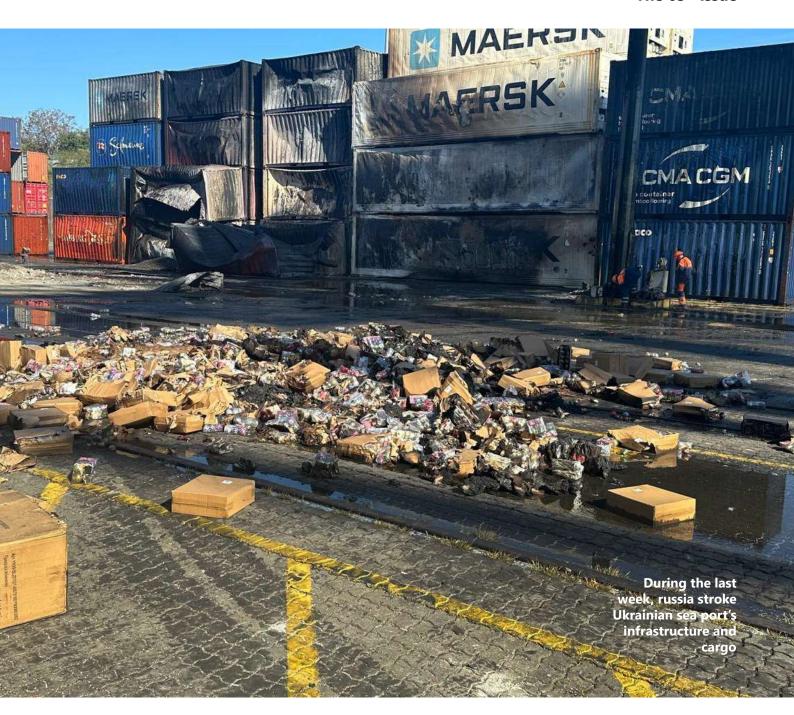




Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine

RESTORATION DIGEST

The 65th Issue







DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!

Last week was fruitful for international negotiations and agreements on cooperation in further support of Ukraine.

The Ministry team attended the 11th Steering Committee Meeting of the **Ukraine Donor Platform** in Rome. The Platform's Steering Committee includes permanent members who are high-level officials from Ukraine, the EU, and the G7 countries.

We initiated the establishment of an **Advisory Group** under the Agency for Restoration. The Group aims to coordinate and monitor the financial and technical assistance donors and partner countries provide. It will facilitate the efficient use of resources and project implementation. We invited representatives of the

countries helping us with the recovery to join it.

We look forward to the participation of proactive special representatives. The Ministry plans to divide projects into national and regional levels to form a single project portfolio—approximately USD 5 billion to meet the country's urgent needs. We are ready to prove our efficiency and commitment to achieving tangible results for citizens.





Ukraine relies on Germany's help and assistance in developing a methodology for strengthening communities' capacity to improve their projects' effectiveness. And further integration of this methodology into the DREAM digital ecosystem. It was discussed at the meeting with Volker Oel, Head of the German delegation to the Ukraine Donor Platform and Deputy Director General for Eastern Europe at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Volker Oel also said that the German side encouraged donors to work together to strengthen the Coalition for Sustainable Municipalities activities, launched at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin this summer.

Transparency and accountability are critical priorities for the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine. It was discussed during the meeting with **Daleep Singh**, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics of the U.S. **Developing the DREAM** ecosystem will help improve monitoring and control over the use of funds in recovery. DREAM should become a single mechanism for all investment projects, from local and regional to national levels.







We also met with **Erica Schouten**, Special Envoy for Ukraine, Netherlands MFA.
Ukraine seeks to draw on the Netherlands' experience in rethinking and building accessible urban spaces and successful water management, which would help provide

drinking water and irrigation for southern Ukraine.

We met with **Ros Eales**, Director of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Department of the UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office.
More than 10% of Ukraine's

housing stock is destroyed or damaged, affecting almost 2 million Ukrainian families. Over 4.6 million of our citizens have become IDPs. That is why the Ministry for Restoration focuses on effective coordination of housing reconstruction and support for IDPs.





We had a productive meeting with the Republic of Korea Special Envoy for the Restoration of Ukraine, who expressed hope that Korea's experience of postwar recovery and reconstruction, best practices, and innovations will help rebuild Ukraine. The Minister also outlined the urgent priorities: recovery and reconstruction, regional policy, and support for IDPs.

For his part, Jeong Byung-ha emphasized that Korea is ready to involve its business in Ukraine's recovery and provide soft loans.

