**GLOBSEC OPENS OFFICE IN KYIV**

***Bratislava, October 17, 2022 –* GLOBSEC, Central and Eastern Europe’s pre-eminent public policy organization dedicated to freedom, democracy, and security, announced today that it had opened an office in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv.**

“*I welcome the opening of the GLOBSEC office in Kyiv*,” said Dmytro Kuleba, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. “*It represents a vital reinforcement to the battle of ideas, enhancing democracy, security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world, which is impossible without the victory of Ukraine over the Russian aggressor,*” he added.

Robert Vass, Founder and President of GLOBSEC, said his organization stood shoulder to shoulder with Kyiv in its struggle against Vladimir Putin’s illegal war, and that GLOBSEC would stay in Ukraine for the long term.

“This is a decisive moment for all of us in Europe as future the West is being decided in Eastern Europe. The mission of GLOBSEC has never been more important. *I am proud to say that GLOBSEC is the first public policy organization in the trans-Atlantic community to establish a presence in Ukraine since the Russian invasion on February 24th*,” he said.

“*While this is an important symbolic demonstration of solidarity with the Ukrainian government and its people, GLOBSEC’s Kyiv office will engage in the full gamut of activities to help a nation in distress, as well as act as a bridge to Kyiv for democratic governments and organizations across the world*,” Vass added.

The opening of GLOBSEC’s Kyiv office comes following the launch of GLOBSEC’s Ukraine and Eastern Europe Programme, focused on delivering analyses and actionable recommendations on Ukraine’s reconstruction and European Future.

The Programme particularly benefits from a team closely tied to the region whose expertise is oriented toward bridging the transatlantic community with Eastern Europe. The team consists of Distinguished Fellow Pavlo Sheremeta, Distinguished Research Fellow Yaroslav Zhalilo, Senior Fellows Andrii Chubyk, Hennadiy Maksak, Iryna Kosse, Iuliia Osmolovska, Roman Vlasenko, Vasyk Povoroznyk, and Zoriana Mishchuk

**About GLOBSEC:**

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