

EBU AND MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE AND UA:PBC

The following note provides a non-exhaustive summary of actions being coordinated by the EBU in support of our Ukrainian Member, UA:PBC, and initiatives by EBU Members to support UA:PBC and the Ukrainian people.

EBU COORDINATED ACTIONS:

- Internal taskforce set up by EBU Member Relations with Media, T&I and Eurovision Services to coordinate operational/technical support for UA:PBC and exchange information on content initiatives across TV / radio / music / news
- Daily contact maintained with UA:PBC technical/operational/news/international relations teams to coordinate requirements
- EBU T&I team coordinating delivery satellite IP connectivity solutions (Starlink terminals), satellite phones, studio / broadcast equipment
- EBU T&I team coordinating equipment donations from Members and industry partners (AM transmitters, uplinks, production, broadcasting, IT equipment, PPE...)
- EBU T&I and Euroradio collaborating on UA:PBC signal retransmission through mediumwave, shortwave and internet streams of EBU Members
- Eurovision Services providing SRT back-up IP connectivity to DTT headends in Ukraine
- EBU Member Relations coordinating contact with UA:PBC management and information-sharing between members via Member WhatsApp group
- News: EBU teams on the ground supporting Member reporting teams
- News: editorial Whatsapp group for Member journalists to share useful information/content
- News: Signal group for Members' journalists on the ground in Ukraine to share logistical and safety info
- Media Department distribution of Special Ukraine bulletin to TV, Radio and Young Audience communities to share member initiatives eg. special offers, charity concerts.
- EBU coordinating with EBU radio organizations on content proposals, concerts, editorial support

EBU RELEASES

- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/02/ebu-statement-on-russia-in-the-eurovision-song-contest-2022>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/statement-on-russian-members>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/ebu-members-come-together-to-support-ukrainian-public-service-media>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/message-of-hope-as-european-radio-stations-come-together-to-give-peace-a-chance>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/music/ode-to-peace>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/interview-with-head-of-ukrainian-public-broadcaster-mykola-chernotytskyi>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/the-challenge-of-broadcasting-trusted-news-on-the-invasion-of-ukraine>

- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/president-zelenskyy-speaks-exclusively-to-eurovision-news>
- <https://www.ebu.ch/news/2022/03/public-service-media-band-together-to-support-ukraine-through-music>

CAMPAIGNS:

- 3 March: Give Peace a Chance campaign: simultaneous airing at 08.45 CET by 150 radio stations
- 10 March: Ode to Peace Campaign: airing of Beethoven 9th Symphony by 57 public service radio stations

EBU MEMBERS

- EBU Members retransmitting UA:PBC or Ukrainian content into Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees:
 - ARD (Germany), BBC (UK), BNR (Bulgaria), Czech Radio, Czech TV, GPB (Georgia), LRT (Lithuania), Polish Radio, Radio Romania, TVP (Poland), TVR (Romania), RFI (France), RTBF (Belgium), RTV Slo (Slovenia), RTVS (Slovakia), SVT (Sweden)
- EBU Members/Associates using shortwave for reach into Ukraine / Russia:
 - BBC, NHK, ORF, Radio Romania, Vatican Radio, RFI, RTVE
- EBU Members organizing fund-raising benefits with NGOs or promoting fund-raising appeals:
 - ARD (Germany), BBC (UK), BNR/BNT (Bulgaria), Czech Radio, Czech TV, DR/TV2 (Denmark), ERR (Estonia), ERT (Greece), France TV, GPB (Georgia), HRT (Croatia), ITV (UK), LRT (Lithuania), NPO (Netherlands), NRK (Norway), ORF (Austria), S4C (UK), SVT (Sweden), TVP (Poland), VRT (Belgium), Radio France, RAI (Italy), RTE (Ireland), RTVE (Spain), YLE (Finland), SSR SRG (Switzerland), ZDF (Germany)...

