



PRESS RELEASE

## UN Global Compact Network France to financially support UN Global Compact Network Ukraine

Paris, June 20, 2022 – During its Board of Directors meeting on the 16th of June 2022, UN Global Compact Network France has decided to provide a €50,000 financial support to the Ukrainian Local Network. This donation will support the « Mental Help » project launched by our Ukrainian colleagues, which aims to provide a psychological assistance to those most affected by the war, through free consultations with professional psychologists.



*Businesses have a key role to play in the implementation of the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and of the SDGs, notably for the achievement of peace, justice, and strong institutions. Whilst we are particularly worried by this tragical conflict, right at the doors of Europe, and its disastrous humanitarian consequences, these values are severely endangered. In that sense, it is the responsibility of the French Local Network to support another Network from the Global Compact family, and to align on the French businesses' dynamic of support to Ukraine.*

**André Renaudin**, Board Chair



*Against the dramatical consequences of the conflict, it was critical to respond to the call of my Ukrainian counterpart, Tatiana Sakharuk, to bring our support to the Ukrainian Local Network. It is particularly important to demonstrate a strong solidarity between Global Compact Local Networks sharing common values. The French Local Network is also committed to assist directly Ukrainian businesses in need of individual support.*

**Nils Pedersen**, Executive Director

French companies participant to the UN Global Compact have shown a strong support to the Ukrainian population with various donations. Other opportunities also exist through the United Nations:

- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, which coordinates humanitarian response on the Ukrainian territory, has notably launched a [Flash Appeal the day after the invasion started](https://www.unocha.org/ukraine/flash-appeal). It was decided to extend this Flash Appeal until at least August 2022 and the need for financial support has been estimated at 2 billion of euros.
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, which coordinates assistance to persons that had to leave Ukraine and mainly for neighboring countries, such as Romania and Poland. The UNHCR estimates the number of refugees over 6,5M since the beginning of the war.

For more information on the Mental Help project: <https://globalcompact.org.ua/news/mental-help/>



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### **ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT**

As a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General, the United Nations Global Compact is a call to companies everywhere to align their operations and strategies with Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Our ambition is to accelerate and scale the global collective impact of business by upholding the Ten Principles and delivering the Sustainable Development Goals through accountable companies and ecosystems that enable change. With more than 15,000 companies and 3,000 non-business signatories based in over 160 countries, and 69 Local Networks, the UN Global Compact is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative — one Global Compact uniting business for a better world.

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### **ABOUT THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK FRANCE**

Launched in 2003 by the President of the French Republic and 33 business leaders, the UN Global Compact Network France is the official local network of the UN Global Compact. Chaired by André Renaudin, Chairman of La Mondiale, it now brings together more than 1,600 companies, 60% of which are SMEs, which ranks the network second in the world in terms of number of members. It is also the one with the most companies achieving the highest level of initiative reporting.

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