ORGANISATIONAL CV
Ukrainsk kultur- og kunnskapssenter | UKKS | Norway

Organisation details

Legal name	Ukrainsk kultur- og kunnskapssenter
Acronym	UKKS
Organisation type	Non-profit association / NGO
National registration number	936 220 428
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Profile
UKKS is a non-profit association based in Voss, Norway. Its purpose is to promote education, knowledge exchange, cultural activities and community participation, and to support the inclusion and integration of Ukrainians and other newcomers in Norwegian society. Through educational, cultural, research-related and community-based initiatives, UKKS creates opportunities for learning, intercultural dialogue, social connection and cooperation between Ukrainian and Norwegian communities.

Core areas of activity
Education, learning and knowledge exchange
Research, analysis and dissemination of knowledge
Promotion of Ukrainian culture, language and cultural heritage
Community participation, inclusion and integration
Community development, volunteering and cooperation with educational, cultural and civil society organisations

Relevant experience
Since its establishment, UKKS has organised and contributed to cultural, educational and community activities involving Ukrainian and Norwegian participants. Its practical experience includes participant engagement, public communication, intercultural dialogue and cooperation with Norwegian community actors.

Activity and period	UKKS contribution
Sunday Norwegian Language Club, 2026–ongoing	Regular informal language practice and social integration for Ukrainians
Talent Circulation research project, 2026–ongoing	Research dissemination, outreach and participant recruitment in Norway
Community Connect, Bergen, September 2026	AMULETT performance and participation in the intercultural programme
Ukrainian Independence Day event, Voss, August 2026	Organisation of a public cultural and intercultural event
Living Bridges proposal, May 2026	Prospective Norwegian partner
“Enkelt forklart økonomi”, 2025–ongoing	Accessible, research-based Norwegian-language content on economics and social issues

Team and expertise

Olha Pizhuk – *Chair of the Board and Legal Representative.* Doctor of Economic Sciences and university educator with approximately 20 years of experience in research, teaching and project development. She leads a research project on talent circulation and Ukraine’s recovery at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. Her expertise includes project coordination, qualitative research, evaluation, reporting and international cooperation, as well as supporting Ukrainian students at Voss vidaregåande skule.

Mariia Rodina – *Communications Coordinator.* Content producer at Voss Kommunikasjon, with a master’s degree in marketing and experience in communications, digital outreach, social media and content development. She contributes to UKKS’s public communication, information materials, visibility and social media presence.

Vira Samoilova – *Team member and founder of the AMULETT women’s vocal ensemble.* Musician, singer, educator, conductor and community activist with extensive experience in cultural and media projects. Through AMULETT, she contributes to UKKS cultural activities, intercultural dialogue and volunteering.

Olena Arvaninova – *Team member.* Educator and mentor with more than 27 years of teaching experience. She organises activities for children and families and supports Ukrainian children in adapting to education systems abroad and in Norway.

Networks and cooperation

UKKS maintains professional and academic links with the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. It has cooperated with Nordic Europe Hub Ukraine through the Carpathian Sea Democracy Week forum and with Propeller – Propelling People Forward through Community Connect in Bergen. In Voss, UKKS develops cooperation with educational, cultural and community actors.

Project capacity and potential contribution

UKKS combines expertise in education, research, project development, communications, cultural activities and community engagement. As a project partner, it can contribute to participant recruitment, community-based research, interviews, data collection, local pilots, educational and cultural activities, communication, dissemination, evaluation and stakeholder cooperation in Norway. Although UKKS has not yet received EU project funding directly, its team has substantial professional and project-related experience.

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