RUSSIA INFLICTS DEVASTATING BLOWS ON PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

russia is destroying Ukraine's export potential. Over the past three months, the enemy attacked the Ukrainian sea port's infrastructure 60 times, damaging 300 port facilities, 177 vehicles, and 22 civilian vessels. Seventynine employees of ports, logistics companies, and ship crews were killed.

We are trying to obtain the necessary protection for Ukraine's civilian infrastructure.

Nevertheless, since the beginning of the Ukrainian Corridor operation, Ukraine has exported 75 million tons of cargo and 50.1 million tons of agricultural products to 50 countries.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAMS AND RESTORATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

We are developing railway communication with Slovakia. At the end of this year, we plan to launch a connection between Kyiv and the main Slovak cities—Bratislava and Košice. The development of railway communication with European countries is about comfort and convenience for those crossing the border, Ukrainians returning home, and business travelers to the European Union. According to First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko, Slovakia's involvement in implementing Ukraine's recovery projects will be the key topic. We must establish direct contacts between Ukrainian and Slovak businesses so that they can jointly apply for funding from our partners to implement reconstruction projects. It is not just an opportunity to restore what has been destroyed and implement new projects but also to support Ukraine's economy by creating new jobs in Ukraine.

I was glad to meet with the Ambassador of Japan to Ukraine, Kuninori Matsuda, who is completing his diplomatic mission in Ukraine. I thank Japan for assisting Ukraine and the





importance of cooperation in restoring and rebuilding Ukraine. And special thanks to the contribution and leadership of Matsuda Kuninori to strengthening relations. In his turn, the Ambassador thanked for the cooperation and expressed confidence in further developing friendly relations between Ukraine and Japan. He noted that Japan will continue to support Ukraine in its efforts to restore integrity and rebuild.





MEETING WITH HEADS OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS

I met with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal, and the Deputy Head of the Presidential Office, Victor Mykyta, with heads of regional administrations. In preparation for the upcoming difficult winter season, the communities must be ready for any possible scenario. Another important point is the protection of critical infrastructure. Last but not least, we emphasized that this year, Ukraine

launched the creation of the Unified Portfolio of Public Investment Projects. It is an important step in the European Integration of Ukraine. Therefore, it is essential to work together with regions and communities within the framework of the Strategic Investment Council to select projects. I thanked the regional administration's representatives for fruitful communication.

Thanks for the ongoing and strategic support provided by Ukraine's parents. Feeling this support at the national and regional levels is very important.

Oleksii KULEBA,

Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine - Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine



KEY FIGURES OF THE WEEK

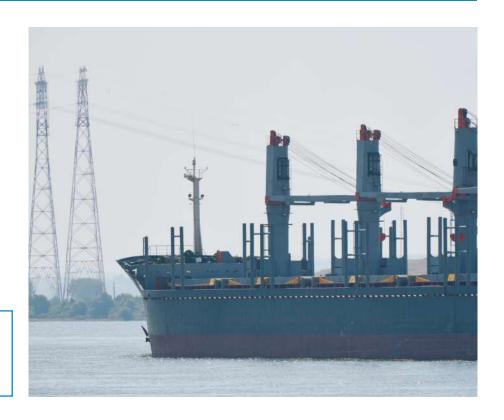
UKRAINIAN CORRIDOR

TEMPORARY HUMANITARIAN SEA ROUTE

In total, since the beginning of the corridor functioning:

- Arrived: 2805 vessels;
- Loading in progress: 38 vessels.
 Exported:
- grain cargo **50 mt**;
- other cargo 24.8 mt;

TOTAL – more than 75 mt Declared for arrival: 83 vessels, 2.3 mt



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DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

DAMAGED HOUSING

(repairs and overhauls) With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 7.6 billion, we have approved 70.8 thousand applications for housing restoration.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



Restoration of an apartment building in Serhiivka, the Odesa region

DESTROYED HOUSING

(buying new housing)
10840 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 16.9 billion was approved for payment. 4712 certificates have already been implemented, with a total of

UAH 8.7 billion.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Donetsk
- Kyiv
- Kherson
- Mykolaiv



