

Safety Concept

Annual Conference of the German-Ukrainian Historical Commission, 28–30 September 2025, Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Due to the ongoing Russian aggression in Ukraine, the Governments of Canada, Germany, and Ukraine have issued travel advisories. The safety and well-being of all participants are our top priority. Please regularly check the official travel advisories for your country:

- Canada: travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories
- Germany: auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussepolitik/laenderinformationen
- Ukraine: mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/travel-advisories

Participants from Canada are also encouraged to use the “Registration of Canadians Abroad” service to stay informed of any updates.

We would like to highlight the following points:

1. Participant Preparation

Crisis Registration: Participants are encouraged to register with the relevant authorities of their country for safety updates:

- Canada: Government of Canada’s “Registration of Canadians Abroad” service: travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration
- Germany: German citizens can register with the ELEFAND system via the Federal Foreign Office: elefant.diplo.de
- Ukraine: Ukrainian citizens are encouraged to follow travel advisories and registration services via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/travel-advisories

Insurance: Ensure you have valid international travel health insurance.

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- Health: Follow basic hygiene measures (regular handwashing, ventilation, masks if symptomatic). Carry essential medications (e.g., painkillers, fever reducers).
- Travel Documents: Carry passport, visa, travel health insurance, and tickets (air/train) in both physical and electronic forms.

2. On-Site Safety Measures

- Shelters: Protective shelters are available in the conference venue and hotels. Use immediately in case of emergency.
- Air Alarm: In case of an air raid siren or an app alert, immediately stop all activities and proceed to the nearest designated shelter. The organizing team will provide clear instructions and guidance.

To stay informed in real time, participants can download the following official apps that provide alerts and updates in Ukraine:

“Повітряна тривога” (Air Alarm) – available for Android and iOS, sends notifications about air raid alerts across different regions of Ukraine.

“Air Alert Ukraine” – another popular app for iOS and Android with regional alert notifications.

Always follow the instructions provided by the app, sirens, and the organizing team, and do not leave shelters until authorities indicate it is safe.

- Evacuation: Evacuation routes are clearly marked; a responsible contact person from the organizing team will coordinate the group.

3. Health Protection (COVID-19 and General Hygiene)

Behavior in case of illness during the conference:

- Immediately inform the organizing team and local contact person.
- Avoid contact with other participants and stay in a separate room or hotel room.
- For mild symptoms, visit a nearby pharmacy (“Dobroho Dnya”, Ivana Bohuna St. 24, Chernivtsi, +380 800 500 129) or contact Oblast Clinical Hospital, Chernivtsi (Holovna St. 137, +380 372 55 44 67).
- The organizing team will assist with transportation to the medical facility or call medical help if needed.

- Follow the doctor's instructions and self-isolate until fully recovered.

4. Travel & Mobility

- After dark: Avoid traveling after nightfall if possible.
- Public spaces: While Chernivtsi is considered relatively safe, stay vigilant in crowds, at train stations, and at stops.
- Transport: Use only official taxis or organized transfers.

5. Communication & Availability

- Organizing team: 24/7 reachable: +49 155 60049278 (for urgent cases only)
- Consulate / Embassy Contact: For any consular assistance or emergencies during your stay, participants are advised to contact their country's diplomatic representation:

Canada: Embassy of Canada in Kyiv – kyiv.consular@international.gc.ca

Germany: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kyiv – info@kiew.diplo.de

6. Intercultural & Psychological Sensitivity

- Respect & Sensitivity: Remember you are in a country at war. Treat Ukrainian colleagues, students, and staff with respect.
- Psychological Support: Local psychologists can be arranged on request for participants in need of emotional support.

7. Technical Equipment & Infrastructure

- Internet & Power: Stable Wi-Fi, charging options, and backup power are available at the conference venue and hotels.
- Programs & Information: Printed conference programs will be provided in case digital channels are unavailable.

8. Practical Information

- Weather: Late September is variable (10–20 °C) → bring weatherproof clothing, rain protection, and outdoor shoes.
- Cash & Valuables: Avoid carrying large sums of cash; store valuables securely.

- Emergency Supplies: Bring a power bank and small travel medical kit as power outages are possible.

9. Emergency Contacts

- Police: 102
- Fire / Ambulance: 101 / 103
- Hotel: Georg Palace, st. I.Bohuna 24, Tel. +38 (0372) 57-61-16 / +38 (097) 97-34-888
<https://georg-hotels.com/en/georg-palace>
- Taxi: Uber, Bolt, Shark Taxi (Android/iOS apps)
- Organizing Team: +49 155 60049278

10. Chernivtsi

Chernivtsi is the historical center of Bukovina, often called the “Little Vienna” due to its architecture and rich cultural heritage. The city reflects Austrian, Ukrainian, Romanian, and Jewish traditions.

Main attractions:

- Residence of the Bukovinian and Dalmatian Metropolitans (now Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, UNESCO World Heritage Site) – an architectural masterpiece of the 19th century.
- Central Square with the Town Hall – a classic example of Austrian architecture.
- Theater Square and O. Kobylanska Theater – modeled after theaters in Vienna.
- Olha Kobylianska Street (pedestrian zone) – cafés, bookstores, and historic buildings.
- Jewish Cemetery – one of the largest in Central and Eastern Europe.
- Religious buildings – including the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Armenian Church, and Orthodox cathedrals.

For guests:

For our guests visiting Ukraine who would like to explore the city, we recommend the official Chernivtsi tourist portal. It provides information about major sights, museums, churches, restaurants, and cultural events: <https://travel.chernivtsi.ua>

Safety reminder:

Even while visiting beautiful locations, always remember potential risks and follow safety rules. If you plan to visit attractions or public areas, make sure to check the locations of the nearest bomb shelters and safe spaces. Following these guidelines will help ensure your safety while in Ukraine.

11. Closing Remark

The German-Ukrainian Historical Commission and the organizing team sincerely thank you for your trust and participation under challenging circumstances. We do everything to ensure your safety during the conference and are happy to answer any questions.

The Organizing Team