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The pilot project to
train and employ
female truck drivers
started in Ukraine



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DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!

Last week, we held several important meetings with international partners to continue cooperating in restoring infrastructure, providing housing for people affected by the war, and preparation for the upcoming heating season. The Ministry team also continues to work with regions in case of critical needs.

Preparations for winter in the Sumy region are ongoing. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited the frontline region with

government officials and local authorities to discuss several pressing issues: support for the region from the other areas of Ukraine, restoration of destroyed businesses, compensation for farmers, and strengthening the protection of energy generation facilities. Communities should be prepared for any scenario.

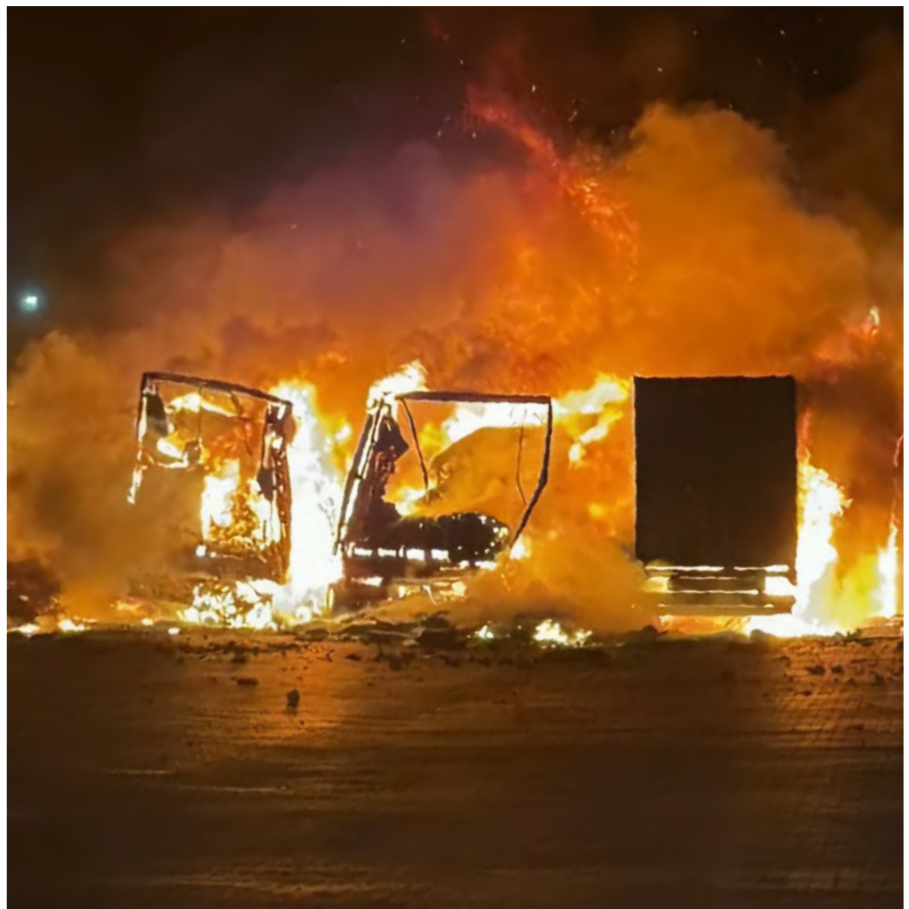
The international meetings started with Samantha Power's visit to Kyiv. President Zelenskyy and the government delegation had a meeting with the Administrator of USAID.

Together with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal, ministries, and the Agency for Restoration, we've discussed several important issues. We need to support projects at the level of cities and communities. These things are implementing social initiatives, restoring residential buildings, and providing Mykolaiv with drinking water. The focus is on preparing for the heating season. Together with USAID, we have coordinated the need for equipment to restore and decentralize the power system.



The Russian Federation continues to threaten the world's food security and try to destabilize the Ukrainian Corridor operations.

At the beginning of last week, Russians once again attacked the port and border infrastructure of the Odesa region. Two truck drivers were injured in the attack. One of them is a Turkish citizen. Also, six trucks, grain storage facilities, and administrative buildings at the Orlivka checkpoint in Romania were damaged. This is the fourth attack on the Orlivka border crossing point during the Russian full-scale invasion. Russia wages war against the grain and global food security.




