REPIC Annual Event

26th of November 2026 | Eventforum Bern

9.00 a.m. - 04.00 p.m.

Partnerships for Innovation and Reconstruction

REPIC Updates & Projects

SESSION 1

Hosting Valentin Messmer-Kratzer
REPIC Steering Group, SDC

09.00 a.m. **Arrival, registration & welcome coffee**

09.30 a.m. **Welcome**
To be defined

REPIC Outlook
Daniel Bruderer, REPIC Steering Group, SECO

REPIC New Procedure
Anita Fasel, REPIC Coordinator
Dimitri Lenzin, REPIC Deputy Coordinator

Innovative Approaches to Financing SME's in Developing Countries
Patrick Elmer
Founder & CEO iGravity
Co-Manager The SECO Startup Fund (SSF)

10.30 a.m. - 10.55 a.m. **Break**

REPIC Projects & Impacts for SME's

SESSION 2

Hosting Anita Fasel
REPIC Coordinator

11.00 a.m. **The Vocational Apprenticeship Programme «Solateur – Photovoltaic and Electronics Installer» in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Džemila Agić
Direktorica, Centar za ekologiju i energiju CEE

From a Pilot Project to a Commercial Business
Joël Jeanloz
CEO Watalux Ltd & Subasol

Industrial Biochar Production and Commercialisation in Tanzania
Martin von Siebenthal
Cofounder, UX Strategist & Designer, Maji UX Studio

Questions & Answers

Lunch | Marketplace

SESSION 3
Networking

Between 12.15 p.m. and 02.00 p.m. in the basement

12.15 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. **Ukraine Corner**

SME's Corner

Round Table
REPIC's Involvement in Ukraine

SESSION 4

Hosting Pietro Lazzeri

Head of the Economic Cooperation and Development, Delegate of the Swiss Government for Trade Agreements SECO, Ambassador

02.00 p.m. **Welcome Adress and Introduction to the Session**
Pietro Lazzeri

Welcome
Iryna Venediktova
Ambassador, Embassy of Ukraine in the Swiss Confederation

Part I
Key Players in Swiss-Ukrainian Partnerships
An interactive discussion with Swiss and Swiss-Ukrainian organisations on how to strengthen cooperation, identify project opportunities and support Swiss companies interested in Ukraine.

Moderation by Pietro Lazzeri and Priska Depnering (lore ipsum)

Participants

Xavier Cornu	Consultant Europe + CIS, Switzerland Global Enterprise
Iaroslava Savastieieva	Deputy Director Operations, European Business Association
Kees Christiaanse	Founder Swiss Network with Ukraine
Enrique Zbidnev	Head of the Swiss SME Division Ukrainian - Swiss Business Association

Part II
From Project Idea to REPIC Contract
A real-world case study presented by a Swiss company, illustrating the application process for REPIC Ukraine, the key findings and recommendations for future applicants.

From Concept to Contract: emost's Path to Clean Energy Deployment in Ukraine
Donald Monson — CEO emost

Questions & Answers regarding the plenary session

04.00 p.m. **A joint wrap-up with drinks and a chance to chat**

Information | Contact

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Location

Eventforum Bern
Fabrikstrasse 12
3012 Bern

Registration

Via Online Form

Participation is free of charge, but registration is compulsory and binding. To ensure efficient planning and the responsible management of the associated organisational costs, we ask that you cancel in good time if you are unable to attend, or nominate a suitable substitute.

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