

# CAS Rebuild Ukraine

The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Rebuild Ukraine was launched at the Bern University of Applied Sciences with the support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and in collaboration with other Swiss universities.

It is practically oriented advanced training program tailored for Ukrainian refugees, as well as Ukrainians who have been residing in Switzerland before the war, as well as for individuals affiliated with aid organizations that are eager to participate actively in the reconstruction of Ukraine.

In the 2024–2026 **scale-up phase**, CAS Rebuild Ukraine will establish an online training course and a similar program in Ukraine.

CAS Rebuild Ukraine aims to prepare «leaders of change» for post-war Ukraine, focusing on «building back better» principles endorsed during the Lugano Recovery Conference (2022) and ensuring that participants acquire knowledge on sustainable and resilient reconstruction practices. Involving **30+ partners from diverse sectors, including business, science, research, and the public**, the CAS Rebuild Ukraine program has accumulated comprehensive expertise, providing a robust curriculum that addresses the multifaceted challenges of post-war reconstruction. Participants learn about sustainable and circular construction, reconstruction

approaches, principles of circular economy, methods, tools, and software for assessing damage to houses and infrastructure, best practices for reusing war debris, approaches to build smart cities and villages, including with wood as a sustainable material. Nature recovery, energy efficiency, and energy resilience are also key topics in CAS.

The unique approach of the CAS is that **participants co-designing real rebuilding projects for Ukraine** with the support of Swiss companies and universities and in collaboration with Ukrainian stakeholders. Currently, there are **15 projects being prepared**.

CAS attracts **highly educated professionals**, leading to building **strong network of Ukrainians to support recovery of Ukraine**.

CAS Rebuild Ukraine has evolved into a **platform where Swiss and Ukrainian stakeholders come together to co-design real projects for post-war reconstruction**.



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