

# Invitation to Pre-Café Kyiv

4th Vidnova Forum

United for Solutions –  
How does Ukraine inspire  
engagement today?

Migration. Communication.  
Local societal action.

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Sunday, 22 February 2026  
13:00-17:00

Community Space of ProjectTogether in Berlin-Mitte  
Approx. 60 participants



## About the Forum

The Vidnova Forum 2026 brings together engaged practitioners, community leaders, and changemakers from Ukraine, Germany, and across Europe to explore how solidarity turns into action — and how civil society can actively work with Ukraine while shaping a shared democratic future.

Building on lived experience, collective knowledge, and cross-border cooperation, the forum focuses on solution-oriented engagement at the intersection of local engagement, migration, and communication. Vidnova 2026 creates space to move beyond analysis toward participation, responsibility, and co-creation.

You will engage in in-depth conversations and collaborative formats that highlight concrete initiatives, transferable practices, and emerging alliances. The forum foregrounds the role of the Ukrainian global community, civil society actors, and European partners in sustaining support, strengthening democratic resilience, and contributing to recovery and rebuilding — both in Ukraine and in other European countries.

TOGETHER,  
WE WILL ASK:

>>> How can we engage with Ukraine in 2026 through local action, migration-informed approaches, and effective communication?

>>> What does meaningful participation look like for the global Ukrainian community and its allies?

>>> How can we transform solidarity into long-term engagement and concrete solutions?

>>> In what ways can collective action today contribute to rebuilding, resilience, and a shared European future?

Guided by the principles engage – act – rebuild, the Vidnova Forum 2026 is a call to be involved: to shape, connect, and act — united for solutions.