DESTROYED AND DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE*

| Facilities | Damaged or destroyed | Restored |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| TOTAL: | 222 313 | 50 296 |
| Individual houses | 169 096 | 28 439 |
| Energy | - | 10 006 |
| Apartment buildings | 22 283 | 5 712 |
| Life sustenance | 8 928 | 2 812 |
| Education | 3 904 | 860 |
| Social, sports, and cultural facilities | 1 878 | 315 |
| Healthcare | 1 650 | 507 |
| Roads | 1 048 | 485 |
| Administrative and Centres of administrative services | 1003 | 206 |
| Others | 12 523 | 954 |



russia continues to destroy the homes of Ukrainians

*As of October 11th, 2024, according to regional military administrations since February 24th, 2022

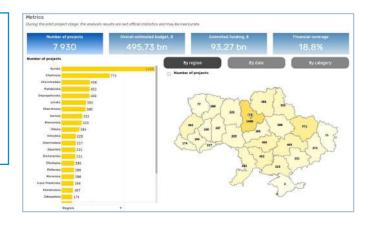
RESTORATION PROJECTS: DREAM ANALYTICS**

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.

7930 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes:
3032 projects created in the Education sector
1114 projects created in the Healthcare sector
893 projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste management sector
821 projects created in the Housing sector

684 projects created in the Transport sector





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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 <u>portal</u> and via the business intelligence <u>module</u>. 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 <u>dream.gov.ua</u> or write to <u>info@dream-office.org</u>



UKRAINE DONOR PLATFORM

Rome hosted the 11th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Ukraine Donor Platform



The meeting brought together senior representatives of the Platform's permanent and temporary members and International Financial Institutions. Participants reiterated the Platform's unwavering support for Ukraine and its commitment to continue working to help Ukraine meet its immediate and long-term financing needs.

The Platform coordinates international assistance to

meet Ukraine's immediate needs and long-term recovery. It now unites 23 members, including permanent and temporary members, observers, the European Commission, and seven international financial organizations.

European Commission
Director-General cochaired the meeting for
Neighbourhood and
Enlargement Negotiations
Gert Jan Koopman, Ukraine's
Minister of Finance Sergii

Marchenko, and the US Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics Daleep Singh. On the Ukrainian side, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development Oleksii Kuleba, Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko, and Deputy Minister of Economy Oleksiy Sobolev also participated either in person or online.





BUDGET FINANCING NEEDS

Prime Minister Shmyhal opened the meeting by thanking partners for their support and underlining the need for continued assistance in 2025. He emphasized Ukraine's commitment to reforms, notably in the context of its EU accession process.

The Steering Committee underlined that they expect to close the external financing gap for 2024 and continue to assess how to meet emerging additional budget needs caused by russia's ongoing aggression.

The Steering Committee underscored the importance of G7 members' ongoing joint work to fulfill the collective commitment made in June 2024 of approximately \$50 billion by the end of the year. The funds are intended to be disbursed through multiple channels that direct them to Ukraine's military, budget, and reconstruction needs.

The Steering Committee noted the Prime Minister of Ukraine's top funding priorities for this winter, including energy supply and heating, protection of critical energy infrastructure, response to the water supply crisis in the south of Ukraine, and measures to address housing needs.

PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION

The Steering Committee reiterated the importance of sound public financial management, which is one of the fundamental elements

for Ukraine's EU accession path. In this context, it noted Ukraine's substantial progress on a Public Investment Management Roadmap and the Strategic Investment Council's prioritization of public investment projects within the pilot Single Project Pipeline (SPP) for 2025. It welcomed the jointly proposed concept for a Framework for Project Preparation for Ukraine, including moving ahead on two **Project Preparation Facilities** to boost Ukraine's ability to prepare and implement projects: the Ukraine PPF, to be administered by the Government of Ukraine with support from the World Bank, and Ukraine FIRST, to be administered by the EIB and EBRD and for which the European Commission announced a €20 million allocation.



REFORMS DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

The Steering Committee welcomed Ukraine's substantial and continuing progress on reforms, which are central to Ukraine's EU accession path and business climate improvement. Members also welcomed the Government of Ukraine's update of the Reforms Matrix as a public tool for accountability,

transparency, and stakeholder coordination, including with civil society. The Commission underlined the centrality of the accession process for any conditionalities involving regulatory changes. The re-launching of Kyivbased Sector Working Groups, which provide a Government of Ukraine-led in-country coordination structure to complement the Platform's work, was also welcomed.

PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

Emphasizing the importance of stakeholder engagement in Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, the Steering Committee welcomed hearing from the Business Advisory Council on their first advice and recommendations. Recognizing the important role of Ukraine's active civil society, the Steering Committee also committed to strengthening the Platform's regular engagement with civil society.



The Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform—renamed the Ukraine Donor Platform in September 2024—was launched on 26 January 2023 to coordinate efforts to address Ukraine's financing needs in the short to medium term.