On October 6, a Russian ballistic missile struck the civilian ship PARESA under the flag of Saint Kitts and Nevis. It happened near one of the berths in the Pivdennyi seaport.

The ballistic missile hit the open hold of the ship. Fortunately, none of the 15 crew members, citizens of Egypt and Syria, were injured. The vessel was loaded with about 6,000 tons of Ukrainian corn. It was the 20th civilian vessel damaged by Russian attacks.

Nevertheless, we continue to protect the people of Ukraine and expand cooperation with our international partners regarding restoration and development projects at the community level.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAMS AND RESTORATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT


Japan and Türkiye play an essential role in restoring Ukrainian communities. Ukraine expects to continue and expand mutually beneficial cooperation. This will bring the country's reconstruction closer as soon as possible and promote business development and collaboration with partners. Ukraine's reconstruction focuses on energy, housing for people, and critical infrastructure.



 During the meeting with the Ambassador of Switzerland to Ukraine, **Felix Baumann**, we agreed on

the engagement of the Swiss private sector to finance Ukraine's recovery projects. Ambassador Baumann emphasized the need to build housing for internally displaced persons and people affected by the war. Switzerland has been implementing support programs for Ukraine for a long time. These include reconstruction projects, joint projects with Ukrzaliznytsia, assistance preparing for the heating season, and demining. For several decades, our partners have been helping us develop local governments.


 The first tranche of €70 million was used to pay for about 2,000 housing certificates under the HOME project of the Council of Europe Development Bank. In a month of the HOME project operation, more than a thousand owners of destroyed housing have purchased new homes. This is a strategic contribution to Ukraine's recovery. We are sincerely grateful to our partners for this. Moreover, we agreed to continue cooperation between the Ministry and CEB in 2025 with **Carlo Monticelli**, the Governor of the CEB.






 In cooperation with the World Bank, the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development continues implementing the state compensation program for damaged housing, eVidnovnennia. Thanks to the stable and long-term support of the World Bank, the next stage of compensation payments for damaged housing begins. Thus, under the World Bank's HOPE project, Ukrainian families whose homes were damaged by Russian aggression received another UAH 837 million in payments to restore their homes.

Last week, we also met with Bob Saum, the World Bank's Country Director for Eastern Europe. The World Bank and

the International Finance Corporation will expand their activities in Ukraine. The focus will be restoring housing and critical infrastructure and reforming housing policy. They will also continue projects on reconstruction, needs assessment for reconstruction, winterization, and transportation. We also discussed energy sector decentralization projects.

 And last but not least. The Ministry launched the pilot project "Training and Employment of Women Truck Drivers" with USAID and the NGO Foundation for Institutional Development. The war has caused a lack of qualified personnel in the transport sector. The project joined the efforts of government, busi-

ness, and international partners to overcome the critical need for staff in the Ukrainian logistics industry. People are the key to rebuilding the country, as they lay the foundation for further development and economic recovery of our country. Therefore, we must create all conditions for the development of human potential.

I am extremely grateful to our partners for supporting our initiatives.

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Oleksii KULEBA,
*Deputy Prime Minister
for Restoration of
Ukraine - Minister
for Communities and
Territories Development of
Ukraine*

KEY FIGURES OF THE WEEK

UKRAINIAN CORRIDOR

TEMPORARY HUMANITARIAN SEA ROUTE

In total, since the beginning of the corridor functioning:

- Arrived: **2739 vessels**;
 - Loading in progress: **34 vessels**.
- Exported:
- grain cargo – **49 mt**;
 - other cargo – **24.4 mt**;

TOTAL – more than 73.3 mt

Declared for arrival:

87 vessels, 2.8 mt



eVIDNOVLENNIA

DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

DAMAGED HOUSING

(repairs and overhauls)

With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 7.6 billion, we have approved 70.2 thousand applications for housing restoration.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



DESTROYED HOUSING

(buying new housing)

10668 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 16.7 billion was approved for payment. 4629 certificates have already been implemented, with a total of

UAH 8.6 billion.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Donetsk
- Kyiv
- Kherson
- Mykolaiv