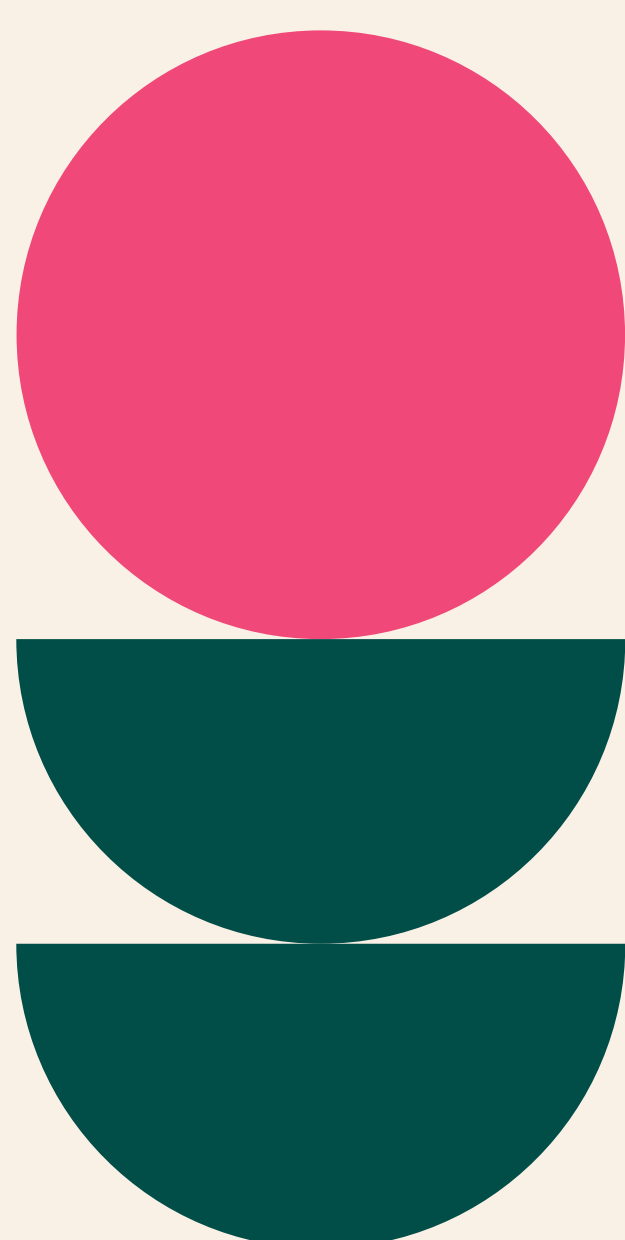
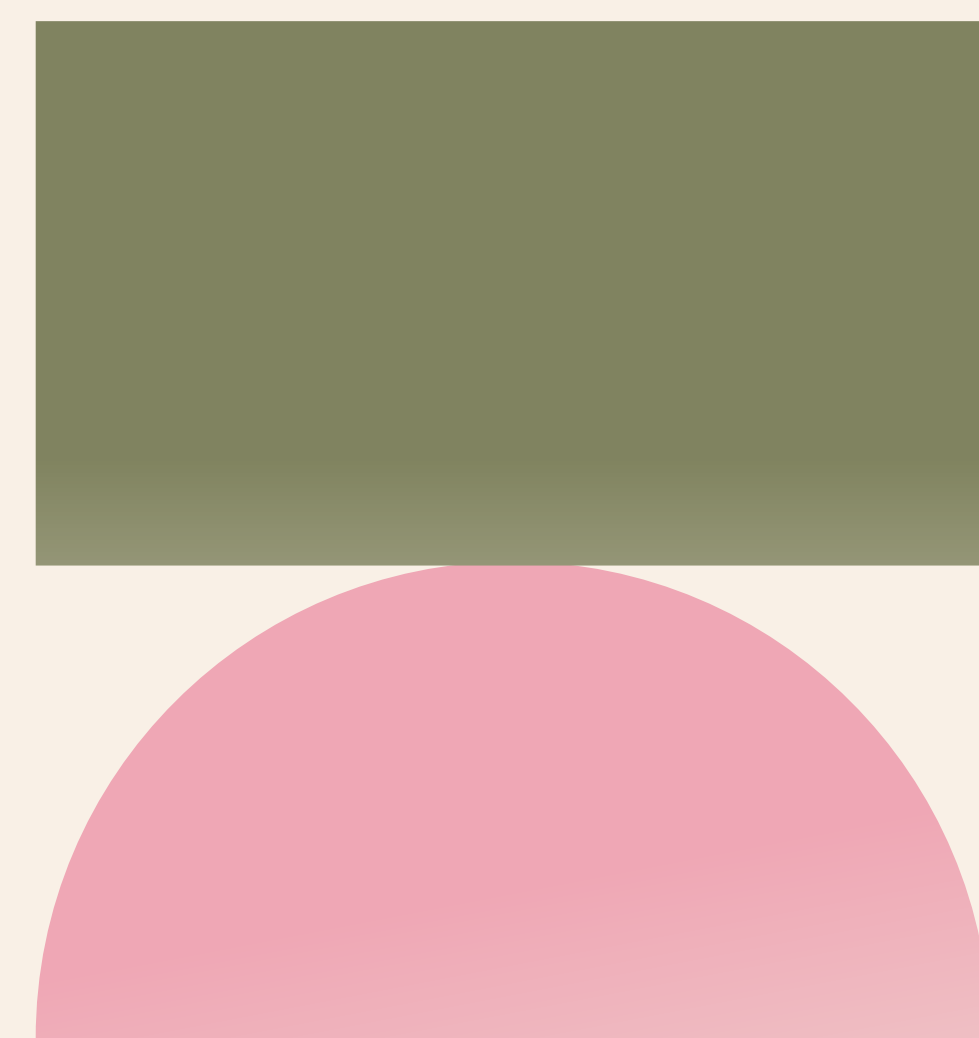


**The 4th Vidnova Forum is a smaller, in-depth gathering designed to create space for meaningful exchange, collective thinking, and concrete solutions as a prequel to Cafe Kyiv.**

With around 60 participants, the forum invites committed individuals and organizations to actively engage in shaping responses to today's European challenges.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Thoughtful inputs and impulse talks
- Deep, moderated conversations
- Collaborative, solution-oriented formats
- Space for connection, reflection, and co-creation

