

The Dialogue Group

At the Ukraine Accountability Conference, held in The Hague on the 14th of July 2022, forty-five participating countries agreed on a [Political Declaration](#). This declaration pledged continued support for efforts to ensure accountability and expressed commitment to work towards the establishment of the Dialogue Group on Accountability for Ukraine ('the Dialogue Group').

Subsequently, the Dialogue Group was launched at the 'United for Justice' conference in Lviv on the 3rd of March 2023 by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Dmytro Kuleba, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Wopke Hoekstra, ICC Prosecutor Karim Ahmad Khan, EU Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders, and Eurojust President Ladislav Hamran.

This factsheet provides a short overview of Frequently Asked Questions about the Dialogue Group.

Q: How is the Dialogue Group structured?

A: The Dialogue Group is made up of four thematic workstreams: 1) Assistance to Ukraine, 2) Action by Regional and International Institutions, 3) National Investigations, 4) Civil Society Documentation Efforts. These workstreams will report to the overarching Plenary Dialogue Group. An annual Ministerial-level Meeting will provide an opportunity for high-level reflections on the work of the Dialogue Group (the four workstreams and the Plenary). The Dialogue Group will be supported by a secretariat, for which modalities are currently being determined.



Q: When, and how often, will meetings of the workstreams take place?

A: The first meetings are expected to take place in May 2023. The workstreams will meet every two months, and feed into the meetings of the Plenary Dialogue Group.

Q: What modes of participation are there?

A: The Dialogue Group is an open platform for accountability-actors to exchange information on accountability-initiatives. It is possible to join several workstreams and the Plenary Dialogue Group. It is also possible to sit in on meetings of the workstreams and the Plenary Dialogue Group if there is not (yet) an opportunity to confirm membership of the overall Dialogue Group.

Q: Who is taking part in the Dialogue Group?

A: Forty-five countries have expressed political support for the Dialogue Group, and currently approximately 30 countries have confirmed participation in workstreams of the Dialogue Group and/or the Plenary Dialogue Group. In addition, international organisations such as the ICC, EU-institutions, the UN and a host of civil society organisations will take part.

Q: Is the Dialogue Group open for all to join?

A: The goal is to offer accountability-actors (which includes countries, international and regional organisations and civil society organisations) a platform for dialogue, exchange and coordination. Countries, international and regional organisations and civil society organisations that are active in the accountability-space, that would like to become active or that wish to inform themselves about ongoing accountability-work with regards to Ukraine, are encouraged to join.

Q: Will the Dialogue Group have tangible outcomes?

A: Besides the meetings that facilitate an exchange of information, the co-chairs of each workstream will provide written reports to the Plenary Dialogue Group. These reports are likely to reflect key areas that would benefit from further coherence. This may then set the basis for enhanced coordination among individual participants in the Dialogue Group.

Q: What security measures are you taking with regards to information-sharing?

A: The meetings will take place in a hybrid setting (in-person and virtual). This means that organizers and participants need to be cognizant of the extent to which confidential information can be shared.