DESTROYED AND DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE*

Facilities	Damaged or destroyed	Restored
TOTAL:	221 926	46 494
Individual houses	168 923	25 610
Energy	-	9 847
Apartment buildings	22 265	5 350
Life sustenance	8 881	2 700
Education	3 886	823
Social, sports, and cultural facilities	1 874	283
Healthcare	1 650	540
Roads	1 046	359
Administrative and Centres of administrative services	993	196
Others	12 408	786



Reconstruction of the kindergarten Veselka in Hostomel, the Kyiv region

**As of October 4th, 2024, according to regional military administrations since February 24th, 2022*

RESTORATION PROJECTS: DREAM ANALYTICS**

The Digital Restoration Ecosystem for Accountable Management (DREAM) is a significant milestone in Ukraine's restoration efforts. It's not just a state digital platform for implementing restoration projects but a powerful tool that underscores our unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability.

7824 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes:
2995 projects created in the Education sector
1102 projects created in the Healthcare sector
874 projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste management sector
821 projects created in the Housing sector
673 projects created in the Transport sector

Top 10 regions according to the number of projects in the DREAM:

- Kyiv
- Lviv
- Kharkiv
- Chernihiv
- Kirovohrad
- Sumy
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson
- Dnipro
- Odesa



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*** DREAM collects, organizes, and publishes open data across all stages of restoration projects in real time, implementing the highest standards of transparency and accountability. As of now, DREAM contains only a part of restoration projects. Legislation ensuring all restoration projects are included in DREAM is being developed.*

All the data on projects in DREAM is available on the public [portal](#) and via the business intelligence [module](#). At the pilot project stage, the analysis results are not official statistics and may need more accuracy. Join the DREAM and find more information concerning investment projects on dream.gov.ua or write to info@dream-office.org

SWISS SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Switzerland will allocate funding and involve the private sector in restoration projects in Ukraine



This was agreed upon during the meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine – the Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, Oleksii Kuleba, and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, Felix Baumann.

Felix Baumann noted that he visited Ukrainian regions



several times, which allowed him to assess the reconstruction needs. He also emphasized that Switzerland has been implementing support programs for our country for a long time. These include issues of decentralization and restoration programs, joint projects with Ukrzaliznytsia, and assistance in preparation for the heating season. Currently, the Government of Switzerland offers additional aid programs to Ukraine.



**Felix BAUMANN, Extraor-
dinary and Plenipotentiary
Ambassador of Switzerland
to Ukraine and the Repub-
lic of Moldova:**

The Ministry representatives also met with the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) delegation, which arrived in Ukraine to hold the 14th meeting of the Ukrainian-

Swiss Joint Committee. At the Ministry, SECO representatives presented a plan of measures to support Ukraine's recovery with the involvement of the Swiss private sector.

Another important focus of our cooperation remains the early recovery projects. The Swiss Government plans to allocate 1.5 billion Swiss francs for reconstruction projects in Ukraine for the next four years. One billion will be directed to the self-government, demining, and humanitarian aid sector. The rest of the amount will be directed to recovery programs with the involvement of the Swiss private sector. To emphasize the seriousness of our intentions, our representative will work here and be responsible for implementing this project. Right now, a delegation of the private sector is working in Kyiv, which is familiar with the needs of Ukraine in the spheres for which the Ministry is responsible in the medium and long term.



EXPANDING COOPERATION WITH THE WORLD BANK AND IFC

The World Bank and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) will continue to support Ukrainian initiatives in recovery, reconstruction needs assessment, and preparation for winter.



This was agreed upon in a meeting between Oleksii Kuleba and Bob Saum, the World Bank Regional Country Director for Eastern Europe. The Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine emphasized that the Ministry has now focused on providing housing for internally displaced persons, which should also be taken into account in bilateral cooperation. Another task is to modernize community infrastructure for people who will return from the front.

Oleksii Kuleba emphasized that all joint projects launched by the World Bank will continue. As well as identified several strategic areas' current priorities:

- Ukraine's Damage and Recovery Needs Assessment (RDNA) is an important recovery tool and a platform for communication with donors, partners, and the government. This tool allows us to plan work for the coming years and analyze the current situation.
- Housing reconstruction. As part of the cooperation, more than 64,000 families have already received assistance for housing repairs. The estimated need for this project for the next year is \$150 million.
- We are continuing to reform housing policy. Work continues to implement the fundamental law on housing policy and social housing strategy.