Ukraine:

UA:PBC

UA:PBC news in English available on website, telegram channel and Twitter feed

UA: PERSHYI (UA: FIRST) channel made available free-to-air

UA:PBC Ukrainian Radio allowing retransmission of its signal on third party radio networks

Austria

ORF

March 1: ORF expands radio news information offer to the Ukraine via shortwave :

https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20220301_OT0171/orf-radio-journale-via-kurzwelle

February 24, March 10, 19, 20: ORF Neighbours in Need and We Stand with Ukraine fund-raising initiatives for humanitarian aid raise 20 million euros:

https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20220318_OT0108/orf-iii-am-wochenende-

[erlebnis-buehne-live-zeigt-stimmen-fuer-den-frieden-das-benefizkonzert-fuer-nachbar-in-not](#)

Belgium

RTBF/VRT

March 3: VRT and the RTBF broadcasting tower in Brussels turns blue-yellow in a show of solidarity with the Ukrainian population:

<https://www.vrt.be/en/over-de-vrt/news/2022/03/04/flemish-public-broadcaster-vrt-shows-solidarity-with-the-people/>

March 3: Flemish media (VRT, commercial broadcasters VTM and SBS) launch fund-raising campaign for Ukraine through the Consortium 12-12 (Belgian cooperation of NGOs including the Red Cross, Caritas, Oxfam, Unicef...):

<https://www.handicapinternational.be/nl/nieuws/oproep-oekraine-12-12-na-5-dagen-al-3-3-miljoen-euro>

March 10: RTBF instigates a Music Chain for Ukraine initiative, offering professional and financial support to musicians who have left Ukraine and fund-raising:

<https://www.rtbef.be/article/music-chain-for-ukraine-creation-d-une-structure-daccueil-destinee-aux-musiciens-ukrainiens-refugies-en-belgique-10951733>

March 17: VRT, DPG Media, SBS and Mediahuis fund-raising programming for 15 hours across radio channels and a primetime TV programme raises 17.7 million euros for Ukraine.

<https://www.vrt.be/nl/over-de-vrt/nieuws/2022/03/10/oekraine-12-12-op-17-maart-slaan-vrt-dpg-media-sbs-en-mediahu/>

March 21: RTBF launches RTBF UKRAINE web radio station for Ukrainian refugees in Belgium, playing 100% of content in Ukrainian:

<https://www.rtbef.be/article/rtbf-ukraine-ukraina-un-espace-radio-et-digital-destine-aux-ukrainiens-arrive-en-belgique-10959399>

Bulgaria

BNR

February 28: BNR starts streaming Ukrainian Radio through [Binar platform](#)

March 28: BNR and BNT collaborate with the National Theatre on a fund-raising concert "Together for Ukraine" featuring Ukrainian artists, broadcast on BNR and BNT channels and streamed on social media:

<https://bnr.bg/en/post/101619847/public-media-in-bulgaria-organise-a-charity-concert-to-aid-the-people-of-ukraine>

<https://bntnews.bg/news/zaedno-za-ukraina-bnt-bnr-i-naroden-teatar-ivan-vazov-v-podkrepa-na-postradalite-ot-voinata-1189461news.html>;

Croatia

HRT

HRT4 channel dedicated to Ukraine.

Fundraising campaigns by UNICEF and Croatian Caritas held on both TV and radio

Czech Republic

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Czech Radio

March 2: Czech Radio launches streaming of Ukrainian Radio through audio portal and mujROZHLAS mobile app for Ukrainian refugees and Ukrainians in Czech Republic:

<https://www.mujrozhlas.cz/zive/radio-ukrajina>

March 4: Czech Radio launches Internet stream of UA:PBC radio broadcast in Ukrainian:

<https://english.radio.cz/czech-radio-launches-live-ukrainian-broadcasting-8743746>

March 7: Czech Radio extends broadcasting of Ukrainian Radio to DAB+ digital platform and DVB-T2 television broadcasting in the CRA multiplex

March 7: Czech Radio and Radio Prague International launch a first four episodes of new podcast, News for Ukrainians in the Czech Republic, offering practical information in Ukrainian:

