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# Advancing Success Towards SDG2 (Zero Hunger) Through Science & Technology

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#### **Established in 2008**

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Agriculture is a key sector to achieve Zero Hunger goal and is very important part of Ukraine's economy

BRIDGES serves as an advisory center for agribusiness and government



#### Main drivers of food insecurity:

-combination of changing natural environment

-unsound economic policies



BRIDGES has been playing an important role in developing Ukrainian agricultural sector - as well as in mitigation of the factors that drive food insecurity - through a number of activities



# EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR US EXPERTS TO UKRAINE

# AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SUPPORT FOR HUNDREDS OF FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES





# ONE OF BRIDGES AMERICAN EXPERTS WORKING IN UKRAINE





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# MAJOR BARRIES TO MORE WIDESPREAD USE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TOOLS IN MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS SDG2:

- Lack of access to information and education;
- -Lack of access to capital



### TAILORED STUDY TOURS TO THE US FOR UKRAINIAN AGRIBUSINESS PROFESSIONALS



# HIGHLY TAILORED AGRIBUSINESS STUDY TOURS TO THE US







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#### **BRIDGES MODERN AGRONOMIST**

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR UKRAINIAN AGRONOMISTS & PRODUCT MANAGERS



#### EXAMPLE: BRIDGES MODERN AGRONOMIST PROGRAM:

Instructors from top US agricultural Universities teaching Ukrainian farmers and ag businesses people





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# US – UKRAINE TRADE FACILITATION



#### TRADE FACILITATION: TRADE EVENTS



#### Example:

#### USDA Agribusiness Trade Mission to Ukraine







# TRADE FACILITATION: WORK WITH US GOVERNMENT





**United States Department of Agriculture** 

Foreign Agricultural Service















# IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION & REGULATION POLICIES THROUGH WORK WITH UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT & MINISTRIES



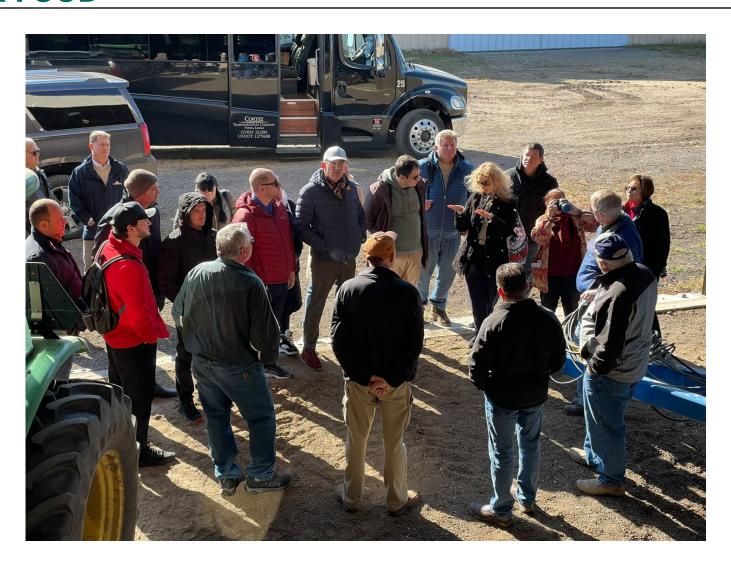
## ADVISORY SUPPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF UKRAINE AND MINISTRY OF AGRARIAN POLICY & FOOD

# Example: Helping Ukrainian government learn US regulatory experience





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# SOME ACTIVITIES AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2022...



#### SOME OF BRIDGES ACTIVITIES AFTER BEGINNING OF WAR



# MEETING OF BRIDGES MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF UKRAINIAN AGRIBUSINESS WITH THE US SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MR. THOMAS J. VILSACK



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#### **BRIDGES - GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

RUSSIA'S WAR, THE WORLD'S FOOD: THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES OF UKRAINIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN THE MIDST'S OF WAR



#### Environmental & Energy Management

School of Engineering & Applied Science The George Washington University

#### EEMI Conducts Wartime Symposium with Sixteen Ukrainian Delegates



January 01, 2023

On September 2, 2022, EEMI conducted a symposium on "Russia's War, the World's Food: The Successes and Challenges of Ukrainian Agricultural Producers in the Midst of War" in the Lehman Auditorium of the Science and Engineering hall.

The event was extraordinary in that it was conducted at the height Russia's invasion of Ukraine and yet featured the presence of 16 Ukrainian delegates fresh from the war. Remarkably, many of the delegates were from the Eastern side where most of the fighting was going on and continues to the date of this article. Interest in the event was reflected by the fact that more than 400 people attended the symposium despite it being held on a Friday afternoon before the 2022 Labor Day weekend.

The Ukrainian delegation was organized by **Dr. Lina Dotsenko**, CEO and co-founder of the Ukrainian organization <u>BRIDGES</u>, a Kyiv-based NGO that provides agricultural consulting and technical support to Ukrainian agricultural companies and policymakers in cooperation with leading US institutions. Vlad **Konovalchuk**, **Ph.D.**, Director of Research and Consulting at <u>BRIDGES</u>, was the principal planner and organizer of the event.





(left) Dr. Lina Dotsekno, (right) Dr. Vlad Konovalchuk

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#### Thank you!

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