The Deputy Prime Minister for Reconstruction of Ukraine also noted that the Ministry looks forward to further cooperation with the World Bank in the

transportation sector on the main highways and seaports.

The true partnership between the World Bank and

the International Finance Corporation greatly appreciates bilateral cooperation and will continue to support the people of Ukraine.



Oleksii KULEBA, Deputy Prime Minister for Reconstruction of Ukraine - Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine:

I would like to thank the World Bank and IFC for supporting our initiatives. Our priorities will remain the same, so your help and support are extremely important. The Ministry will take the lead in our joint projects. Our cooperation has already shown promising results in the energy sector, housing restoration, and transport sectors. In two weeks, the World Bank team working in the housing sector will continue negotiations with the Ministry on further cooperation.



WORLD BANK HOPE PROJECT PROLONGATION

Ukrainians received another UAH 837 million to repair damaged homes under the eVidnovlennia program

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Combatants, families of fallen soldiers, mobilized Ukrainians, large families, people with disabilities, as well as parents-caregivers of family-type orphanages, foster parents, foster caregivers, orphans, and children deprived of parental care have a priority right to receive compensation.

Under the eVidnovlennia program, more than 64,000 families have already received funds to repair their damaged homes, and more than 4,000 have used housing certificates to purchase new homes instead of being destroyed.



CEB HOME

More than a thousand owners of destroyed housing have purchased new homes with the assistance of the Council of Europe Development Bank

These are people who have taken advantage of the government program, realized their right to compensation using a housing certificate, and purchased a new home. This was made with the financial support of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) under the HOME: Compensation for Destroyed Housing project.

A €100 million loan agreement was signed in June this year between Ukraine and the Council of Europe Development Bank during the Ukraine Recovery Conference.

The Ministry for Communities and Territories Development is currently preparing a request for a second tranche

of €30 million for the project's next phase.

More than 387,000 real estate objects have been uploaded to the State Register of Damaged and Destroyed Property. Ukraine continues to work to support people affected by Russia's armed aggression.



TURKEY AND JAPAN SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF UKRAINIAN COMMUNITIES

Türkiye and Japan play an essential role in restoring Ukrainian communities, and Ukraine expects to continue and expand this cooperation



This was the key message of Oleksiy Kuleba's speech to the participants of the 7th Türkiye-Japan Overseas Construction Cooperation Conference, which was taking place in Istanbul. Representatives of the government and business circles of Türkiye and Japan attended the conference. Within the framework of a separate panel devoted to the restoration of Ukraine, Oleksiy Kuleba called on the representatives of Türkiye and Japan to actively participate in projects that involve promising future investments.

The Ambassador of Ukraine to Türkiye, Vasyl Bodnar,

thanked Turkey and Japan for their support, citing specific examples of successful projects of ONUR, DOĞUŞ, and Çalık Energy corporations. He also presented the current priorities for restoring infrastructure to meet the urgent needs of Ukrainian citizens. He spoke about the existing mechanisms for the participation of foreign companies in the reconstruction of Ukraine, particularly the digital ecosystem DREAM, which was created with the support of international partners to ensure transparency and accountability in selecting and implementing relevant projects.



POLARIS – MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Presentation of a new program to support multi-level governance and community capacity building



The “Polaris — supporting multilevel governance in Ukraine” is a four-year program designed by the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

It aims to address both short-term and long-term challenges, focusing on building an effective system of multilevel governance while strengthening the capacity of local communities. SALAR International will

support the community recovery process as part of the program, helping local governments develop and implement recovery plans that include housing, other municipal services, and critical infrastructure.



**Natalia KOZLOVSKA,
the Deputy Minister
for Communities and
Territories Development
of Ukraine:**

Sweden has been a reliable strategic partner of Ukraine for many years. The new program will provide

systematic support and assistance in formulating and implementing regional and local government development policies. It will also help develop Ukrainian communities’ capacity to cope with the numerous challenges they face in the context of war.

THE PILOT PROJECT FOR FEMALE DRIVERS HAS STARTED IN UKRAINE

On October 4, a pilot project for the training and employment of female truck drivers was presented in Kyiv.

