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As Russia intensifies attacks on civilian targets in Ukraine, signs of hope from Europe

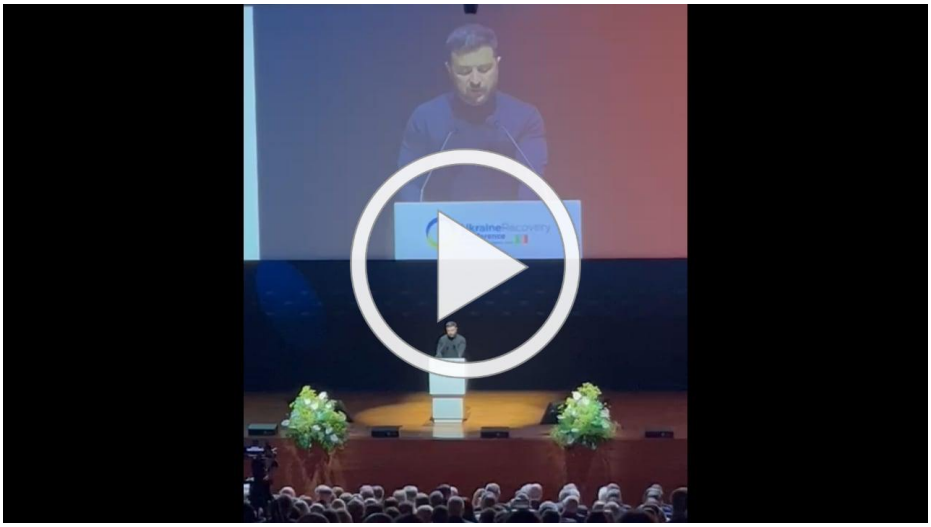


It's been many weeks since Russia initiated its new strategy of trying to demoralize and hurt Ukraine by going after civilian neighborhoods totally devoid of military targets, but filled with schools, medical facilities and apartment buildings.

Attacks come via swarms of drones and missiles, often with little warning. Children are killed or injured as they lie asleep, or while they scramble with their parents to the closest shelter. Pure terror.

The U.S. has been, at best, ambivalent about supporting Ukraine's efforts to push back the Russian invaders. At the moment, we seem to be OK with selling anti-missile defense systems to NATO that will pass them on to Ukraine's military. But next week? Remains to be seen.

On the other hand, we were very encouraged by what we saw and heard at the **Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025** in Rome earlier this month. More than 6,000 international attendees listened to powerful messages of support from major European leaders who spoke. Many Ukrainian and European government agencies and experts held workshops that included specific discussions about how Ukraine would survive the war and thrive in recovery with European alliances and support. Ukraine's innovations, strategic planning and entrepreneurial accomplishments were also highlighted.



President Zelensky speaks at opening session of the Ukraine Recovery Conference on July 10, 2025.





Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, spoke of a "new, enhanced partnership" between Ukraine and the European Union as Ukraine moves forward to EU membership. On right, Yehven Kudriavets, Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Education and Science, and UCAP partner, spoke of new education framework: Build Forward Better and signs new strategic MOU for European education alliances.

The overriding message:

European nations represented in Rome were absolutely steadfast in their commitment to defend Ukraine's sovereignty and democracy against what is universally seen as grossly unacceptable and unwarranted aggression by Russia.

We left the conference energized, reinforced in our commitment to stand by and support Ukraine's children impacted by what has become a war of terror.





Sessions on the "Human Capital Dimension" of recovery were committed to building European alliances and moving forward in education, healthcare and the integration of returning refugees.



UCAP wants to help restore normalcy to the lives of Ukraine's children. And we are so grateful that you, too, remain committed to this mission. It matters a lot.

Warm regards,
Irwin and Karen

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