



Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine

RESTORATION DIGEST

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**Preparation for the
winter season is
ongoing**

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DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!

Last week's main event
was President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy's presentation
on implementing the
Victory Plan of Ukraine.
In this context, we are starting
to discuss it with the public

and international partners.
We will discuss all the
challenges we must
overcome on the way to
victory.



MEETING WITH G7 AMBASSADORS

Last week, we had a productive meeting with the G7 ambassadors' countries and the EU ambassador to Ukraine. We discussed the areas of cooperation: decentralization, regional policy, community restoration, and strengthening collaboration with partners. We also focused on the smooth operation of the sea corridor. Ministry's team emphasized that we plan to complete all the projects we have started and scale up successful initiatives. It is essential for us that people see the results. On the way to URC2025, we need to develop a methodology for assessing the capacity of communities to

increase local activity in attracting public investment. All projects being implemented or will be implemented must go through the Digital Ecosystem for accountable recovery management. Our principles are transparency, accountability, efficiency, and timeliness of all recovery processes. I introduced the ambassadors to the new team of the Ministry for Restoration. We are convinced of productive and fruitful cooperation and grateful to our partners for their support of the decentralization reform, strengthening the capacity of communities, assistance in protecting our sea corridor and energy facilities, and

rebuilding housing and infrastructure. I am grateful for our meeting; we have joint projects to discuss. It is essential to complete everything we have started and show people the results they expect.

In the context of constant Russian attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure, our cooperation in the restoration of critical facilities is relevant and important. We are focusing our policy on the fact that people returning to Ukraine must understand where they are returning to. Also, the currently occupied territories should not be left out of our attention.

🇪🇺 I am grateful to the European Union for its unwavering and consistent support for Ukraine. During the meeting with the EU Ambassador to Ukraine, Katarina Mathernova, we discussed that we must now focus all our efforts on recovery and reconstruction. The main thing now is implementing city projects - energy efficiency, restoration, and construction. It is really important for us that communities are involved in this process.

🇳🇴 During the meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, Espen Bartha Eide, we discussed cooperation between Ukraine and Norway in restoring critical infrastructure. Moreover, now we are focusing on our policy that people who will return to Ukraine should understand where they are returning to. Also, the occupied territories should not be left out of our attention.

🇬🇧 I was glad to meet with a good friend of Ukraine, Martin Harris, His Majesty's Ambassador to Ukrainians. We have to complete all the projects that have been launched. However, the Ministry is in charge of a new policy on the temporarily occupied territories as an element of regional policy. It will also be worth paying joint attention to. The Black Sea issue is also within the scope of our cooperation. We must maintain the security of the sea corridor.



RUSSIA STRIKES THE SEA PORT'S INFRASTRUCTURE

On October 14, the terrorist country Russia once again shelled the infrastructure of the Odesa seaport. During the attack, they damaged civilian vessels, a grain warehouse, and equipment. As a result, one person was killed, and eight people were wounded. Moreover, two civilian vessels, a grain warehouse, cranes, warehouses, machinery, buildings of the Sea Ports Authority branch,

and cars were damaged. Russia's targets are the same: civilian ships, grain storage facilities, and terminals. The infrastructure that helps us ensure the world's food security, which Russia is once again jeopardizing by violating all international law.

We continue to work for our victory. We believe and know that only together we can achieve

our primary goal. We are grateful to our partners for the help that every Ukrainian feels.

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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: **2860 vessels**;
 - Loading in progress: **39 vessels**.
- Exported:
- grain cargo – **51 mt**;
 - other cargo – **25.4 mt**;

TOTAL – more than 76.4 mt

Declared for arrival:

95 vessels, 2.4 mt



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DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

DAMAGED HOUSING

(repairs and overhauls)

With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 7.7 billion, we have approved 71.9 thousand applications for housing restoration.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



Restoration of an apartment house in Bucha, the Kyiv region

DESTROYED HOUSING

(buying new housing)

10998 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 17.1 billion was approved for payment. 4729 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:	222 606	50 387
Individual houses	169 284	28 442
Energy	-	10 072
Apartment buildings	22 293	5 717
Life sustenance	8 957	2 812
Education	3 914	877
Social, sports, and cultural facilities	1 878	315
Healthcare	1 651	507
Roads	1 048	485
Administrative and Centres of administrative services	1003	206
Others	12 578	954