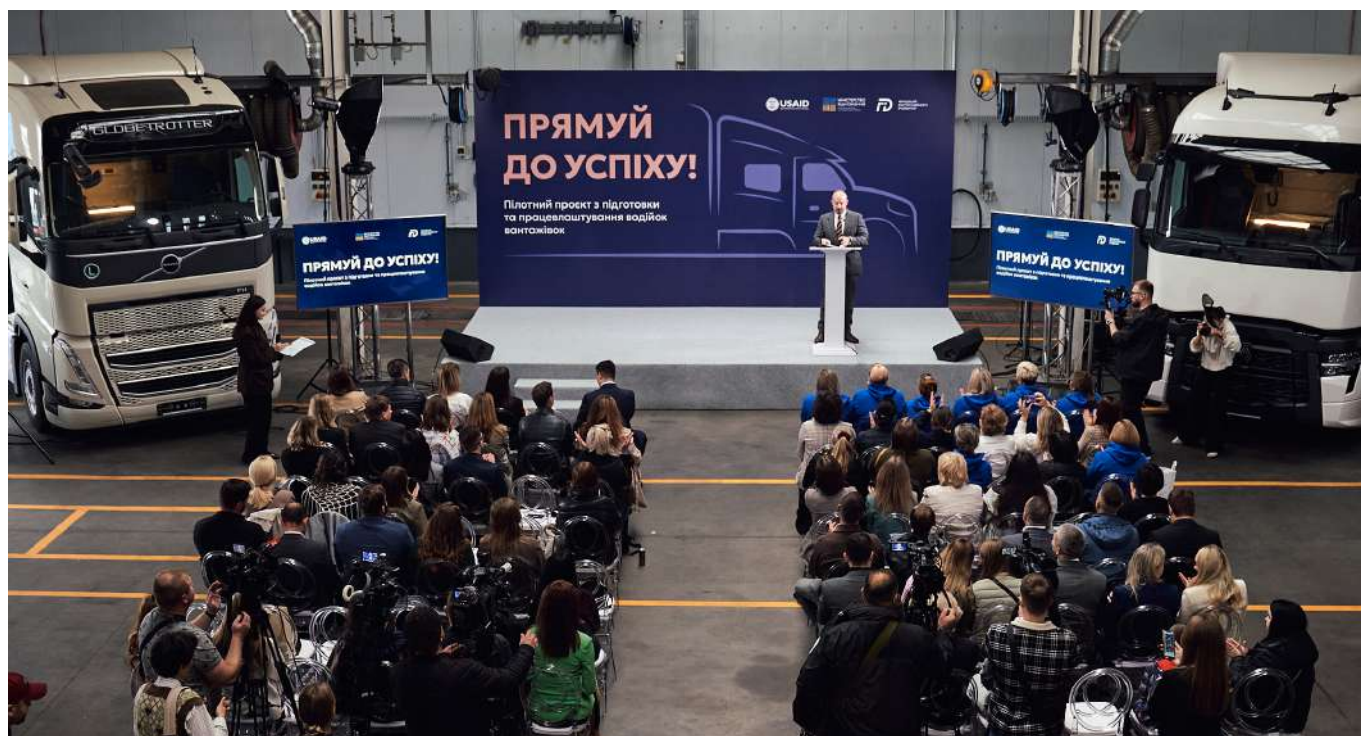


The project creates new opportunities for the professional realization of Ukrainian women in the transport industry. The initiative involves obtaining a category C and CE driver's

license and further employment for women who have successfully completed the training. The best project participants will also be able to undergo additional training that meets European

standards and receive an international commercial vehicle Driver Qualification Card. The pilot project covers four regions - Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi, Rivne, and Ternopil.





