

The BEARR Trust Annual Conference
14 November 2025

Panel Member Information	
Panel member name	Sergey Babin
Organisation name	Public Union ‘International Bridge’
Organisation location	Kharkiv, Ukraine
Organisation start date	28 February 2017
Organisation size (no. of staff and volunteers)	32
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	Children and adolescents, youth, parents and guardians, people in difficult life circumstances, medical institutions

Activity	
What kind of therapeutic support does your organization provide to: a) beneficiaries? b) employees and volunteers?	a. Providing psychological support: to people who find themselves in a crisis situation and need psychological help; and through group art therapy for children experiencing the psychological and emotional consequences of war. b. To enhance safety and psychological resilience and improve the quality and safety of their work we conduct training events to increase personal effectiveness and safety, and the ability to resolve conflict situations.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities, either in your region or in other areas of your country?	Yes, with Kharkiv City Council and many local organisations including CSO ‘Unity and Assistance’; Kharkiv Regional Aeronautics Federation; Centre for Gender Culture; ‘Green-Landia’; Association of Private Employers; Kharkiv Regional Library for Children and Youth; Crown Agents Ukraine; CSOs ‘Zlatograd’ and ‘Santis’ in Zaporizhzhia.
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	The BEARR Trust: 4,333.78 EUR and £3,002.05 GBP; and £91,411.20 GBP from the Children’s Resilience Fund for Providing Capacity Building and Funding to Ukrainian Civil Society Organisations in Ukraine, implemented by Crown Agents Ukraine and Integrity Action for a project ‘Educational Space Mriya’ (‘Dream’).

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Panel member information	
Panel member name	Lana Chkadua
Organisation name	Women Fund for Development
Organisation location	Gal/i, Abkhazia
Organisation start date	2001
Organisation size (no. of staff and volunteers)	7 staff members and 5 volunteers
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	Women and girls, youth, older people

Activity	
What kind of therapeutic support does your organization provide to: a) beneficiaries? b) employees and volunteers?	a) capacity building training on leadership, networking, public speaking, self-presentation, personal development, human rights, GBV, gender and women's rights, etc . We also work on women's economic empowerment through financial management and business skills and offer women small grants to run start-ups. We also have a crisis centre for survivors of domestic violence providing free services of lawyer, psychologist and social worker. b) we organise retreats for staff members and also work on building their skills. We pay attention to cyber security and provide staff with safe communication channels.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities, either in your region or in other areas of your country?	Yes, with local CSOs in Abkhazia (jointly implementing projects or offering consultancy services). Also with government agencies like the Committee for Youth and the Education Department.
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	From UN Women, UNDP, UNHCR, Kvinna till Kvinna, Conciliation Resources.

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Panel member information	
Panel member name	Leonora Meriel
Organisation name	Restart Foundation
Organisation location	Registered & managed in London, UK – running programmes in Ukraine
Organisation start date	July 2023
Organisation size (no. of staff and volunteers)	10 staff, 2 volunteers
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	- Kindergartens in Ukraine (the children – parents – staff of the kindergartens) - Mental health professionals in Ukraine - Veterans in Ukraine (in development)

Activity	
What kind of therapeutic support does your organization provide to: a) beneficiaries? b) employees and volunteers?	a) - psychology programmes in kindergartens - to deliver a "safe space" circle of psychological support to young children, by working with the children, parents and teachers to instruct them in how to protect children from long-term trauma in war conditions. - Support, training and programmes for mental health workers in Ukraine, to enable them to develop professionally and stay in the industry - psychology programmes for veterans (in development) b) Support to staff and volunteers in Ukraine: - We provide professional support and supervision as well as training and job opportunities.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities,	National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Kyiv, Ukraine); Bogomolets National Medical University (Kyiv, Ukraine)
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	90% grants; 10% individual donations

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Panel member information	
Panel member name	Medea Khmelidze
Organisation name	Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS (EWNA)
Organisation location	Tbilisi, Georgia
Organisation start date	05 May 2015
Organisation size (no. of staff and volunteers)	5
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	Women living and affected by HIV, women who use drugs and their families

