

SHIELD was present in the 3rd Annual Ukrainian Energy Transition Forum in London.

On Friday, May 16, three members (Yaroslav Melekh, Lukas Schirren and Miguel Sanchez) of the SHIELD team took part in a high-level forum focused on the pressing challenges facing Ukraine's energy system. The event gathered key stakeholders to exchange perspectives on the future of Ukraine's energy resilience and its role in Europe's energy transition.

Participants included representatives from both the UK and Ukrainian parliaments—Alex Sobel and Victoria Gryb—as well as Svitlana Andruschenko, Head of the Recovery and Reform Support Office at the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine. Financial institutions such as the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) were also represented. Industry stakeholders, including DTEK (a major private investor in power generation) and ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih (from the steel sector), contributed to the discussion.

One of the panels focused on the role of hydrogen technologies and the strategic potential of initiatives like the Central European Hydrogen Corridor. This session featured contributions from the Ukrainian Hydrogen Council, Hydrogen Partners, the Green Resilience Facility, and the Gas Transmission System Operator of Ukraine.

Throughout the forum, SHIELD team members had the opportunity to present the project, engage in dialogue with key actors, gather valuable feedback, and forge new connections to support the dissemination and impact of our research findings. Likewise, the forum allows members of SHIELD to know other projects in the presentation of their own developers' voices, such as the GreenWest PtX cluster or the Central European Hydrogen Corridor, which show the relevance and impact the SHIELD project may have in future development.