<https://www.mujrozhlas.cz/novini-dlya-ukrainsiv-u-chekhii>

March 9: Czech Radio delivers broadcasting and IT equipment to UA:PBC

March 9: Czech Radio and Czech Scout organize a press conference for children on the war:

<https://www.czech.radio/fate-refugees-and-outcome-war-ukraine-what-interested-children-special-press-8699622>

March 10: Czech Radio launches additional audio content in Ukrainian language – Audiodictionary with basic words and phrases:

<https://www.mujrozhlas.cz/audioslovník-audioslovník>

March 14: Czech Radio and Symphony Orchestra hosting fund-raising concert for Ukraine for People in Need:

<https://www.czech.radio/czech-radio-plays-ukraine-8692902>

March 17: Czech Radio launches audio fairytales in Ukrainian for children on its mujRozhlas app:

<https://twitter.com/CRozhlas/status/1504449220874436617>

Czech TV

March 1: Czech TV benefit concert broadcast live from Wenceslas Square raises 6.1 million euros for humanitarian relief

March 12: Czech TV starts live translation of primetime news into Ukrainian. Regional studios in Brno and Ostrava also offer news and information in Ukrainian:

<https://www.expats.cz/czech-news/article/czech-tv-to-begin-nightly-news-broadcast-in-ukrainian>

Denmark

DR, TV2

12 March: DR and TV 2 join forces for a support and fund-raising concert, 'Sammen vor Ukraine' for Ukraine, raising 22 million euros for 18 relief organisations:

<https://www.dr.dk/presse/dr-og-tv-2-gaar-sammen-om-stoettekoncert-ofrene-i-ukraine>

Estonia

ERR

February 28: [ERR](#) hosts two-hour broadcast to raise funds to support Ukraine

Finland

YLE

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March 12: Yle organises Help for Ukraine live benefit prime-time concert on behalf of the Lutheran NGO Finn Church Aid and the Finnish branches of Save the Children, the Red Cross and Unicef and NGOs, raising over six million euros. Broadcast attracts 1.5 million TV viewers and over 500,000 on YLE Areena platform:

<https://yle.fi/news/3-12356744>

<https://areena.yle.fi/1-61940805>

France

France TV, Radio France, France Médias Monde (FMM)

1 March: FMM hosts Ukrainian Public Radio signal on Radio France Internationale website:

www.rfi.fr/ru

France Musique broadcasts solidarity concert from Radio France Studio 104

March 4: France TV and Radio France organise a week of programming to support Ukraine including:

March 4: Culturebox & France Culture live vigil in support of Ukraine from Chaillot Theatre

March 8: France TV and Radio France humanitarian live benefit concert in association with Red Cross, raising 8 million euros:

<https://www.francetvpro.fr/>

Georgia

GPB

February 24: GPB opens hotline to provide information to Ukrainians in Georgia:

<https://1tv.ge/en/news/gpb-first-channel-information-assistance/>

March 1: GPB, together with the Red Cross, broadcasts a charity marathon 'We for Ukraine' in support of the Ukrainian people and solidarity with UA:PBC, raising 1,608,770 GEL. Second concert being planned:

<https://1tv.ge/en/news/gpb-first-channel-we-for-ukraine/>

March 7: GPB First Channel, in cooperation with Ukrainian Public Radio provides live broadcasting of Ukrainian radio to Ukrainian citizens in Georgia:

<https://1tv.ge/en/news/ukrainian-radio-and-gpb-first-channel-for-ukrainian-citizens-in-georgia/>

TV crews of GPB working across TV, radio, online in Ukraine, in coordination with the UA:PBC:

<https://1tv.ge/en/news/we-work-together-with-ukrainian-public-broadcaster-to-provide-public-with-accurate-and-verified-information-gpb-director-general-says/>

GPB building lit with colours of Ukrainian flag:

<https://www.facebook.com/1stchannel.1tv.ge/videos/736586007724622>

Germany

ARD/RBB

March 4, 08.45 am: Campaign initiated by rbb for simultaneous airing by EBU radio stations and commercial stations of Give Peace a Chance.

