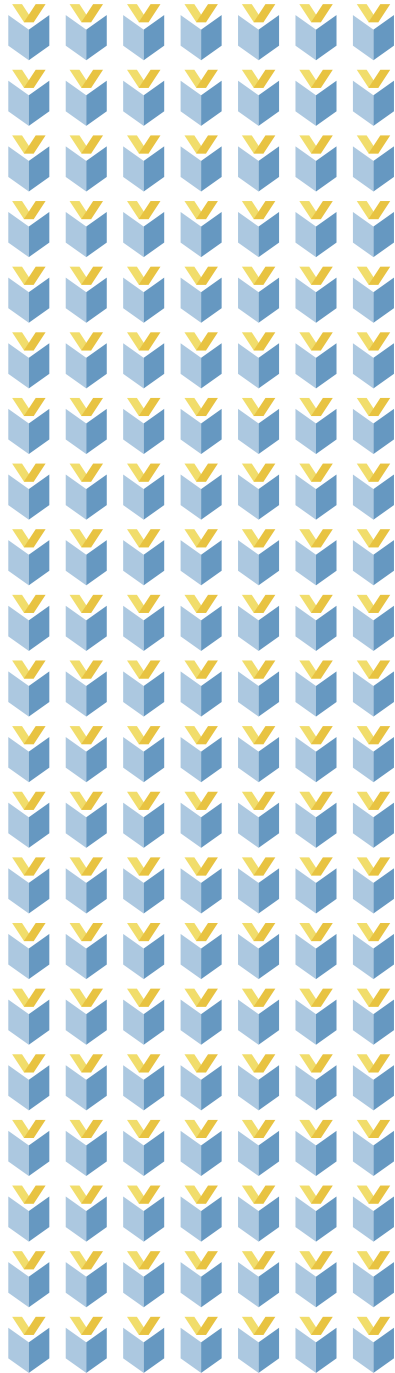




Literacy for
Democracy

International
Conference

Warsaw – Kyiv
May 25th 2023



Reading books has proven to be the most **effective tool to nurture social capital and inclusion**, as well as to foster and raise scientists, entrepreneurs and inventors. Research in pediatrics, psychology, social sciences, neuroscience and education show that reading trains the human brain to think critically, understand complex meanings and accumulate data, while promoting empathy and teamwork. These are all crucial **competencies of the future** as they are now widely defined.

We believe **strengthening literacy** (boosting the percentage of kids and adults who read daily) in Ukraine starting today is the **best possible way** to help raise conscious, intelligent and active citizens and **leaders for a better tomorrow of Ukraine, Europe and the world.**

For a reading, open minded, critically thinking, democratic and strong Ukraine! **Slava Ukraini!**

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12:30	Welcome coffee & snacks
13:15	Opening of the Conference
13:30–13:45	Official opening speeches
13:45–13:45	Oleksandr Tkaczenko <i>Strategic perspective</i>
13:55–14:05	Tomasz Makowski <i>Historia vitae magistra – let us learn from history!</i>
14:05–14:20	Oleksandra Koval <i>The strategy is defined. We need to make it happen</i>
14:20–14:35	Fiona Evans <i>Working with leaders strengthens the impact</i>
14:40–15:00	Questions and comments
15:00–16:00	Tea & snack break
16:00–16:10	Letter from Margaritis Schinas , Vice-President of the European Commission
16:10–16:15	Dr Joerg Maas <i>The right to read is an indispensable right in modern democracies</i>
16:15–16:45	Prof. Barry Zuckerman <i>Pediatric perspective: Reading is the best tool to develop children's brains</i>
16:45–17:00	Cassie Chadderton <i>Together for an inclusive and fun reading experience</i>
17:00–17:10	Anna Novosad <i>How to save education and literacy in Ukraine</i>
17:10–17:40	Prof. Maryanne Wolf <i>Neuroscience perspective: From reading for pleasure to deep reading and democracy strength</i>
17:40–18:00	Questions and comments
18:30–22:00	Warsaw Book Fair opening evening and networking banquet

The Conference will take place simultaneously

- in Warsaw (Auditorium „Kiyv” in the Palace of Culture, plac Defilad 1)
- in Kiyv (Ukrinform, Bohdana Khmel’nyts’koho St, 8/16)

The Conference will be available live (upon individual invitation) and in streaming (open for access) in three languages: Ukrainian, Polish, English.