

## Rebuild Ukraine green — free of ecological destruction and corruption

Public event  
**Monday 10th of June**

18:00-19:30

Alt-Moabit 96, 5th floor, 10559 Berlin  
(Transparency International)

While the devastating Russian invasion of Ukraine continues with a crucial need of reconstruction of the infrastructure, plans are being made to destroy one of the most pristine, biodiverse and beautiful mountain areas of Europe in the Ukrainian Carpathians.

The Svydovets massif and nearby mountain areas have been targeted to build one of the biggest ski resort in Europe, capable of receiving 58,000 people at one time, by politically connected Ukrainian oligarchs. Given the lack of transparency and the highly controversial track record of the people involved, there is a high risk of corruption in the approval process for the Svydovets ski resort.

This project is just the kind of development Ukraine does not need and would divert international aid from projects needed to rebuild a healthy, sustainable and corruption-free country.

The Free Svydovets Initiative Group is one of the most active ecological movements in Ukraine. For several years we have denounced the massive and often illegal deforestation in the Carpathian Mountains. Since 2018 the movement has exposed the role of certain oligarchs involved in some of Ukraine's worst corruption and financial fraud.

We welcome the Ukrainian and international decision-makers and donors who are gathering in Berlin on 11-12 June 2024. The future of Ukraine must be based on transparency and sustainability. Funding a destructive ski resort at Svydovets would be akin to war-profiteering, lining the pockets of monopolist.

President Zelensky and the Ukrainian authorities need to stop this highly damaging project, which sends all the wrong signals. International donors and investors must prevent their financial support from being abused for questionable oligarchs' interests. For Ukraine's successful accession to EU, Ukraine has to act accordingly to EU regulations, starting with cutting corruption and strengthening the rule of law as well as public participation.

### Speakers:

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