ARD

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March 3: WDR, rbb, Radio Bremen launch a daily news format for Ukrainian community in Germany and refugees:

<https://www1.wdr.de/radio/cosmo/sprachen/ukrainisch/ukrainische-minute-100.html>

March 4: ARD reschedules content includes special programme “Solidarity with the Ukraine” prior to Eurovision Song Contest selection:

<https://www.daserste.de/specials/ueber-uns/solidaritaet-mit-der-ukraine-im-ersten100.html>

March 8: Bayerischer Rundfunk (BR) organises special broadcast of a fundraising concert for Ukraine with Anne-Sophie Mutter, the Munich Philharmonic, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Bavarian State Orchestra: raises 330,000 euros donated to Save the Children

<https://www.br-klassik.de/aktuell/news-kritik/benefizkonzert-ukraine-anne-sophie-mutter-lahav-shani-muenchen-philharmoniker-brso-100.html>

March 8: ARD includes content in Ukrainian for children in its Mediathek including German-language learning programmes:

https://www.ardmediathek.de/kinderseite_fuer_ukrainische_fluechtlinge?isChildContent

ZDF

March 10: ZDF ‘A Night for Ukraine’ fund-raising programme raises 4.4 million euros for disaster relief action:

<https://www.zdf.de/gesellschaft/markus-lanz/markus-lanz-ein-abend-fuer-die-ukraine-100.html>

Greece

ERT

March 17: ERT’s international radio channel “Voice of Greece” holds a 12-hour radio campaign to support Médecins du Monde medical assistance work in Ukraine.

March 17: ERT3 regional station in Northern Greece holds a 12-hour TV/Radio campaign to support Ukrainian refugees.

Hungary

MTVA

March 1: MTVA, Duna and Kossuth start fundraising and information programmes for populations in Transcarpathia and Ukrainian refugees

Ireland

RTE

March 5: RTE’s The Late Late Show Irish Red Cross appeal raises over €3 million of funds for Ukraine aid:

<https://about.rte.ie/2022/03/06/the-late-late-show-irish-red-cross-appeal-raises-over-e3-million-of-vital-funds-destined-for-ukraine-aid/>

Italy

RAI

March 2-13: RAI supports fundraising campaign by Red Cross, Unicef, UNHCR in support of Ukraine, raising 6 million euros:

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<https://www.unicef.it/media/crisi-ucraina-prosegue-il-sostegno-della-rai-alla-campagna-di-raccolta-fondi-di-croce-rossa-italiana-unhcr-e-unicef/>

March 2: RAI reschedules special programming on Ukraine in kids news programmes and shows animated film on children and war 'Mila':

<https://www.rai.it/ufficiostampa/assets/template/us-articolo.html?ssiPath=/articoli/2022/03/Uno-speciale-a-cura-di-Rainews24-e-a-seguire-il-film-Mia-aa38c412-98b4-4017-b70e-1c0fa9237292-ssi.html>

Latvia

Latvia Radio, Latvia TV

March 4: Baltic Music in Support of Ukraine to be broadcast by Latvian Radio 3 Klasika, LTV1, and LSM.lv. The concert will feature live and video performances by orchestras and choirs from the Baltic States and connect to a donation platform:

<https://www.lsm.lv/raksts/kultura/muzika/tiesraide-koncerts-baltijas-muzika-ukrainas-atbalstam.a446059/>

Lithuania

LRT

February 24: LRT signs MOU to strengthen cooperation with UA:PBC:

<https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/1623465/lrt-extends-cooperation-with-ukraine-s-public-broadcaster-in-show-of-support>

February 24: LRT enhances Russian news content on [lrt.lt](https://www.lrt.lt) with RFE and DW content

February 24: LRT broadcasts solidarity and unity fund-raising campaign organized by Lithuanian civic activists. c.300k euros collected

February 27: LRT streams TVP charity concert on Polish social media accounts

February 28: UA:PBC content launched on [lrt.lt](https://www.lrt.lt)

March 3: LRT culture channel KLASIKA offers concert "Our Music Against The War" featuring works by Ukrainian and Baltic composers, Estonia and Latvia broadcasting live

