Forum 2000 Foundation is the host of this event. During the second day of the conference, the Prague Manifesto for a Free Ukraine was presented.

The hosts of the Forum 2000 conference and Forum for Ukraine have introduced Prague Manifesto for a free Ukraine. Signatories declare that the Russian attack against the existence of Ukraine as an independent nation is a blow to European security, international law, and rule-based international order. The Manifesto expresses unequivocal support for Ukraine's accession to the EU and at the same time offers Ukraine support in implementing important reforms. The Manifesto states that the defeat of Russian aggression is a necessary premise for a united, free, and peaceful future for Europe and the entire democratic community.

"The Ukrainians made a choice to be part of free and democratic Europe. Not only it is in our interest, but it is also a moral obligation to support these aspirations. Putin's brutal aggression, which aims to subjugate Ukraine and to bring it back under the Russian sphere of influence, is also an attack against democratic values and the rule based international order. I am convinced that if the democratic world will keep supporting Ukraine, the Russian aggressors will be defeated. This is the key message of The Prague Manifesto for a Free Ukraine which I have the honor to present at the Forum 2000 Conference," says **Markéta Pekarová Adamová**, speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic.

Among significant signatories of the Manifesto are so far e.g.: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic **Jan Lipavský**, Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs **Urmas Reinsalu**, political scientist and philosopher **Francis Fukuyama**, British historian and publicist **Timothy Garton Ash**, Russian opposition democratic politician **Garri Gasparov**, and **Iveta Radičová**, sociologist and former prime minister of Slovakia. Several dozens of MEPs and members of the national Parliaments of a number of European and non-European countries have added their signature.

"At a time when the people of Ukraine have been bravely defending their country against Vladimir Putin's barbaric aggression for more than six months, it is important that the world democratic community continues to support them. Since this fight could take some time, we all must be determined and patient. This is the reason why this year's Forum 2000 conference, in cooperation with the Czech Presidency of the EU, includes Forum for Ukraine – to reemphasize our commitment and find ways to increase our support and make it even more effective," says **Jakub Klepal, Director of Forum 2000 Foundation.**

Forum for Ukraine, which is a part of the Forum 2000 conference, focuses on the issues of the European perspective for Ukraine, post-war reconstruction, achieving justice, punishment of war crimes, and the resilience of democracy and security.

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You can find the full wording of the Manifesto here:
<https://www.forum2000.cz/en/prague-manifesto-for-a-free-ukraine-2022>

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<https://www.forum2000.cz/en/projects/democracys-clear-and-present-danger-how-do-we-respond>

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