



Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

RESTORATION DIGEST



DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!

We had a very intensive week with many events and meetings with internal and external stakeholders. It's important to communicate with each other to talk to decision-makers. Due to kussia's constant attacks on civilian targets and critical infrastructure, the situation in Ukraine is very dynamic, requires coordinated work at government, regional, and local levels, and extremely needs international support.



MEETING WITH UKRAINE DONORS PLATFORM MEMBERS & SPECIAL ENVOYS DURING REBUILD UKRAINE

We are strengthening the Ukrainian Donor Platform's recovery focus. To improve coordination and specify projects, we are establishing a Recovery Operations Group and an Advisory Group under the Agency for Restoration. The Operations Group will help to openly discuss challenges, priority and infrastructure projects, and reconstruction results. It is a "single window" for exchanging information on urgent recovery and reconstruction needs.

It will include relevant ministries, special commissioners for recov-



ery, members of the Platform, and other stakeholders.

The Advisory Group under the Recovery Agency will focus on project implementation and resource efficiency. It will guarantee the authorities' transparency and accountability at every reconstruction stage. This group will be crucial in helping maintain performance standards and build trust in the Agency's activities among Ukrainians and international partners.

MEETING WITH IMF MISSION REPRESENTATIVES TO UKRAINE

We had an important meeting with Ukraine's International Monetary Fund delegation mission chief, Gavin Gray, and the IMF Resident Representative in Ukraine, Priscilla Tofano. I thanked the IMF team for the full-fledged work of the mission

in Ukraine to understand the urgent needs. Also, we discussed further implementation of the reforms envisaged by the Memorandum of Cooperation with the IMF and Ukraine's progress, which the Fund highly appreciates.

We discussed a new Ministry policy for IDPs. It is also important to develop communities' capacity so that they have the resources to implement recovery projects. According to Deputy Prime Minister, the Ministry is counting on expert assistance. Last but not least are transparency and accountability. We will keep the best practices and implement new ones. We communicate with the public and take a comprehensive approach to this topic.





USA **S**

Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal, met with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State and Acting U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine's Economic Recovery Richard Verma in Kyiv. It was the second visit of the US Deputy Secretary to Kyiv in recent months. The negotiation focused on our key priorities – to provide people with access to essential services such as heat,

electricity, and water. That is why the priority projects now and for the next year are protecting energy facilities, supporting communities' energy independence, constructing a water supply system for Mykolaiv, and restoring damaged and destroyed housing. It also emphasized the importance of speeding up the delivery of energy equipment to the most sensitive regions and communities.

We also need to focus our efforts on supporting internally displaced persons. In particular, we are preparing a social housing project with the Agency for Restoration. We expect that in all these areas, we will strengthen cooperation to ensure that the recovery is transparent and practical, with tangible results for people in all regions, especially those most affected by russia.

FINLAND +

I met with Ville Tavio, Finland's Minister for Foreign Trade and Development. I thanked the Government of Finland for developing the Plan of Participation in the Reconstruction of Ukraine and for its constant support of Ukraine. We discussed the main areas of reconstruction where we need assistance and where Finland plans to get involved. First, it is the heating season – earlier; the partner country announced a new aid package, which included powerful generators for our

communities. These are also strategic directions that will determine the future of our communities, such as Finland's experience in modernizing energy infrastructure, introducing innovations, and using renewable energy sources.





THE FIRST EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING SUMMIT

We continue to glorify the reform in legislation. Based on the national strategy for reforming the school nutrition system, the regions have developed regional

strategies that consider local peculiarities. The Code and Guidelines for organizing school meals have already been approved. New building codes have been developed and are expected to be approved by the end of this year. I thanked First Lady Olena Zelenska for her

leadership in this crucial initiative. Thank you to the Ukrainian communities for the large-scale work done despite the war and challenges. Thanks to our people's resilience, Ukraine is an example of how to give the best in the most difficult conditions.



HOUSING FOR IDPS IN THE ZHYTOMYR REGION

At the beginning of the week, I visited a settlement in Veresy village, the Zhytomyr region, that had been opened for internally displaced persons and people affected by the war. These are 55 families who got new homes. The priority categories include military families, large families, people with disabilities, and families whose homes were destroyed by russian shelling. The houses have everything they need, including furniture and household appliances. This is a great example of fruitful cooperation between international partners, government, and local authorities. In addition, we are currently building a residential complex for internally displaced

people in Zhytomyr. The project envisages the construction of a 116-apartment building, which is scheduled to be completed in June. It is also being implemented thanks to the cooperation of international partners and local and regional authorities. We are now working on building similar towns and housing for IDPs and people in need of social protection.