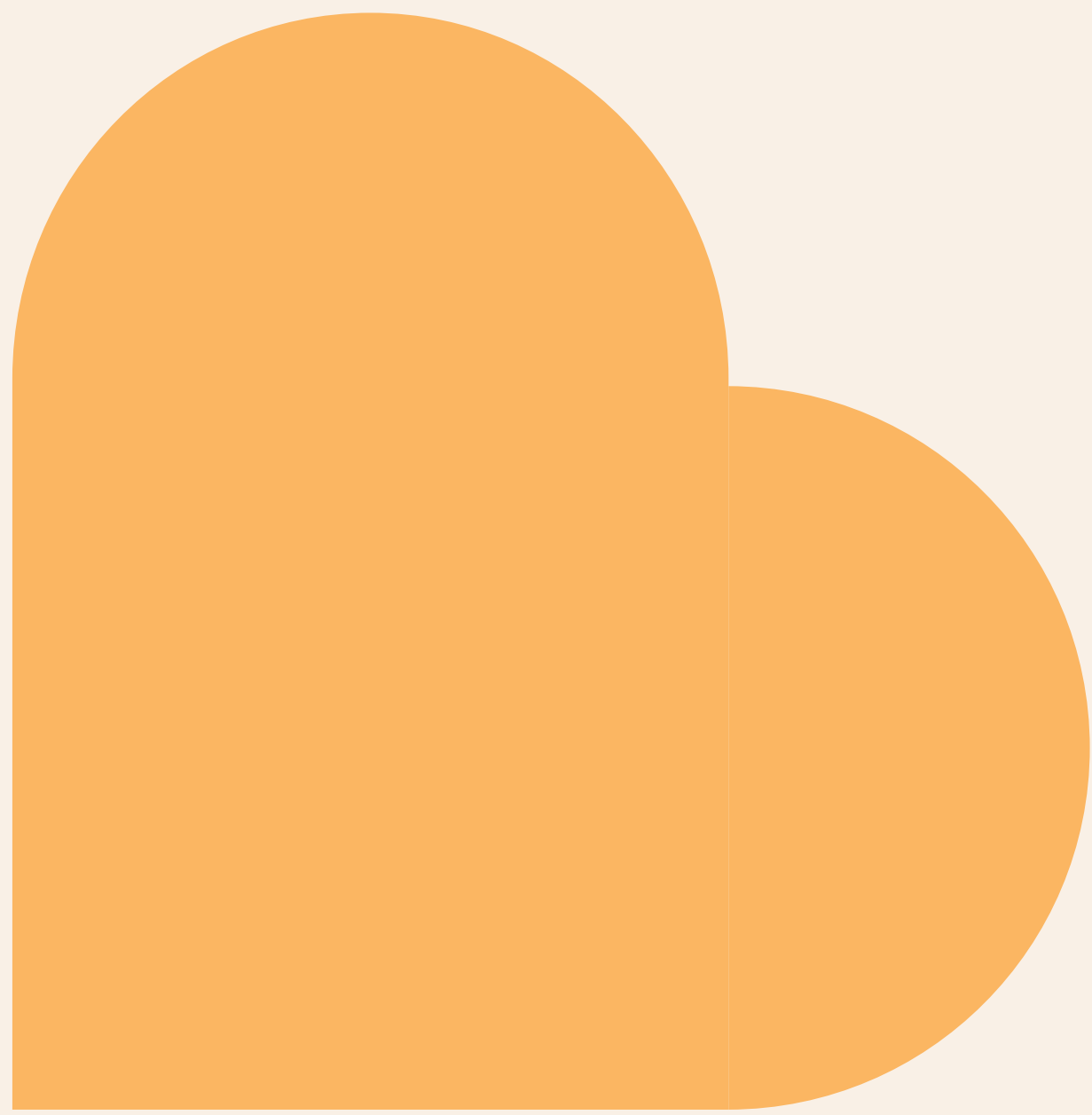
