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INFORMATION NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	Support to Ukrainian youth - <i>Information from the Presidency</i>

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Presidency on the above subject which has been put on the agenda under ‘Any other business’ of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting of 13-14 May 2024.

Support to Ukrainian youth

During the youth session of the EYCS Council on May 13th, 2024, under ‘Any Other Business’ and in public session, the Presidency will invite Mr Matviy BIDNYI, acting minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, to present a statement on the situation in Ukraine in light of Russia’s war of aggression and the impact of the war on the youth sector in Ukraine. His address will cover the following main points:

- The importance of programmes to support Ukrainian youth temporarily staying in the European Union.
- The Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC2024) that will take place in Berlin on 11-12 June 2024. This conference will delve into various topics, with particular attention given to social restoration and human capital, emphasising the role of young people.
- The situation in Ukraine in light of Russia’s war of aggression, the impact of the war on the youth sector in Ukraine (statistics on young people who went abroad; statistics on the damaged and destroyed youth infrastructure, youth centers located on the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine).
- The vision of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine on the issue of economic independence and capacity of young people as a guarantee for the successful recovery of Ukraine.
- The results of the International Conference «Skilled Workforce for Ukraine - Rebuilding Ukraine’s Human Capital» (Berlin, April 24-29, 2024), and next steps to the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2024, with the focus on social restoration and human capital.

- The need for the development of special programs of support for Ukrainian youth temporarily staying in EU countries with the aim of acquiring the necessary professional knowledge and skills, as well as possible further employment in Ukraine; development of additional mechanisms of stimulation and creation of necessary conditions for the return of youth to Ukraine for their participation in restoration and reconstruction.
 - The support of the activities held by the Ukrainians-founded NGOs in the EU Member States.
 - The need for the maintaining ties of Ukrainian youth with Ukraine in order to create conditions for their return after the end of Russian armed aggression.
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