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The rebuilding of Ukraine is to be driven forward with the frozen Russian funds in Europe. Anyone who shares this opinion can express their support on the homepage www.peace4europa.org and thus join the call of 131 Nobel Prize winners.

Ferenc Krausz and Serge Haroche returned with emotional images from their trip to Ukraine. At the beginning of March, the two Nobel Prize winners in Physics visited Kyiv and Kharkiv, which is close to the front line, to demonstrate their solidarity with the war-torn people. A film has now been made about this visit, which the aid organization Science4People has now published on the petition website www.peace4europa.org. The two physicists couple these impressions with a call to European governments to use the frozen Russian funds for rebuilding Ukraine. Anyone can now support the cause on the petition website.

Ukrainian Tanya recalls the outbreak of war in 2022 in stirring words. Her friend wrote to her from one of the most heavily contested places in the country to say that she loved her and was not sure whether she would survive the bombardment. Then her cell phone pans over residential areas lit up at night. The rockets hit the horizon.

This is the introduction to the moving film that Prof. Ferenc Krausz and Prof. Serge Haroche have published about their trip to Ukraine on the website www.peace4europa.org run by the aid organization Science4people. The two visited the war-torn country at the beginning of March to give scientific lectures and express their solidarity with the academic community and the Ukrainian people.

“We will remember our experiences during the trip forever,” explains Ferenc Krausz. “The danger of bombs and drones was omnipresent,” recalls the 2023 Nobel Prize winner in Physics. “The muffled sound of the explosions of intercepted missiles and drones in the distance made us realize that we were in the middle of a war.” The night before Krausz and Haroche left Kyiv to take the train back to Budapest, they learned that a rocket had hit a hotel in Kryvyi Rih where volunteers from a humanitarian organization - citizens from Ukraine, the UK and the US – were staying. Five people

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were killed and more than a dozen seriously injured. It was a vile Russian attack on civilian infrastructure. A target without any military significance. And yet another of the countless, heinous war crimes.

"We only experienced this uncertainty for three days," says Krausz. "Nevertheless, it gave us an impression of the constant threat that people in Ukraine have been exposed to for more than three years. Not to mention the psychological pressure on the soldiers who are in immediate and constant danger on the front line."

To express their close solidarity, the two researchers presented an appeal signed by 131 Nobel Prize winners. It calls for the release of around 200 billion euros in frozen funds deposited by the Russian Federation with European banks to finance the rebuilding of Ukraine and compensate the victims of the war.

With their new documentary, the two researchers draw attention to the dramatic circumstances and convey their first-hand impressions of the situation in the contested areas. For the two scientists, it is clear that the Ukrainian front line is the bulwark of Europe's freedom. "If this bulwark is not secured, if Russia is not forced to respect its borders through a fair and enforceable peace agreement with security guarantees for Ukraine, there will be no freedom for Ukraine and no lasting peace in Europe," says Krausz.

Anyone who feel to support the cause of reusing Russian funds for the reconstruction of Ukraine also has the opportunity to join the Nobel laureates' call at www.peace4europa.org.

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