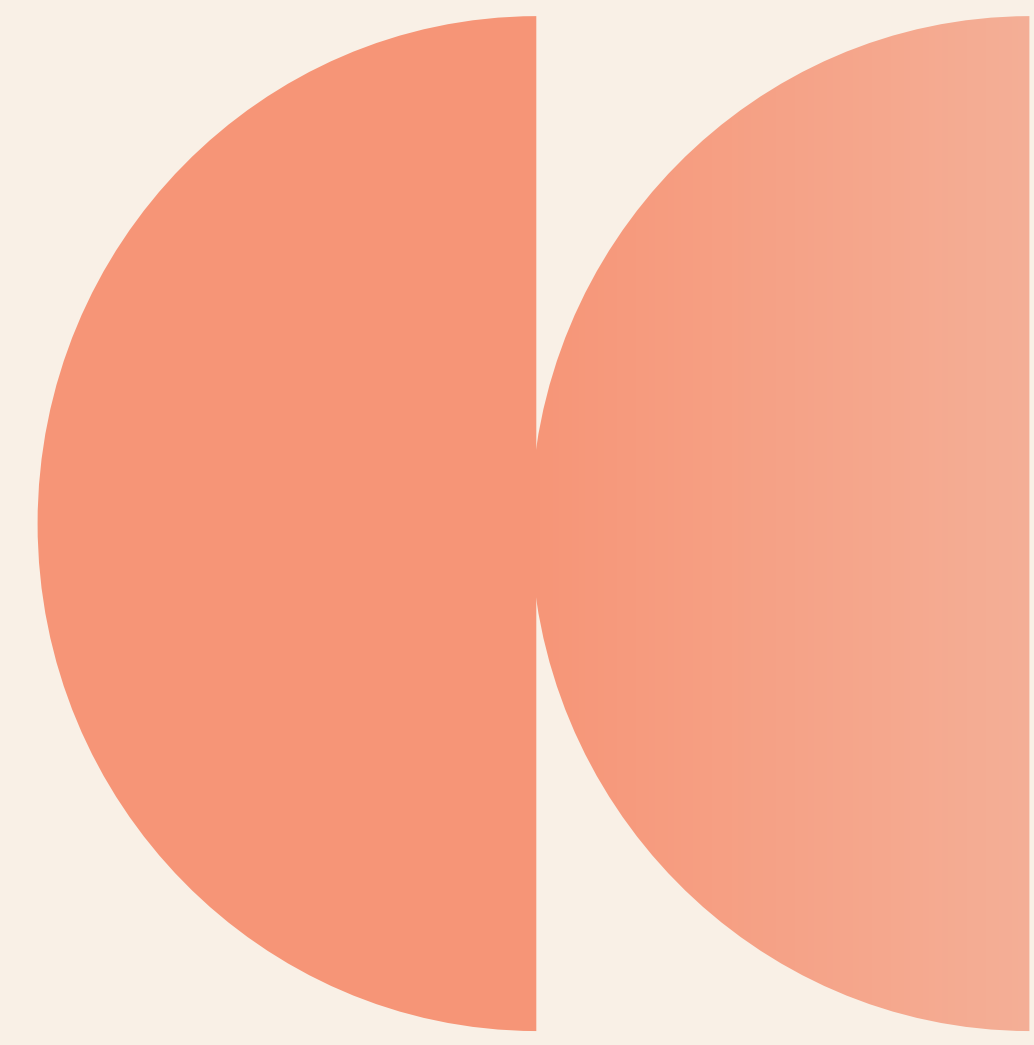


