

Migrant
(Мігрант/ка)

Refugee
(Біжинець/ка)

Expatriate
(Експат)

Diaspora
(Діаспора)

Temporary displaced person
(Тимчасово переміщена особа)

Foreigner
(Іноземець/ка)

Ukrainian living abroad
(Українець/ка за кордоном)



“Our main strength is our people,
who have proved they are smart,
talented, modern, smart-witted and
brave.

Only our people and [your]
investments can rebuild a resilient
economy.”

Volodymyr Zelenskiy at Davos, 2024





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UKRAINIANS IN LITHUANIA: WAY FORWARD

Ukreate Hub was initiated in October 2022 by Open Lithuania Foundation to support displaced Ukrainians, of whom majority are women.

Within the last 2,5 years Ukreate Hub has built a community of more than 350 active Ukrainians and has developed programmes that equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, network and other tools to unleash their potential for the future of sovereign democratic Ukraine, and Europe.



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We believe in the power of civil society and seek to strengthen resilience and build sustainable civic engagement of Ukrainian people to empower them to be agents of change wherever they are.







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Implemented
activities

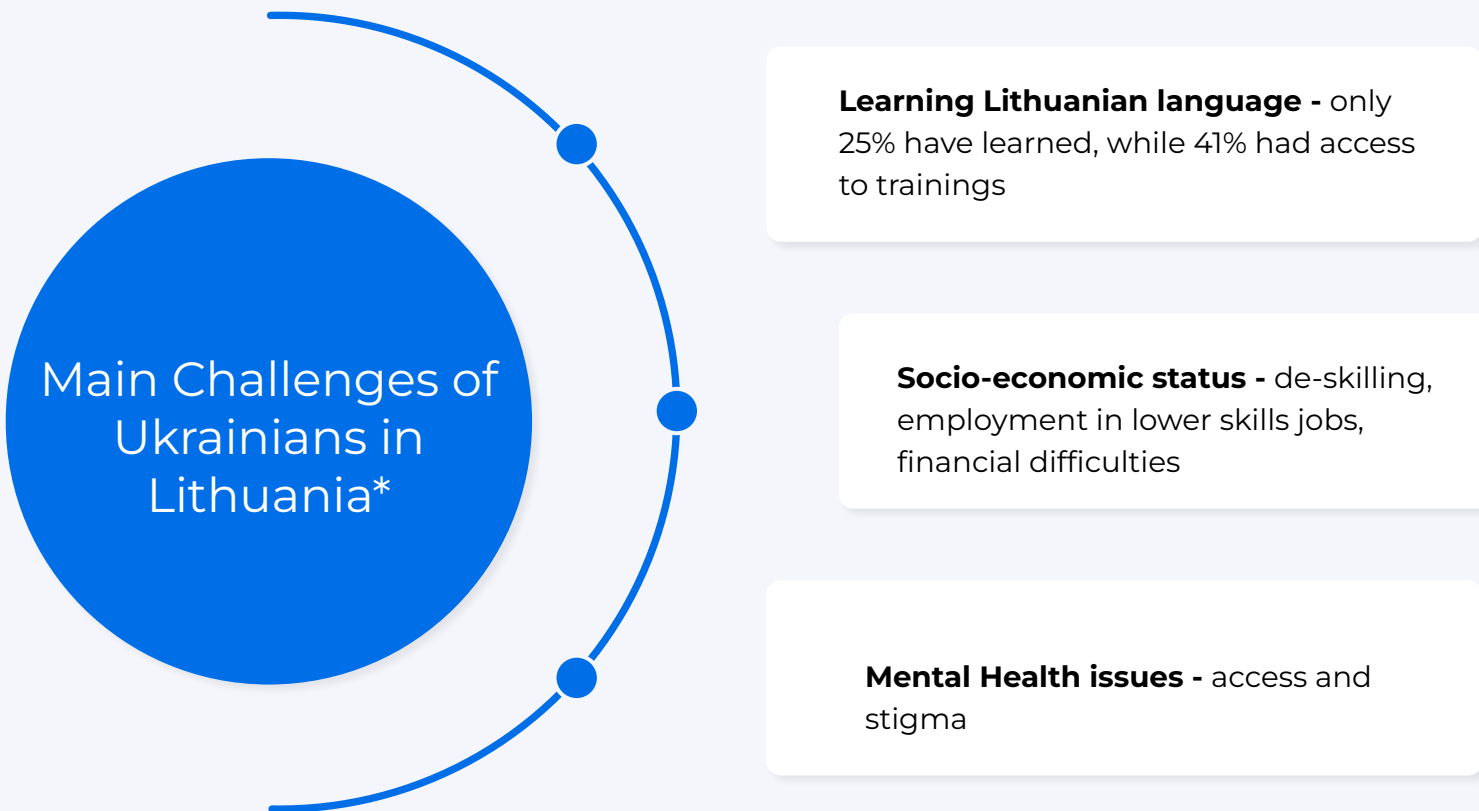
Laboratory of Ideas – small grants
programme for social projects (19
grantees, reach – 30 000+ people)

Sustaining **active
community** through
events & meetings,
trainings

Veterans reintegration
project in Zaporizhzhia

**Ukrainian diaspora
consolidation** – 21
organisations across
Baltic-Nordic

Entrepreneurship training
programme for women
(50 business ideas developed)



Main Challenges of Ukrainians in Lithuania*

Learning Lithuanian language - only 25% have learned, while 41% had access to trainings

Socio-economic status - de-skilling, employment in lower skills jobs, financial difficulties

Mental Health issues - access and stigma

* Based on 2024 UNHCR socio-economic insights [survey](#)

Some Reflections on way forward - addressing immediate needs:

- ✓ Accessibility to quality Lithuanian language learning services
- ✓ De-stigmatisation of mental health issues and access to mental health services
- ✓ Continuing to highlight positive / success stories from Ukrainian community
- ✓ Empowering and enabling Ukrainian community and its leaders to offer and implement solutions to identified issues
- ✓ Strengthening capacity and resilience of organisations and communities (Ukr & Other)



Some reflections on way forward questions with no answers?

- ✓ The tension between integration and temporariness.
- ✓ How can we preserve human and social capital of displaced Ukrainians?
- ✓ How can Ukrainians abroad participate in reconstruction process and other democratic processes in Ukraine?
- ✓ What happens to Ukrainians in Lithuania after the war?..
- ✓ How Ukrainians will be going back to Ukraine?
- ✓ What will be the role of the forming 'diaspora' in relations to host society and its institutions, and to the motherland?





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THEMATIC FOCUS
FOR 2025-26

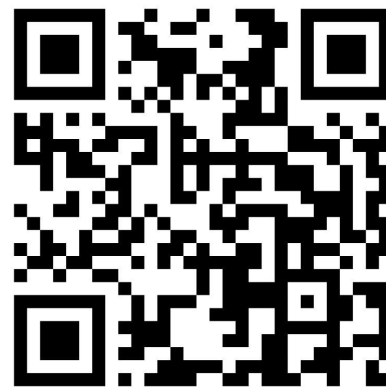
(Em)powering Ukrainian women
through strengthening their
professional capacities

(Re)constructing bridges between
communities for tackling pressing
social issues & needs

Ukraine's Euro-integration through
building capacities and resilience of
its people and communities



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LET'S INVEST IN UKRAINE'S
FUTURE - IT'S PEOPLE -
TOGETHER!

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