THE 2ND MEETING WITH THE HEADS OF COMMUNITIES

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The Ministry for Development plans to work with communities in several areas: support, special attention to the frontline regions, and regional and housing policy. We are focused on uniting the efforts of all authorities to form

a common position for a common victory. Among the topics of most significant interest to the mayors are the implementation of development projects in their communities with grant funds, the future reconstruction of buildings affected by russians, filling local budgets, and the construction of social infrastructure facilities. During such meetings, we will also talk about joint projects between communities. The whole country needs to unite and help those who need it. We must unite around

the President's Victory Plan and Ukraine's Resilience Plan because it is a matter of joining NATO and the EU and the support elements we need today and now. I am grateful to those working to rebuild our country and communities and meet people's needs.

Oleksii KULEBA,

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





KEY FIGURES OF THE WEEK

UKRAINIAN CORRIDOR

TEMPORARY HUMANITARIAN SEA ROUTE

In total, since the beginning of the corridor functioning:

- Arrived: 3114 vessels;
- Loading in progress: 42 vessels.
 Exported:
- grain cargo 55 mt;
- other cargo 27.5 mt;

TOTAL – 82.6 mt Declared for arrival: 93 vessels, 2.7 mt



eVIDNOVLENNIA

DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

DAMAGED HOUSING

(repairs and overhauls)
With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 8
billion, we have approved
75.2 thousand applications for housing restoration.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



DESTROYED HOUSING

(buying new housing)
11954 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 18.4 billion was approved for payment. 4839 certificates have already been implemented, with a total of

UAH 8.9 billion.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Donetsk
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- Kherson
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DESTROYED AND DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE*

Facilities	Damaged or destroyed	Restored
TOTAL:	227 900	51 474
Individual houses	174 065	29 126
Energy	-	10 410
Apartment buildings	22 006	5 731
Life sustenance	9 093	2 818
Education	3 979	903
Social, sports, and cultural facilities	1 931	315
Healthcare	1 684	514
Roads	1 110	486
Administrative and Centres of administrative services	1110	206
Others	13 317	958



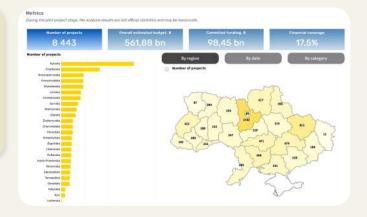
*As of November 15th, 2024, according to regional military administrations since February 24th, 2022

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.

8443 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes:
3234 projects created in the Education sector
1199 projects created in the Healthcare sector
942 projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste management sector
830 projects created in the Housing sector
741 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 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

COORDINATION OF UKRAINIAN RECOVERY

The government creates two groups to coordinate Ukraine's recovery



As part of the Ukrainian Donor Platform (UDP), a coordination meeting with representatives of partner governments was held.

Considering the previous positive results of cooperation within the Platform, the Government of Ukraine proposed to international partners to strengthen this area by establishing a Recovery Operation Group and an

Advisory Group under the Agency for Restoration.

Denys Shmyhal noted that the UDP has already demonstrated good examples of cooperation with international partners, such as rebuilding houses, modernizing water supply systems, and developing effective solutions for critical infrastructure. Therefore, its expansion is a logical step for Ukraine's further recovery.

Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba emphasized that establishing the Task Force is a new phase of cooperation within the UDP.

The Operation Group will help to discuss the challenges, priorities, infrastructure projects, and recovery achievements. It will hold regular meetings with the Ministry for Development, other responsible ministries, special envoys for recovery, and members of the Platform.





He emphasized that Ukraine's situation is unpredictable and constantly changing. That is why Ukraine needs an effective mechanism to respond quickly to new challenges.

Oleksii Kuleba also summarizes that Ukraine needs discussions and strong support from its allies. He invited the partners to join the Advisory Group under the Recovery Agency, designed to bring together experts and become an operational-level coordination body.

In turn, the head of the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Serhii Sukhomlyn, noted that the Agency's advisory group should guarantee transparency and accountability at every stage of reconstruction. This group will be a key element in helping maintain performance standards and strengthening the trust of Ukrainians and international partners in the Agency's activities.