## FOCUS AREAS

- Local action: How communities can contribute to Ukraine on the ground
- Migration and engagement: Participation, inclusion, and shared responsibility of Global Ukrainian Community
- Communication: Narratives and common goals

## OUR GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can we engage, act, and communicate more effectively for Ukraine?
- What does shared responsibility between Ukraine and other European countries look like in 2026?
- How do we strengthen unity and democratic resilience through participation?

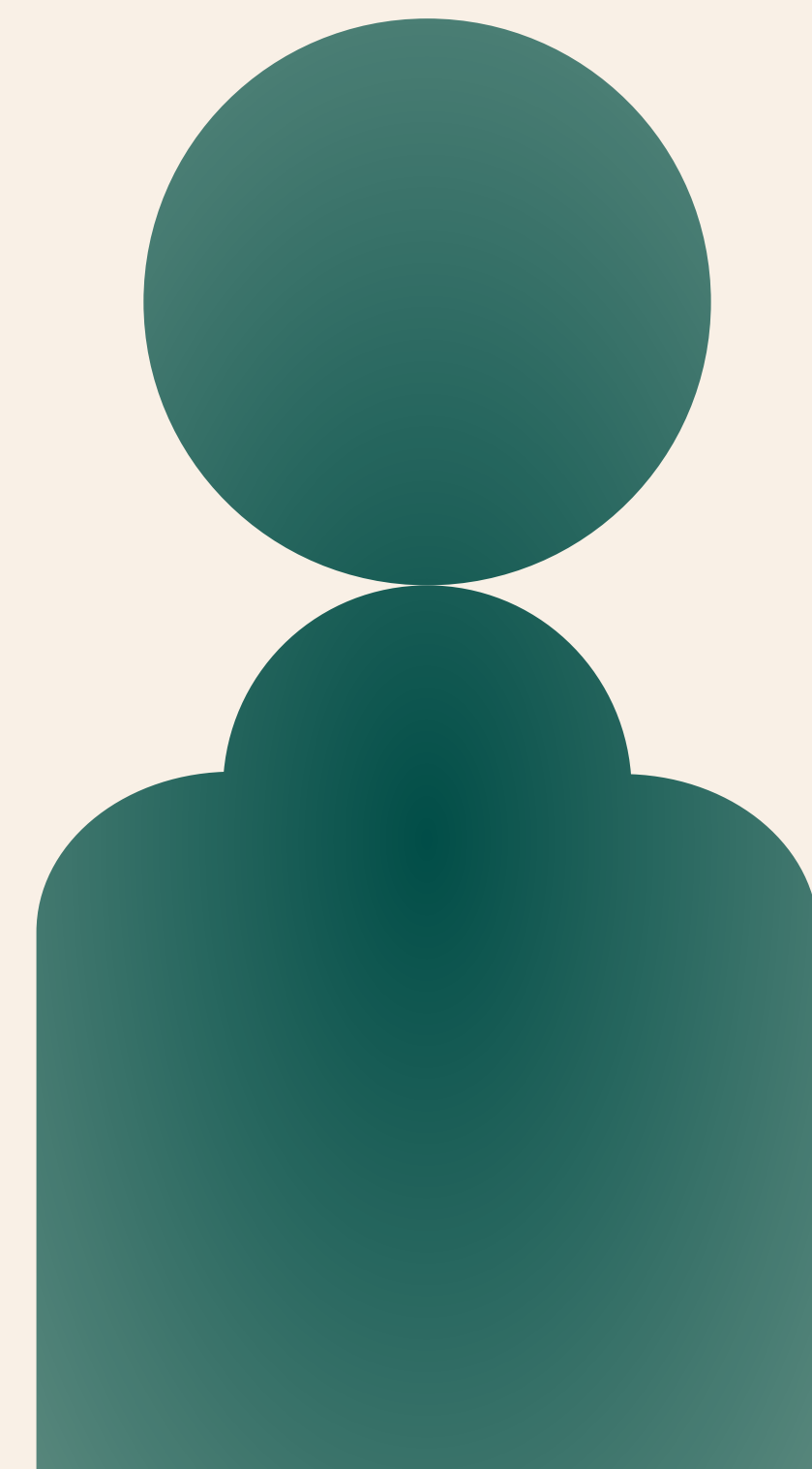


## WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Members of the Ukrainian diaspora and global Ukrainian community
- Civil society actors, activists, and community organizers
- Researchers, cultural workers, and communicators
- Allies committed to supporting Ukraine and a democratic Europe

## WHY PARTICIPATE

- Be part of a solution-oriented exchange
- Contribute your experience, ideas, and perspective
- Help shape collective actions for Ukraine and beyond
- Connect with others committed to rebuilding and resilience



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## OUR PROGRAM

*This event offers time to network, gain inspiration, and leave with new connections, perspectives, and motivation for the Cafe Kyiv days ahead.*



**Registration opens at 13:00**, followed by a **cozy networking lunch**, creating space for informal conversations and first encounters. The program starts at 13:30 and ends at 17:00, followed by a soft evening — an informal closing to continue conversations and connect at a relaxed pace.

<b>13:00</b>	<b>Registration and networking lunch</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Opening</b>
<b>13:45</b>	<b>Part I – Being active across countries</b>  Through inputs from established civil society actors and emerging initiatives, we explore what civic engagement looks like in different European contexts. How does engagement differ across countries? What approaches work in specific settings? What can we learn from one another? We invite you to identify key messages and insights to take back to your own communities.
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>Part II – Deepening the conversation</b>  In smaller, facilitated settings, we move into deeper exchange, sharing personal experiences, challenges, and practices from our work across borders.
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Part III – Reflection</b>  The day concludes with a collective reflection, bringing together learnings, questions, and impulses for future action.
<b>16:50</b>	<b>Part III – Closing</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Informal evening</b>

## ORGANISERS AND SUPPORT

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