One of the most significant bridges in the Chernihiv region has been restored

**As of October 18th, 2024, according to regional military administrations since February 24th, 2022*

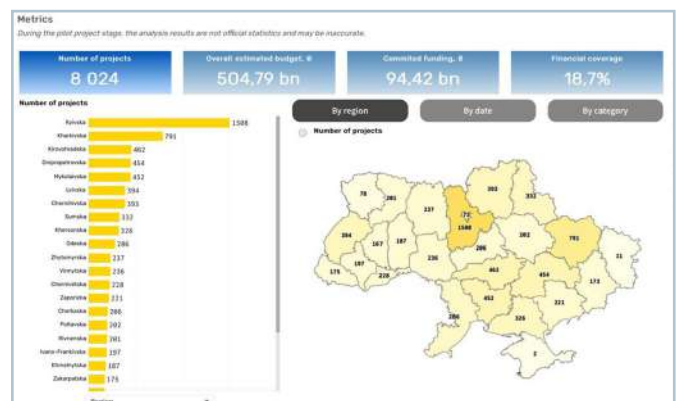
RESTORATION PROJECTS: DREAM ANALYTICS**

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.

8024 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes:
3074 projects created in the Education sector
1128 projects created in the Healthcare sector
902 projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste management sector
818 projects created in the Housing sector
689 projects created in the Transport sector

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

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



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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

MEETING WITH G7 AND EU AMBASSADORS

Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba met with the ambassadors of Group 7 and the EU ambassador to Ukraine.



Oleksii Kuleba introduced the new ministry team and shared its principles and priorities. Italian Ambassador to Ukraine Carlo Formosa; Ambassador of the EU to Ukraine Katarina Ma-

thernova; the UK Ambassador to Ukraine Martin Harris; French Ambassador to Ukraine Gaël Veyssiére; Acting Deputy Chief of the U.S. Mission to Ukraine Julie Koenen; Chargé d'Affaires

of Canada Sean Boyd, Permanent Representative of the German Ambassador to Ukraine Tim Prange, and the Deputy Head of Mission of Japan Tokita Yuji attended the meeting.





During the meeting, parties focused on decentralization reform, regional policy, restoration, and further cooperation of the Ministry with international partners. In particular, Deputy Prime Minister Kuleba emphasized that the Ministry analyzes communities' capacity and increases their involvement in public investment. All projects implemented or to be implemented should be implemented through the [DREAM](#).

EU Ambassador Katarina Matheronova emphasized that the Ministry's new team faces a difficult task. The international community, which supports Ukraine's reconstruction, has high expectations for cooperation. She noted that the European Union has continued to support Ukraine since the first day of the full-

scale invasion and is looking forward to the Ukrainian side's initiative in prioritizing investment projects.

British Ambassador Martin Harris said that his country welcomes the Ministry for Development's use of DREAM, which is a positive signal. He also noted that foreign partners are now seeing Ukraine's efforts to operate the sea corridor. They also welcome Ukraine's desire to open airspace and are ready to help Ukraine.

Carlo Formosa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Ukraine, emphasized that this meeting is strategically important. Understanding each country's role in restoring Ukraine is important. At the same time, he emphasized that trans-

parency and accountability of projects also remain important.

According to Serhii Sukhomlyn, Head of the Agency for Restoration, the top priority is protecting Ukraine's energy system and building energy facilities. These plans are to be completed next year. The second area is building social housing in the regions. The project documentation preparation has already been completed. This project will be implemented in cooperation with communities.

Another action point is critical infrastructure recovery, such as constructing a water pipeline in the Mykolaiv region. The Agency for Restoration plans to complete it in August 2025. Mykolaiv's sewage treatment plants remain a problem.

MEETING WITH THE EU AMBASSADOR TO UKRAINE

Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba held a working meeting with the EU Ambassador to Ukraine, Katarina Mathernova



Oleksii Kuleba emphasized that the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development has done a tremendous job. Still, the new team's main task is to focus on all efforts to improve communities' well-being. He also said cooperation with communities should be done

to avoid a significant gap in their capacity, according to the principle of the most affected and suffering from the hostilities and relatively peaceful regions.

The EU Ambassador to Ukraine, Katarina Mathernova, noted that the European

Union has high hopes for bilateral cooperation. The Ministry's capacity building and leadership can complete the strategic investment process. The Head of the EU Delegation added that transparency of all processes will remain a shared priority.



THE UK REMAINS A RELIABLE PARTNER OF UKRAINE

The United Kingdom provided consistent and systematic support from the first day of the full-scale Russian invasion. In turn, Ukraine is ready to continue cooperation and work on transparency, accountability, and efficiency principles.



Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Reconstruction of Ukraine, stated this during his meeting with the British Ambassador to Ukraine, Martin Harris. Oleksii Kuleba thanked the UK for its systematic, prompt, and timely support

and assistance. Martin Harris noted that Ukraine and the UK have many common affairs and plans.

The parties also discussed the heating season in Ukraine, its features, and its needs.



Martin HARRIS, His Majesty's Ambassador to Ukraine:

Because of this terrible war, the UK and Ukraine have become great allies and partners. We have realized that your security is our security. Ukraine's victory is essential for everyone. And even after the win, we have excellent prospects for developing our relationship. The UK's most significant aid program in the world is for Ukraine. This is both humanitarian and economic aid. That is, we are a full-service donor. We are already preparing new aid programs and programs for various sectors of Ukraine.



NORWAY SUPPORTS UKRAINE'S RESTORATION PROJECTS

Norway is ready to support Ukraine in its recovery and in its aspirations to join NATO and the EU



Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, met with Espen Bartha Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

The Deputy Prime Minister called on Norway to support Ukraine in its efforts to ensure food security, which Russia constantly threatens. Only recently has the aggressor fired several times at port infrastructure and ships that were supposed to transport food worldwide.

Oleksii Kuleba thanked Norway for its housing policy support, particularly in developing the



Law on the Principles of Housing Policy.

For his part, Deputy Minister of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Tymur Tkachenko noted that preserving the sea corridor as a logistics hub and an opportunity to supply the world with food remains very important for the Ministry and Ukraine.

In his turn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway Espen Bartha Eide emphasized that Ukraine can count on Norway as a reliable partner in the long term. Norway will continue to support the functioning of the sea corridor.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THE NANSEN SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR UKRAINE

- in February 2023 to provide Ukraine with long-term assistance. Ukraine will receive over €1.3 billion (NOK) every year.
- In addition, in December 2023, the Norwegian government allocated about \$100 million to Ukraine to rebuild infrastructure after Russian missile strikes. Norway provided 300 million in budget support to Ukraine through the World Bank. These funds were used to pay salaries to healthcare workers, teachers, and public sector employees and provide pensions and social benefits.



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

We have started working together on a social housing and housing management law. It will help Ukraine develop a new quality housing policy.

I would also like to thank you for supporting the Home project to restore citizens' homes damaged by Russian aggression.

As a result of this cooperation, more than 67 thousand families have received assistance in repairing their homes. It is an unprecedented figure worldwide and has no analogs.



ESPEN BARTH EIDE,
**Minister of Foreign Affairs
of Norway:**

We support all of Ukraine's projects and, at the same time, understand that your country is at war. Therefore, we are trying to remind our population that Ukraine needs military and social support. We are also ready to support Ukraine's aspirations to join NATO and become a member of the European Union.



THE WORLD BANK SUPPORTS HOUSING POLICY

The World Bank continues to support housing policy reform in Ukraine



At the meeting of the Housing and Utilities Sectoral Working Group, representatives of the World Bank and development partners such as the European Commission,

European Investment Bank, EIB, Nefco, NRC - Norwegian Refugee Council, Council of Europe, UNECE, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, diplomatic missions together

with representatives of the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development discussed critical areas for advancing the reform. Among them:

- Strategic directions of housing policy and its legislative regulation
- Development of a draft law on social housing

- Development of the National Housing Strategy
- Implementation of key housing sector recovery projects: analysis of the current state and

prospects for expansion were used to pay salaries to healthcare workers, teachers, and public sector employees and provide pensions and social benefits.

According to Deputy Minister Natalia Kozlovska, smart housing policy is one of the critical components of the resilience and recovery of Ukraine after the war.

There is a lot to prepare and implement other important

legislation, particularly the Law on Social Housing, which will support the most vulnerable categories of the population: internally displaced persons and veterans.

In addition to the laws, a huge number of bylaws and strategic

documents are to be developed, namely the National Housing Strategy, which is a step towards systematizing and modernizing the housing sector for the long term, and I am convinced that international partners, in particular the World Bank, will play an important role in this.



Today, almost 4.6 million citizens in Ukraine have the status of internally displaced persons (IDPs), so the working meeting placed special emphasis on the need to implement projects aimed at expanding lending opportunities for IDPs and creating a social housing fund.

The Ministry has already received confirmation

from the Council of Europe Development Bank of the first €50 million for affordable mortgage programs for IDPs in 2025. In addition, the Ministry is working to create social housing funds in communities.

