MitOst e.V. is a Berlin-based non-profit association fostering cultural exchange, active citizenship, social cohesion and sustainable urban and rural development – beyond cultural, sectoral or linguistic borders. We have more than 1500 members in 40 countries, many of whom are based in Germany, Russia, Ukraine and its neighbouring countries. Our 35 staff work from Berlin with local and regional partner organisations throughout Europe, North Africa and West-, Central and East Asia to implement various programmes and projects. These activities are financed by private foundations (e.g. Bosch Foundation, European Cultural Foundation, Stiftung Mercator) and governmental bodies (e.g. European Commission, German Federal Foreign Office). Our annual budget is around 5 Million Euro.
What are we doing in Ukraine?

MitOst has been active in Ukraine for over two decades and is part of a strong, decentralised network of independent initiatives, dedicated professionals and cross-sectoral stakeholders working in the fields of democratic and human rights, arts and culture, (non-formal) education, media etc. Currently there are over 80 organisations and 400 individuals active throughout this network. They include politicians, civil servants, activists, artists, educators, facilitators, journalists and business people.

Support MitOst’s international response!

MitOst is currently delivering support in two streams, directly and through our partners in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.

We continue to activate the international MitOst network to connect offers and needs related to hosting displaced Ukrainians across Europe and we have been supporting our community members around the globe in preparing humanitarian aid transports. We buy what is most requested by our partners in Ukraine – medical supplies, including emergency bandages, painkillers and first aid kits, technical equipment such as solar power banks and walkie-talkies, as well as protective equipment such as helmets and bulletproof vests for civilians who continue delivering emergency services in the war zone. Camping tools, including sleeping bags, tents and blankets along with dry foods are in demand too.
At the same time, we accelerate our efforts to deliver financial and material support to our partners in Ukraine, *Insha Osvita, proto produkciia* and *Asortymentna kimnata*, who are working on the ground to secure people and to provide evacuation and temporary accommodation services. We collaborate closely with partners and members in neighbouring countries – Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania and Lithuania to understand what the urgent needs of the hosting societies are and to donate to their response. We have already donated to emergency accommodation services provided by *Ecovisio* in Moldova and we are preparing more transfers as we speak!

**Contribute now to our Ukraine Solidarity Fund!**

Our donation campaign has so far collected over €300,000 to finance the above mentioned efforts. However, we need more. The needs are growing as more people flee the war zones and cross Ukrainian borders every day. Together with our partners we strive to continue delivering emergency accommodation, transportation and psychological support for refugees and on-site help for people trapped in unsafe areas. We also need to look into the future – the conflict and its implications on societies will affect us for a long time to come.

Donate now!