March 11: LRT broadcasts two fund-raising concerts of solidarity with Ukraine

Netherlands

NPO

March 7: NPO and commercial broadcasters organizing fund-raising broadcast on radio and TV from 20.30 to 23.00:

<https://pers.npo.nl/persberichten/publieke-en-commerciele-radiozenders-samen-in-actie-voor-oukraine-met-radio555#content>

Norway

NRK

March 7: NRK collaborates with the Red Cross, Save the Children, Unicef, NRC, Caritas and Norwegian Church Aid, for a live fund-raising concert from the National Theatre in Oslo that raises 85 million kroner (8.3 million euros) for aid in Ukraine. The concert receives a 41% TV

viewing share:

<https://www.nrk.no/presse/innsamlingskonsert-for-de-berorte-av-krigen-1.15879198>

Poland

Polish Radio

February 24: PR starts retransmission UA:PBC broadcasts on its website

TVP

February 1: TVP signs MOU to strengthen collaboration with UA:PBC:

<https://tvpworld.com/58266130/polands-public-broadcaster-signs-agreement-with-ukrainian-counterpart>

February 27: TVP makes UA Pershyi channel available via TVP Go Mobile, TVP VOD and TVP web portal for Ukrainian refugees in Poland:

<https://tvpworld.com/58761646/top-ukrainian-public-tv-channel-available-on-polish-television>

February 27: TVP charity concert of Polish and Ukrainian artists

8 March: Belsat launches daily information services in Ukrainian:

<https://tvpworld.com/58928065/belsat-launches-information-services-in-ukrainian>

March 27: TVP organises 'Save Ukraine' international fund-raising Concert-Marathon to support refugees and Ukrainian citizens in need:

<https://tsn.ua/ukrayina/international-charity-concert-marathon-save-ukraine-stopwar-to-take-place-on-27-march-2017414.html>

Romania

Radio Romania

Permanent coverage set up on longwave 153 kHz

February 28: streaming of Ukrainian public radio launched on Radio Romania and Rador websites:

<http://www.srr.ro> <http://rador.ro>

Radio Romania includes broadcasts in Ukrainian in border areas on Radio Sighet, Radio Iași and **Radio Constanța, Radio Chișinău, Radio Cluj, Radio Timișoara**

<http://www.srr.ro/>

https://www.rri.ro/uk_uk/pages/home

March 5: Radio Romania Culture campaign "Prayer for Peace", Including Project proposal to EBU Members: "Weapon of Peace" aims to invite 3 artists from every EBU Member country to read a statement/perform an artistic act recorded as a 1-minute piece.

Radio Romania Resita #Childrenforchildren campaign gathering audio-video recordings posted by children on online platforms: Tik-Tok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook.

March 10: Radio Romania initiates campaign for EBU radio channels to broadcast Beethoven's 9th Symphony in solidarity with Ukrainian people and UA:PBC

TVR

March 11 : TVR integrates content from UA:PBC on four channels to provide dedicated daily programming for Ukrainian refugees in Romania and surrounding countries

Slovakia

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RTVS

February 28: RTVS restructures programming with a continuous news service, :24, on reporting in Ukraine, including UA:PBC content with commentary in Slovak

Slovenia**RTVSLO**

March 8: RTV SLO live Aid to Ukraine concert together with Red Cross and Caritas raises 700,000 euros. Broadcast on TV SLO 1 with live streaming on rtv slo.si, Radio Slovenia channels (Radio Prvi, Radio Koper, Radio Maribor) and VOD rtv slo.si.