Since the housing sector is most affected by Russian aggression, Ukraine is

implementing reconstruction projects alongside the legislative reform. First, we are talking about state compensation for damaged and destroyed housing. Cooperation with the World Bank and the Council of Europe Development Bank, which has proven effective in financing compensation programs, will continue in 2025.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN CORRIDOR

On October 16, during the visit of the Nordic-Baltic Eight foreign ministers to Ukraine, a briefing was held on a critical aspect of the Ukrainian corridor



Key speakers, including Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Tymur Tkachenko and Head of the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority Yurii Lytvyn, highlighted the main challenges and achievements in port infrastructure, the strategic importance of the stable operation of the Ukrainian corridor, and international food security.

Ukrainian sea ports continue to operate despite the constant threat from Russia. Since August 2023, more than 2,800 vessels have arrived at Ukrainian ports, handling 76 million tons of cargo.



TYMUR TKACHENKO,
Deputy Minister for Com-
munities and Territories
Development of Ukraine:

The ministry's critical priority is the uninterrupted operation of the Ukrainian corridor, which ensures food security for Ukraine and many countries worldwide. Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, we have suffered more than 50 attacks on port infrastructure, which have damaged more than 300 facilities and destroyed more than 100,000 tons of agricultural products. Despite this, the corridor continues to function thanks to the coordinated work of government agencies and private operators.

UKRAINIAN-HUNGARIAN BORDER DEVELOPMENT

The development of the Ukrainian-Hungarian border will strengthen cooperation between two countries



Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development Serhii Derkach met with Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Parliamentary State Secretary Levente Magyar during his visit to Kyiv.

The key topics of the talks were the development of automobile checkpoints, the development of railway communication,

and joint participation in the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility program. The parties paid attention to agreeing on a joint plan for the development of border infrastructure.

During the talks, the Ukrainian side also handed over the draft Border Infrastructure Development Strategy and operational plan to their

Hungarian counterparts to receive feedback and agree on a joint plan.

Parties also discussed the possibility of starting negotiations on the preparation of an agreement on joint customs and border control. Earlier, the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine has already sent a draft to Hungary.



Serhii Derkach and Levente Magyar also agreed that a technical meeting would be held in the near future to agree on

a joint plan and priority border development projects, which will be subsequently submitted to the European Commission.



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

Our first priority is to allow empty trucks to pass through the Luzhanka-Beregsurany checkpoint. It will help relieve the only cargo checkpoint, Chop-Zahony. Ukraine has created all necessary conditions for this, including upgrading the road surface at the checkpoint and carrying out all the necessary ratification procedures. We expect that soon the Hungarian side will also ratify the relevant decision and empty trucks will be able to cross the Luzhanka. The ratification of the amendments to the relevant Agreement will also allow us to open the Velyka Palad-Noghodos checkpoint. Our proposal is to use temporary infrastructure. I am grateful to the Hungarian side for supporting this decision and for their willingness to provide us with technical assistance.

RANGING COOPERATION WITH GIZ

Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Oleksii Ryabikin held a coordination meeting with representatives of the German Society for International Cooperation GIZ Ukraine



Oleksii Ryabikin thanked international partners for their consistent and systematic support of Ukraine.

He emphasized that the Ministry for Restoration

is a leader in the positive transformation of coal regions, and the team has already developed a state program in this area. Cooperation with GIZ is an essential area of work,

especially in response to the challenges of wartime.

At the same time, the Ministry for Restoration has proposals for further joint work.



PREPARATION OF THE HOUSING AND UTILITIES SECTOR FOR WINTER

The sixth meeting of the headquarters will be held to prepare the housing and utilities sector for winter under martial law.



Participants included representatives of central authorities, heads of regional military administrations, local governments, and energy companies.

Vasyl Shkurakov, the First Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, emphasized the importance of completing winter preparations and the need for communities to be prepared for emergencies.

The meeting reviewed the situation in the regions where the installation of cogeneration units still needs to be completed. Specific tasks were identified for such settlements to accelerate their implementation.

Director of the Department of Public Utilities Natalia Khot-sianivska said the regions are 99% ready for winter. More than 18,800 boiler houses and 4.8,800 central heating stations are pre-

pared to supply heat. However, given the military risks, communities should be prepared for possible emergencies and have an action plan in case of a complete failure of the power system.

The Ministry also reported on the results of cooperation with international partners for the supply of cogeneration units and modular boiler houses. Particular attention is paid to regions near the combat zone.





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