



THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN UKRAINE (STCU)



The Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) is an intergovernmental, non-profit organization with the status of a diplomatic mission. It was established in 1993 with headquarters in Kyiv, Ukraine and has branch offices in the capitals of States Party Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Moldova. STCU has continued to work on our many projects and support the scientists in peaceful research in Ukraine and the region despite the constraints imposed on our operations by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

There are currently six signatory Parties to the STCU: Azerbaijan, the European Union, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and the United States. The Mission of the STCU is to advance global peace and prosperity through cooperative Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) risk mitigation by supporting civilian science, technology partnerships and collaboration that address global security threats and advance nonproliferation. The STCU supports both governmental and nongovernmental (academic institutions, etc.) research partnerships, trainings, workshops, and other collaborations between member countries and partner organizations.

Regarding Russia's Disinformation Against the STCU

- The Russian government's allegations that the STCU is involved in a biological weapons program are patently false and have been repeatedly refuted by the Parties to the STCU and many others in the international and scientific communities.



- The STCU is an intergovernmental, science cooperation organization dedicated to the peaceful application of science and the promulgation of best practices, responsible science, scientific ethics, and a code of professionalism.
- The STCU's mission has always been to advance global peace and prosperity through cooperative Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) risk mitigation by supporting civilian science, technology partnerships and collaboration that address global security threats and advance nonproliferation.
- The STCU as a multi-government organization has collaborated closely with the Government of Ukraine, and especially with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Science, and with Ukraine's scientific Institutes and community for over 27 years in a fully transparent manner.
- STCU's biotechnology priorities in Ukraine are to help Ukraine enhance the safety of the day-to-day work of existing labs and to continue to ensure that Ukraine can detect and report, internally and internationally, disease outbreaks before they pose security or stability threats to Ukraine or other countries in the region - including the Russian Federation. All STCU's efforts have been peaceful in nature and subject to rigorous export-control measures and vetting processes. STCU has never sponsored any gain of function research or "human experimentation", as alleged by the Russian Federation.
- Over the years, the STCU has worked to enhance the safety and security of Sanitary Epidemiological Stations and veterinary laboratories in Ukraine. STCU is just one of many organizations providing equipment and training to these facilities. Other supporters include, among others, the European Union, the United States, Canada, World Health Organization, international universities, and research institutions.

- The Russian Federation’s disinformation campaign conveniently omits several facilities that the STCU worked with in the past but are now under the control of the Russian Federation or its proxies in the occupied regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. For example, following the Russian Federation’s illegal annexation of Crimea in March 2014, STCU was forced to cancel a €4M project sponsored by the European Union to enhance the safety and security of the Anti-Plague Station located in Simferopol. Despite the STCU working with this facility in the past, there is no mention of this facility in the Russian Federation’s disinformation campaign targeting the STCU.



- Ukraine itself is a State Party to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC). All Ukrainian facilities are owned and operated by the government of Ukraine, which aims to improve human and animal health capacity for the people of Ukraine.
- The STCU, in all its work on public health, medicine, and biotechnology, complies with all international legal, professional, and ethical standards, as well as those established by the individual governments that are party to the STCU.
- The STCU does not conduct any classified work. Over the past 27 years, STCU projects have funded and contributed thousands of peer-reviewed publications to many of the world’s leading scientific journals.
- STCU operations are open and transparent. All STCU projects are approved by a Governing Board of member state officials and are regularly subject to review and audit, including regular site visits for monitoring purposes to facilities where STCU projects are implemented. The STCU’s commitment to transparency is often exploited by the Russian Federation. Much of the information provided by the Russian Federation as “evidence” as part of its allegations against STCU is innocuous and can be simply downloaded from the STCU website (see examples below):

http://www.stcu.int/documents/reports/distribution/pp/P781_PP.pdf

http://www.stcu.int/documents/reports/distribution/contracts/P364_EN.pdf

http://www.stcu.int/documents/reports/distribution/contracts/P444_EN.pdf

<http://www.stcu.int/documents/reports/distribution/nomination/12232.pdf>