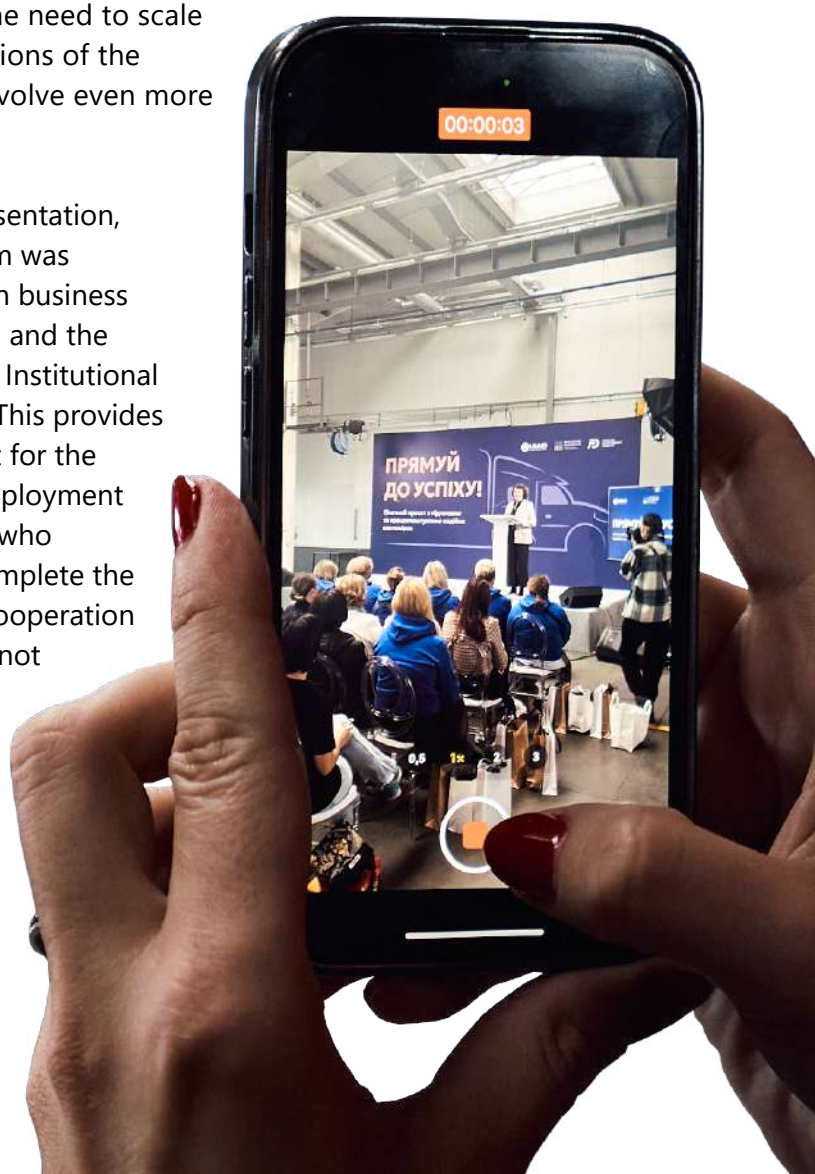
During the competition, more than 1,000 women and 25 transportation companies expressed a desire to join the project.

The event brought together government officials, business representatives, and participants who had successfully passed the first selection stages.

According to Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba, this project demonstrates how the coordinated efforts of the government, business, and international partners contribute to developing an inclusive economy and the involvement of women in professions where there is an acute staffing crisis. The interest in the initiative, both women and business, confirms the potential of such

projects and the need to scale them to all regions of the country and involve even more partners.

During the presentation, a Memorandum was signed between business representatives and the Foundation for Institutional Development. This provides further support for the project and employment for candidates who successfully complete the training. This cooperation will contribute not only to the professional development of the participants but also to strengthening the Ukrainian economy.





Serhii DERKACH,
Deputy Minister for Com-
munities and Territories
Development of Ukraine:

We are confident that this project opens up new opportunities for women to develop professionally and actively participate in strengthening the country's transport infrastructure. Negotiations are underway to scale up this initiative, attracting even more women to the logistics industry. As part of the pilot project, 25 large logistics companies have already expressed willingness to employ women who graduate

from our training. At the same time, the project's fundamental goal is to engage women and create sustainable conditions for companies that will further attract women to this strategically important sector of the economy. The project's strategic vision is to lay the foundations for long-term transformations in the transportation sector that will impact Ukraine's recovery and integration into global logistics chains.



John GINKEL,
Chargé d'affaires of the
U.S. Embassy to Ukraine:

Ukraine's strong economy is key to winning this war and its future. This is why the United States is committed to supporting Ukraine's businesses. We

are working with the private sector and the government to tackle and close workforce gaps and help train new skills. We are also ensuring the energy sector stays running so businesses can operate, and we are supporting efforts to boost trade and exports.



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