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Response to the B4Ukraine inquiry of September 04, 2026

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Dear Members of the B4Ukraine Coalition,

Thank you for your letter and for reaching out to Robert Bosch GmbH.

We appreciate the opportunity to address your questions regarding the event organized by the Deutsch-Russisches Forum e.V. (DRF).

For more than twenty years, the DRF has been renting rooms in the building complex that also houses the Bosch representative office in Berlin. Within this framework, there is a contractual possibility for the tenant to host selected events in the facilities of the Bosch representative office, subject to the explicit approval of Robert Bosch GmbH.

As soon as we became aware of the thematic focus of the event planned for 22 September 2026, we contacted the DRF. We unequivocally communicated to the organizer that the event in question will not take place on our premises. For any questions regarding the potential relocation or current status of the event, we kindly ask you to contact the organizer directly.

In principle, we would like to emphasize at this point that Bosch is clearly committed to the EU sanctions against Russia and has long ceased business relations with the country.

Should you have any further questions, I would be pleased to discuss them with you directly. For scheduling and further coordination, please reach to my office.

Best regards



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September 04, 2026

Dear Dr Fischer and the Robert Bosch GmbH Leadership Team,

We write to you as [B4Ukraine](#), a coalition of Ukrainian and international civil society organizations committed to curbing the financial support that fuels Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine. We are writing to raise concerns regarding an event advertised by the [Deutsch-Russisches Forum e.V.](#) under the title "[Wege zu einer künftigen Annäherung: Deutsch-russische Beziehungen im europäischen Kontext](#)," scheduled for 22 September 2026.

The invitation identified the venue as the Robert Bosch GmbH Representation at Bismarckstraße 71, 10627 Berlin. It announced contributions from Matthias Machnig and Ulf Schneider, founder and owner of SCHNEIDER GROUP. According to the invitation, Mr Schneider intended to discuss the consequences of current entry and overflight restrictions and "advocate for a relaxation of existing EU sanctions in this area."

The original event page and registration form have since been removed from the website of the Deutsch-Russisches Forum. However, copies of the invitation remain publicly accessible through third-party listings and search-engine records. We have found no public clarification as to whether the event has been cancelled, relocated or disassociated from Bosch.

Bosch is publicly classified by the KSE Institute's LeaveRussia project as having [completed its exit](#) from Russia. We commend Bosch for this decision. Against that background, the apparent hosting by Bosch of an event promoting renewed German-Russian relations and the relaxation of EU sanctions risks creating the impression that Bosch supports premature political or commercial re-engagement with Russia. This would be inconsistent with the position associated with its reported exit and could expose the company to significant reputational and stakeholder concerns.

We therefore request that Bosch clarify:

1. Whether Bosch authorised the use of its Bismarckstraße premises for this event and was aware of its stated subject matter, including the proposed advocacy for relaxation of EU sanctions;
2. Whether Bosch has since withdrawn permission for the event to take place at its premises or otherwise disassociated itself from the event;
3. Whether, to Bosch's knowledge, the event remains scheduled to proceed on 22 September 2026, either at the advertised venue or elsewhere;
4. Whether Bosch has asked the Deutsch-Russisches Forum and other parties to remove references suggesting that Bosch is hosting or supporting the event; and
5. Whether Bosch has any policies governing the use of its premises for activities concerning Russia, EU sanctions or prospective commercial re-engagement with the Russian market.

Russia continues to wage an illegal war of aggression against Ukraine. Sanctions and related restrictions are intended to constrain Russia's capacity to sustain that aggression and to impose consequences for serious violations of international law. Public advocacy for their relaxation, while the aggression, occupation and destruction continue, runs contrary to the purpose and spirit of those measures.

B4Ukraine maintains that responsible business conduct requires companies to:

- immediately cease operations and complete a responsible exit from the Russian market;
- refrain from future business, trade or investment in Russia while Russia continues its war against Ukraine; and
- consider any re-engagement with the Russian market only once Ukraine's sovereignty and complete territorial integrity have been restored in accordance with international law, full reparations have been paid for the damage caused by Russian aggression, and accountability has been imposed for the crime of aggression, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other violations of international law.

We call on Bosch to confirm immediately that its premises and name will not be used to facilitate or lend legitimacy to advocacy for sanctions relief or premature re-engagement with Russia. If Bosch has already withdrawn from the event, we encourage the company to clarify this publicly and request that the organisers correct all outstanding invitations and listings.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and kindly provide a response by 18 September 2026. We would also welcome a meeting with the appropriate representatives of Bosch's management, public affairs, compliance and human-rights teams.

In the interests of transparency and accountability, B4Ukraine may publish this letter and any response received and may share the matter with relevant investors and other stakeholders.

Sincerely,

The B4Ukraine Coalition