Spain**RTVE**

March 3: Radio Exterior de España, the international channel of RNE increases coverage of Ukraine invasion across shortwave:

<https://www.rtve.es/rtve/20220303/onda-corta-radio-externior-espana-llega-ucrania-rosia/2301581.shtml>

March 9: RTVE launches a “Solidarity with Ukraine” fund-raising campaign promoted on radio, TV and online. Donations will go to: Emergency Committee (World Vision, Aldeas Infantiles, Plan Internacional, Intermón Oxfam, Educo and Médicos del Mundo), Cáritas, Médicos sin Fronteras, UNHCR, the Red Cross:

<https://www.rtve.es/noticias/ayuda-para-ucrania/>

March 25: RTVE announces will open its facilities in various parts of Spain to host Ukrainian refugees

April 1: RNE radio broadcasts a fund-raising concert

April 6: RTVE planning live fund-raising charity concert for the UNHCR on TVE1, TVE Internacional, Web and RNE with Spanish artists:

<https://diariodia.es/2022/03/24/rtve-ofrecera-sus-instalaciones-para-la-acogida-de-personas-refugiadas-proferentes-de-ucrania>

Sweden**SVT**

Fund-raising for humanitarian aid for Ukraine during the three qualifying competitions of the Melodifestivalen final raises 10 million SEK (958 000 euro). Funds raised for the Radiohjälpen charity and foundation run by SVT to be directed to Save the Children, Red Cross etc).

Radiohjälpen raises 32 MSEK (3 million euros) since first qualifying competition:

<https://eurovoix.com/2022/02/26/sweden-money-raised-from-voting-in-melodifestivalen-heat-four-will-be-donated-to-ukraine/>

March 22: SVT language play app updated to include Ukrainian. SVT Språkplay was specifically developed for people new to Sweden to help them develop knowledge of Swedish:

<https://omoss.svt.se/arkiv/nyhetsarkiv/2022-03-22-svt-sprakplay-uppdateras-med-sprakstod-pa-ukrainska.html>

April 2: SVT broadcasts on SVT1 a fund-raising concert from the Stockholm Concert Hall with Kyiv Soloists National Chamber Ensemble:

<https://omoss.svt.se/arkiv/nyhetsarkiv/2022-03-19-svt-sander-en-helkvall-till-stod-for-det-drabbade-folket-i-ukraina.html>

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Swedish Radio

March 14: relief shipment with SR technical equipment delivered to UA:PBC to support continue publishing online and broadcasting radio and TV

March 15: SR launches daily news podcast in Russian on the war in Ukraine. Podcast made available to all media via Swedish Radio open API:

<https://sverigesradio.se/radio-sweden-russian-podcast-war-ukraine>

Switzerland

SRG SSR

March 9: SSG SSR collaboration with Swiss Solidarity on a day of solidarity with the Ukrainian people raises CHF51 million:

<https://www.glueckschette.ch/51547615-francs-collectes-en-faveur-de-la-population-ukrainienne/>

UK

BBC

March 2: BBC launches two new shortwave frequencies for four hours of World Service English news a day complementing BBC News Ukraine bbc.ua, [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook](#), Twitter [@BBC_ua](#), [Instagram](#), [Telegram](#) and [Viber](#):

www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/2022/millions-of-russians-turn-to-bbc-news

ITV

March 29: ITV, STV and Livewire Pictures partnering with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to stage a two hour fundraiser '*Concert for Ukraine*'. All sponsorship and advertising revenue (primetime across both linear and simulcast), which is expected to raise over £3 million, will also be donated by ITV to the ongoing DEC appeal:

<https://www.itv.com/presscentre/press-releases/itv-and-stv-stage-concert-ukraine>

BBC and ITV broadcasting UK Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, that has raised 200 million euros:

<https://www.facebook.com/DisastersEmergencyCommittee/posts/10159701421170977>

<https://www.dec.org.uk/>

S4C

April 2: S4C hosts Wales and Ukraine concert with Welsh and Ukrainian artists to raise funds for DEC Cymru's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal:

<https://www.s4c.cymru/en/press/post/49987/s4c-hosts-wales-and-ukraine-concert/>

Vatican

Vatican Radio

March 21: Vatican Radio increases shortwave broadcasts to Ukraine and Russia. In addition to the two daily broadcasts (afternoon and evening) in the two languages, the morning programmes to Moscow and Kyiv will be extended by 20 minutes:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-03/vatican-radio-shortwave-frequencies-russia-ukraine.html>