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Andreas von Schumann has worked in International Cooperation for more than 30 years. He studied social science and worked as journalist before he started his career in GIZ – a German state-owned agency for international cooperation. As an expert in political communication and public affairs he worked in more than 60 countries. Since 2015 he has been responsible for the GIZ-Office for Political Communication in Kyiv.

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Kateryna Yushchenko was born Catherine Claire Chumachenko in Chicago. She is a former U.S. State Department official. She worked as a special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Economics from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University (1982), and an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (1986). She later worked in the White House in the Office of Public Liaison during the administration of Ronald Reagan. Subsequently, she worked at the U.S. Treasury in the executive secretary's office during the administration of George H. W. Bush. After leaving that position, she was on the staff of the Joint Economic Committee of the United States Congress. After Ukraine declared its freedom, she was a co-founder and the vice-president of Ukraine-USA Foundation. She was also the director of Pylyp Orlyk Institute. In 1993, she joined KPMG Peat Marwick/Barett Group as a consultant in its Bank Training Program and Country Manager, where she met Viktor Yushchenko, whom she subsequently married. Yushchenko is now involved in numerous charitable projects with the Ukraine 3000 International Foundation that she chairs.