

Adam Bialachowski - Welcome address

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Dear colleagues, distinguished guests, and dear friends,

I am honored to join you today as the CEO of B-Act and as a member of the FIDIC Board. It is truly a privilege to address such a distinguished audience, and I bring with me warm regards and well wishes to Ukraine.

As a Polish citizen, I want to express my deep understanding and empathy for the challenges your nation is facing. Poland's own history is marked by struggles for independence, sovereignty, and peace. This shared history creates a profound connection between our countries and gives me a personal sense of solidarity with Ukraine during this incredibly difficult time.

The ongoing war has brought unimaginable challenges to your country, and yet, I am constantly inspired by the resilience, courage, and determination of the Ukrainian people. Regardless of the external pressures and political implications, my sincerest hope is that the future of Ukraine will always be decided by Ukrainians. It is my belief that only through the leadership and aspirations of the people of Ukraine can the nation achieve the peace and prosperity it so deeply deserves.

The Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild, in my opinion, is an example of such leadership in the engineering community. Uniting the efforts of Ukrainian engineers, introducing European approaches to the market of engineering consulting services under martial law is a significant challenge that the ICEG is coping with in a dignified way.

As a business, we at B-Act have always understood the historical importance of Ukrainian engineers and their remarkable achievements. Ukrainian engineers have played a pivotal role in shaping not only your nation's infrastructure but also significant international projects. For example, the Antonov aircraft—renowned for its ingenuity and capability—remains a symbol of engineering excellence on a global scale. Similarly, the construction of the Kyiv Metro, including its record-setting Arsenalna station, demonstrates the innovative spirit and problem-solving capacity of Ukrainian engineers. Additionally, Ukrainian expertise has contributed to advanced technologies in energy, including pioneering work in nuclear energy and hydroelectric power, such as the Dnipro Hydroelectric Station. These examples highlight the critical importance of Ukrainian engineers, who continue to play a key role in shaping infrastructure and technological progress.

From a professional perspective, my experiences working in Ukraine have always been positive. We/our team have/has had the privilege of collaborating with talented professionals and dedicated partners here. The spirit of innovation, professionalism, and hard work I have encountered in Ukraine continues to leave a lasting impression.

As a member of the FIDIC Board, I look forward to even greater opportunities for collaboration. I strongly believe in the importance of transparency and professionalism in contracts, especially in a time when rebuilding and development will play such a vital role in Ukraine's future. It is my hope that we can work together to uphold these principles, fostering an environment of trust, accountability, and fairness in all projects.

In closing, I want to thank you once again for inviting me to be a part of this important discussion. I am confident that Ukraine's strength, resilience, and spirit will shine through even the darkest of times, and I look forward to continuing to work together toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from all of you during this meeting.