Activity	
What type of support does your organisation provide: a) to beneficiaries? b) to staff and volunteers?	a) empowering women living with HIV and other vulnerable groups in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. We provide information, capacity building, and advocacy tools that help beneficiaries know and claim their rights, access quality healthcare, and fight stigma and discrimination. Through peer support and leadership development, we strengthen women's voices at local, national, and international levels, ensuring that their experiences shape policies and programs. EWNA also creates safe platforms for women to exchange knowledge, receive psychosocial support, and jointly advocate for gender equality, health, and human rights. b) professional development opportunities, including training, mentorship, and participation in international forums. Staff and volunteers benefit from a collaborative, inclusive environment that promotes self-care, wellbeing, and resilience. We also foster a culture of trust and shared responsibility.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities, either in your region or in other areas of your country? If yes, which?	We work with other regional organizations. We are in a consortium with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, the Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity, and the Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network.
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	HIV Justice Network and UNAIDS provide core support. Deutsche Aidshilfe and the BEARR Trust Fund support initiatives aimed at increasing access to cancer screening for women living with HIV in the project's target countries across the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.

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Panel member information	
Panel member name	Nataliia Muzyka
Organisation name	Association of Mothers and Wives of Ukraine's Defenders
Organisation location	9 branches in Ukraine's regions and head office in Kyiv
Organisation start date	20 October 2014
Organisation size (no. of staff and volunteers)	3,000 members of the organisation, 14 employees
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	Families of fallen, missing defenders and veterans

Activity	
What kind of therapeutic support does your organization provide to: a) beneficiaries? b) employees and volunteers?	a) Psychological, legal and information support, support groups for women who have lost loved ones, help with trauma recovery and preventing social isolation. We also develop leadership skills and involve women in community life. b) Psychological support, training and experience-sharing for activists and members of regional branch teams.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities, either in your region or in other areas of your country? If yes, which?	With government institutions and civil society - e.g. Ministry of Veterans Affairs; Ministry of Defence; parliamentary committees ; regional and local administrations – 14 memoranda of cooperation signed; coordination councils and working groups established in 4 regions. Ukrainian Institute of National Memory (UINM) – joint work on developing principles of memorialisation.
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	USAID-funded Engage! Program implemented by Pact in Ukraine (supported the creation of the annual report; google.org AI Opportunity Fund (for programme teaching AI tools to veterans and supporting veterans' business projects); The BEARR Trust: projects to support the welfare of staff and volunteers, and organisational resilience.

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Panel member information	
Panel member name	Meerim Osmonalieva
Organisation name	Oasis Public Charitable Foundation
Organisation location	Kyrgyzstan
Organisation start date	25 March 2003
Organisation size	8 staff members and 10 volunteers and interns
Beneficiaries of the organisation's work	Victims of gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants; Former residents of orphanages and closed residential institutions for children left without parental care; Refugees, vulnerable migrant children and women, international students from South Asia. Social workers, social teachers, psychologists in educational institutions, crisis centres and civil society organisations.

Activity	
What kind of therapeutic support does your organization provide to: a) beneficiaries? b) employees and volunteers??	a) social protection for at-risk youth - access to formal and informal education, guaranteed state services, safe job opportunities, and enabling them to participate in democratic processes. Access to free legal aid services via pro-bono lawyers and human rights defenders. b)The system of work is based on continuous training of employees, volunteers and partner organizations. Also mental health support, professional and personal development.
Are you working with any other organisations or with local/regional authorities?	Oasis has signed memoranda of cooperation with relevant state agencies and ministries (Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Migration, Ministry of Education and Science, Ombudsman's Office, Children's Ombudswoman etc., and cooperates with the network of national crisis centers and CSOs across Kyrgyzstan in child protection and women support.
What funding have you received to support your work in the past year?	2024 Project Oasis Support Center for Victims of GBV and TIP supported by Swiss Embassy. Budget 50.000 CHF 30000 EUR per year from Kairesh Foundation 2024 from BEARR Trust 4000 GBP 15,600 EUR from CED program of Swiss Embassy