



Women's Network
for Dialogue and Enduring Peace

We are women peacebuilders and civil society and humanitarian aid leaders from across Ukraine and both sides of the front line. We are members of the Women's Network for Dialogue and Enduring Peace which we founded in 2015. We have over a decade of experience in peacebuilding, dialogue and providing support to conflict-affected populations on both sides of the front line.

Our human-centered approach aims to protect the lives and well-being of all affected by the conflict, and we are dedicated to ensuring their interests are represented in the peace process. A human-centered approach can address the needs of all affected communities, prevent future violence and build a sustainable peace.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is a vital long-term process that lays the foundation for lasting peace and helps prevent future conflicts. Dialogue is an essential part of the reconciliation process – for solving cross border issues, normalizing relations between Ukraine and Russia, advancing stability in Ukraine and building a lasting peace.

Based on more than a decade of experience organizing and participating in reconciliation dialogues, we recommend:

1. ESTABLISH A SUSTAINED DIALOGUE PROCESS BETWEEN UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

- Create dialogue platforms in neutral countries—such as Turkey, Armenia, or Georgia—that allow visa-free entry for citizens of both Ukraine and Russia.
- Provide a safe space for these dialogues to take place, to support the security of participants, such as under the umbrella of international organizations.
- Engage experienced, neutral facilitators from outside Ukraine and Russia to guide the dialogue process.
- Ensure the participation of civil society representatives living in territories not currently under the control of the Ukrainian government.

2. ESTABLISH A SUSTAINED DIALOGUE PROCESS BETWEEN UKRAINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE FRONT LINE

Provide a safe space for these dialogues to take place, such as under the umbrella of international organizations in a secure location outside Ukraine.

3. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VOICES OF PEOPLE LIVING IN NON-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED TERRITORIES TO BE HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD

Develop channels to communicate first-hand information about life in these territories and the needs of the local populations, provided by people living there.

 It is important to start reconciliation dialogues as soon as possible to support the peace process. The dialogues will evolve as the peace process progresses and must continue through all phases of the peace process, including reconstruction and recovery, to support a sustainable ceasefire and lasting peace.

Our experience shows that the practice of dialogue that brings together civil society representatives from both sides of the front line not only contributes to sustainable long-term solutions but also helps break down enemy stereotypes the war has entrenched in society.