In February 2024, it welcomed four additional temporary members - the Republic of Korea,

The Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden – with Denmark joining in October 2024. The Platform now also includes nine countries with observer status: Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland. International Financial Institutions and organizations, namely the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and

Development, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the International Finance Corporation, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development also participate in the Platform.

The next Steering Committee meeting is expected to take place early in 2025.



THE ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHING

An Advisory Group with international partners will be established under the Agency for Restoration



Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba initiated an Advisory Group under the Agency for Restoration. The group aims to coordinate and monitor the financial and technical assistance donors and partners provide. It will promote the efficient use of resources and project implementation.



ESSENTIAL TASKS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP:

- Construction of a water pipeline from Nova Odesa to Mykolaiv.
- Preparation for the heating season. The Ministry's task is to make each community energy-independent,
- strengthening its potential and resilience.
- Protection of energy facilities.
- Construction of housing for internally displaced persons.
- The Ministry is developing a separate project together with the Agency for Restoration.
- Restoration of damaged facilities, primarily housing for people.



DEEPEN COOPERATION BETWEEN UKRAINE AND SLOVAKIA

Ukraine and Slovakia deepen cooperation at the community level in energy, infrastructure, and business



On October 7, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal and the Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico met in Uzhhorod, Zakarpattia region. The meeting was a part of the second round of intergovernmental consultations.

During the consultations, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine - Minister of
Economy Yulia Svyrydenko,
Deputy Prime Minister for
Reconstruction of Ukraine Minister of Community and
Territorial Development Oleksiy
Kuleba, Deputy Minister of
Economy Taras Kachka and
Head of the State Agency
for Reconstruction and

Infrastructure Development Serhiy Sukhomlyn met with Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for the Recovery and Resilience Plan and the Use of EU Funds Peter Kmec, and Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic Richard Raši.







The parties agreed to launch joint programs of experience exchange and training for local and regional authorities of Ukraine to prepare them for working with EU structural funds. The Ukrainian side briefed the partners on the Unified Public Investment Project Portfolio, which contains 750 projects, including more than 100 in healthcare, education, transport, and energy. Also, there were discussed:

- The implementation of joint infrastructure and energy projects and deepening economic cooperation. In particular, the reconstruction of the Mukachevo - Veľké Kapušany interconnector.
- Further cooperation in expanding railway communication. In
 December 2024, the Kyiv–Košice train is expected to be launched via Chop with a potential extension to Bratislava.
- Agreed to develop and improve border crossing points. The Uzhhorod – Vyšné Nemecké border crossing point has already been partially modernized. New equipment was installed there, and traffic lanes were expanded.
- The capacity of the Malyi Bereznyi – Ubl'a checkpoint is potentially expanding.
- The finalization of the Agreement on Joint Customs and Border Control.
- The further deepening of cooperation in the context of Ukraine's accession to the EU and investment cooperation.



Yulia SVYRYDENKO, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine - Minister of Economy of Ukraine:

Progress has been made on the Mukachevo—Veľké Kapušany interconnector project. The Ukrainian and Slovak system operators have agreed on the timeframe for completing the first stage of construction work. Both parties plan to complete the job in 2026. This project is strategically important for Ukraine's energy security, independence, and integration into the EU energy market. Slovakia is now the second-largest country in emergency and commercial electricity transmission to Ukraine. We are grateful for the support of our energy resilience.



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

We are developing communication with Slovakia. The new agreements include opening the Pavlove-Matovce railway crossing point for passenger traffic. Currently, it operates as a freight crossing. We agreed to amend the relevant agreement and start working in this direction. Also, we continue to increase the transit potential of this railway junction. At the same time, we are already working on constructing a narrow-gauge railway from Chop to Uzhhorod. We can extend the Bratislava-Chop passenger service to the regional center.



MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS' OFFICIALS

The government delegation headed by Denys Shmyhal discussed several important issues with heads of the regional military administrations.

The key issues are reforming public investment management, preparing for the heating season, and protecting critical infrastructure.

Ukraine created a Unified Portfolio of Public Investment Projects, one of the stages to the European Union.

The Ministry must work with the regions and communities to select projects within the framework of the



Strategic Investment Council.

In this process, it is essential to divide projects into

national and regional levels and ensure that communities submit their applications using the Project Preparation Facility.





DEVELOPMENT ROAD MAPS FOR REGIONS

In February 2025, each region will receive a development roadmap





Despite the war, Ukraine needs to have development strategies for each community. Therefore, state and local authorities continue to develop documents that should consider all wartime challenges: military, economic, and humanitarian.

