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## To the Ukrainian community in Belgium and friends of Ukraine,

On behalf of NGO Promote Ukraine, please be aware of latest developments and consider boycotting the event dedicated to the [presentation of the book 'Stories of Strength'](#) now hosted by the Wings of Goodness Foundation in Anderlecht, after being cancelled at the Station Europe hosted by NGO Ukrainian Civil Society Hub.

Upon discovering that Vadym Stolar Charitable Foundation was organizing this event with the Hub, Promote Ukraine, concerned about [Stolar's connections to pro-Russian groups and financial schemes](#), contacted European Parliament President Roberta Metsola to request the event's cancellation and protect Ukrainian civil society's reputation in Brussels.

The event was cancelled at Station Europe, but organisers quickly shifted to the new partner - Wings of Goodness Foundation, led by Arman Lalayan, and moved the venue to Rue Louis Mascré, 12-1070 Anderlecht. They also removed references to Vadym Stolar Charitable Foundation, which funded the creation and publication of the book 'Stories of Strength', probably in an attempt to try to distance themselves from his tarnished reputation.

Such tactics of “**grechkosyystvo**” (vote-buying or bribery through handouts) may have worked in Ukraine in the past, but they have no place in Brussels or Europe, where transparency and integrity are paramount. It is deeply troubling to see that Stolar has found allies in Brussels who are willing to support his agenda and provide a platform for his rehabilitation.

**Therefore, we urge everyone to boycott this event.** Participation risks enabling Vadym Stolar to use charitable projects to obscure his corrupt past and present himself as a benefactor to those he has harmed. This is not merely an event; it is a cynical attempt by Stolar to redeem himself by exploiting the suffering of Ukrainians.

**We also urge the Wings of Goodness Foundation to reconsider its involvement in this event to avoid damaging its reputation through association with Stolar.**

Slava Ukraini!

**Promote Ukraine**



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## Appendix

### Appendix A: Invitation to the Book Presentation 'Stories of Strength' at Station Europe hosted by Ukrainian Civil Society Hub in cooperation with Vadym Stolar Charitable Foundation



Благодійний Фонд Вадима Столара та Український хаб громадянського суспільства запрошують Вас на презентацію книги "Історії сильних" – свідчення незламності українського духу, стійкості та віри у Перемогу.

"Історії сильних" – це книга, що ґрунтується на реальних подіях із життя українців, які просто зараз переживають найжахливішу війну ХХІ століття, розв'язану Росією проти України.

Презентація проходитиме у форматі театралізованого перформансу за мотивами книги.

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