**GLOBSEC started its official office activities in Kyiv with meetings at the highest level**

*Kyiv, 10th December 2022:* **GLOBSEC, Central and Eastern Europe’s pre-eminent public policy organization dedicated to freedom, democracy, and security, officially started its office operations in Ukraine this week.**

The delegation led by GLOBSEC President Róbert Vass attended a series of meetings and announced the launch of its office activities in Ukraine at the inaugural ceremony attended by the Slovak Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense Rastislav Káčer and Jaroslav Naď. The delegation also included former Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovič, former Polish Prime Minister Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, former Slovak Minister of Finance, Deputy Prime Minister Ivan Mikloš and founder of EPAM Systems Arkadiy Dobkin. The delegation furthermore included representatives of the European Commission and the media.

The new Ukrainian office will be led by former Ukrainian diplomat Iulia Osmolovska, and her deputy, former Slovak MP Martin Poliačik. The goal of the activities, in cooperation with a diverse network of world opinion leaders, will be to help Ukraine achieve its various policy objectives and the restoration of the country.

**Meetings at the highest level and humanitarian aid**

Over the course of two days, GLOBSEC met with the Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Deputy Chairman and Deputy Prime Minister, Head of the Presidential Office Andriy Yermak, Prosecutor General, Minister of Finance, Minister of Digitalization, Ombudsman, State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense, as well as the head of military intelligence, owner of the largest IT company EPAM and the heads of UkrOboromProm and their teams.

The result of the meetings are specific proposals for possible joint cooperation, between GLOBSEC and the Ukrainian government, on topics such as support for the creation of a special criminal tribunal against Russia, defining security guarantees for post-war Ukraine, and coordinating activities within the framework of Ukraine's integration into the European Union.

*"Thanks to cooperation with many statesmen in more than 50 countries of the world, GLOBSEC provides a global platform for informal diplomacy and can thus create connections between opinion makers and the private sector with representatives of states faster than official channels. I am pleased that this journey is the basis for a long-term and strategic cooperation between GLOBSEC and Ukraine, within which our mission is to be a constructive voice of Central and Eastern Europe. We offered all our knowledge, experience and contacts to support Ukraine. Its early success and victory are a necessary prerequisite for the future peaceful arrangement of Europe and the world",* declared Róbert Vass.

At the same time, GLOBSEC, in cooperation with its partners, delivered humanitarian aid in the amount of 35,000 Euro to Ukraine. The humanitarian coordination center in Odessa received six generators, hundreds of kilos of non-perishable food, insulated clothing and necessary medicines to help Ukrainian men and women overcome the winter.