Oleksii Ryabikin, Deputy Minister of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, said this in his speech at the Made in Ukraine Business Forum.

The Deputy Minister emphasized that preparing

strategic documents now is an investment in ensuring a quality of life for every Ukrainian in the future and having clear plans to help quickly overcome the war's consequences.



Oleksii RYABYKIN, the Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine:

In February 2025, all regions of Ukraine will have strategic documents that determine their

development vector. These documents will create a single logical and interconnected system.

The development of Ukrainian regions communities must be carefully planned.



BUS TRANSPORTATION OPEN DATA



Kyiv, Odesa, and Zaporizhzhia are the most popular destinations, and the final points are Chisinau, Warsaw, and Prague.

The Register of International Bus Routes is available on the open data portal data.gov.ua, where everyone can find detailed information about international bus routes, including their names, schedules and bus stops, route length, total travel time, and data on carriers operating these routes.

The portal autobus.gov.ua is already operating to:

- find a legal carrier
- plan a route
- find out about checkpoints and queues.



Serhii DERKACH,
Deputy Minister for
Communities and
Territories Development of
Ukraine:

The autobus.gov.ua portal has already been developed and launched. It is an essential tool for

reforming international bus transportation. Publishing all routes on the open data portal not only ensures transparency in the sector but also creates the preconditions for the full use of this data by carriers and online ticketing companies



UKRAINIAN BUSINESS JOINED TO WOMEN'S LEARNING

As part of a project to train truck drivers, candidates are offered guaranteed employment

In particular, 24 companies have expressed their willingness to employ women and become project partners, 17 of which have already signed memorandums of cooperation.

It means one thing - women who complete the training and pass interviews with employers are guaranteed to get a job. The following companies have expressed their readiness to become project partners: Volvo Trucks, METRO UA, Fozzy Group, NOVUS, Kronospan Rivne, Negabarit-Service, Trans-Logistic, Kernel, CargoService (Nebesna Krynytsia), Balk-Trans, Ukrposhta, B2B Logistic, Rio-Trans, MHP, Eridon, VITA-GRO, Agrarian System Technologies.

According to the Memorandum, the Institutional Development

Foundation, which is implementing the project, will provide quality training for women to obtain C or CE driving licenses, considering market requirements and current legislation.

After graduation, partner companies will consider graduates for open positions, ensuring equal opportunities for women and offering competitive salaries.





EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

A new Swedish-Ukrainian initiative aimed at effective household waste management has been launched in Ukraine



The official presentation of the project Strengthening Municipal Waste Management in Ukraine (WM4U) took place in Kyiv. The program is based on Sweden's Strategy for Cooperation with Ukraine in the Field of Recovery and Reforms for 2023-2027, Ukraine's integration into the EU and implementation of EU environmental and waste management legislation, the Paris Agreement, COP28 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine –

Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba emphasized that the Ukrainian government has already approved the National Waste Management Strategy until 2030. It envisages implementing a systematic approach at both the national and regional levels. Waste generation will gradually decrease as more waste is recycled and reused. The strategy will help develop relevant legislation to improve the state of the environment and the population's sanitary and epidemiological well-

being. It is also planned to attract investments in the waste management sector and thus create a modern infrastructure that will comply strictly with EU legislation. To ensure monitoring and control of waste management, an information system will be in place that will include information on the range and quantity of waste generated, processed, recycled, and disposed of. An important control tool will be the creation of a National Register of Waste Sources, Waste Management Facilities, and a reporting system for business entities.





At the **national level**, the program aims to develop a waste management strategy, in particular for demolition waste, reform the national tariff system based on the principles of sustainable development, implement recommendations for the separation and treatment of organic waste to reduce landfill disposal and greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen producers' responsibility for waste management, control gas emissions from landfills, etc.

The program will support pilot projects at the **local and regional levels** to implement the entire household waste management chain. Support will include knowledge sharing, equipment, and other assistance to local authorities in modernizing waste management infrastructure and technologies to meet EU standards. This includes planning investments in large-scale recycling plants.

According to Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Vasyl Skurakov, due to the significant destruction caused by russian aggression, Ukrainian communities have a strong demand for improved solid waste management. According to a preliminary estimate, 23 regions in Ukraine have already reported the need to create more than 200 sorting lines, 17 projects have already developed the necessary documentation, and 19 regions have emphasized the need to build more than 50 waste processing plants, of which 5 have also developed project documentation.





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