



**Meeting Protocol**  
**Bilateral Meeting**  
**between**  
**the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (MoE CR)**  
**and**  
**the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine**  
**(MEEAU)**

Date: 11.02.2026

Venue: Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, Prague

Format: in-person meeting

**Participants**

Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (MoE CR):

Vladislav Smrž – Deputy Minister

Alena Doering – Bilateral Cooperation Unit

Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine (MEEAU):

Igor Zubovych – Deputy Minister

Maksym Zhelezniak – Deputy Director of the Department of Protected Areas and Biodiversity – Head of the Unit for the Development and Expansion of the Network of Protected Areas

Bohdan Semenenko – Head of the Department of Environmental Protection, Prevention and Control of Industrial Pollution

Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR):

David Lacina – Director of the Department of Protected Areas



## Agenda

Following the mutual introduction of participants, the Czech side expressed its continued support for joint projects between the Czech Republic and Ukraine in the field of nature protection and environmental policy. The Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic reaffirmed its willingness to cooperate on additional thematic areas according to the needs of the Ukrainian side.

Representatives of MEEAU outlined the current difficult situation in Ukraine in the context of the ongoing war and presented the ministry's current environmental priorities. The key issues highlighted included:

- Demining of affected territories as a fundamental precondition for environmental restoration,
- Monitoring and cartographic assessment of environmental damage,
- Addressing contamination of soil and air,
- Establishing priorities for environmental restoration based on the scale and severity of damage.

The Czech side offered cooperation of specific experts on selected thematic areas in order to share experience and support the identification of suitable solutions.

The Ukrainian representatives informed that, after returning to Kyiv, they will prepare a structured list of concrete thematic agendas in which they would welcome partnership with Czech counterparts for further development of cooperation.

The designated contact person for facilitating such cooperation on behalf of the Czech side is Alena Doering, Bilateral Cooperation Unit, MoE CR.

The participants also discussed the alignment of Ukrainian environmental legislation with European nature protection standards and the practical balance between environmental protection and economic development.

Current bilateral cooperation projects were briefly mentioned, including activities related to environmental consequences of the Kakhovka dam destruction.

Both sides expressed interest in strengthening direct communication channels between relevant departments and in organizing follow-up expert consultations.

## Summary

The meeting confirmed the mutual interest of both ministries in enhancing bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental protection and post-war ecological restoration.

The Czech side reiterated its support for Ukraine and its readiness to provide expertise and practical assistance.

The Ukrainian side expressed gratitude for the ongoing cooperation and emphasized the importance of continued expert dialogue.

## Photos from the meeting:

*Photo 1*



*David Lacina (NCA CR), Maksym Zhelezniak (MEEAU), Igor Zubovych (MEEAU), Vladislav Smrž (MoE CR), Bohdan Semenenko (MEEAU), Alena Doering (MoE CR)*

*Photo 2*



*Igor Zubovych (MEEAU), Vladislav Smrž (MoE CR)*