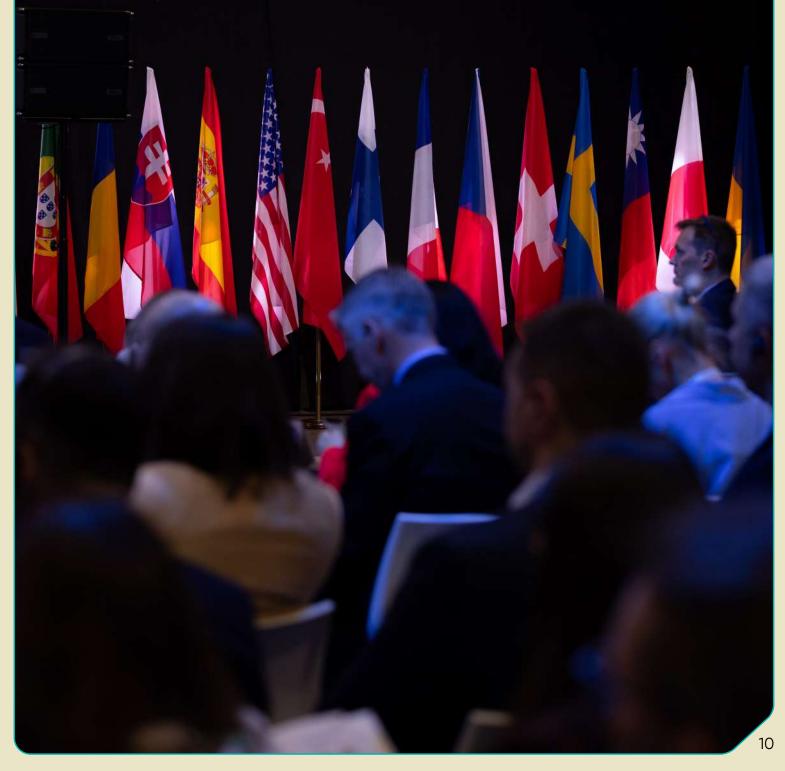


REBUILD UKRAINE

The two-day International Exhibition and Conference ReBuild Ukraine Construction and Energy, organized by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine in cooperation with the European Commission, took part in Warsaw.

The event's main purpose was to unite the efforts of governments, international financial organizations, and businesses to implement restoration projects in the

infrastructure, energy, and housing sectors and further Ukraine's integration into the European Union. The event brought together over 5,500 participants from 30 countries and about 500 international companies from 18 countries, 63 representing Ukrainian businesses. It aimed to attract private investment to Ukraine directly.





DAY 1

Within the ReBuild Conference, representatives of the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine held several important international meetings with international partners. They outlined the main work priorities and the short—and long-term prospects for recovery projects.

The Ministry ensures effective coordination between central executive authorities, communities, and international partners. Since the Single Project Pipeline comprises 60% of regional projects, applying a differentiated approach to prioritization is important.

In particular, the priority needs in the frontline regions are

survival and ensuring people's access to basic services such as water, heating, and electricity, while the rear regions can already work on developing the local economy and attracting private investment. It is also important to teach communities how to work with international organizations so that they can attract resources for recovery projects.





In addition, it is necessary to ensure transparency and accountability at every stage of project implementation through digital tools such as the DREAM ecosystem.

The Ministry is also working to create an effective platform that will unite all of Ukraine's partners and coordinate them to set the agenda for reconstruction and development.

The Ministry team held bilateral meetings with the Minister for Business and Trade of the United Kingdom and the Deputy Minister of Strategic Policy and Innovation in Canada. They also met with the Swiss delegation separately to discuss projects to restore social infrastructure and build school shelters. Swiss representatives also noted that it is important to establish

cooperation between the two countries at the community level.

During the Panel on municipal recovery, connectivity, and public-private partnerships, Deputy Minister Maryna Denysiuk emphasized the importance of applying the main recovery principle, Build Back Better, in community recovery projects.







DAY 2

The second day of ReBuild
Ukraine began with a meeting
of the Ukrainian Donor
Platform (UDP) Operations
Group. Prime Minister of
Ukraine Denys Shmyhal and
Deputy Prime Minister for
Reconstruction of Ukraine
Oleksii Kuleba, Special Envoys
for Restoration of Ukraine,
and representatives of the
Ukrainian Donor Platform
attended the event. The Prime
Minister of Ukraine, Denys

Shmyhal, addressed the event participants, thanked the partners for their support in restoring Ukraine, and emphasized the importance of continued cooperation.

Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine, presented the key priorities for recovery and the status of project implementation within the UDP.

According to Deputy Prime Minister Kuleba, the Operations Group will help openly discuss challenges, priority and infrastructure projects, and reconstruction results. It is a "single window" for exchanging information on urgent recovery and reconstruction needs. It will include relevant ministries, special commissioners for recovery, members of the Platform, and other stakeholders. The Advisory Group under the Recovery Agency will focus on the practical implementation of projects and the most efficient use of resources.



The Agenda of the Ukraine Recovery Conference also included an International Water Forum dedicated to water management, which Deputy Minister Maryna Denysiuk opened. According to her, sustainable water supply and sewerage and reliable functioning of the

sector's infrastructure are
the basis for the sustainable
development of communities
and bringing the system to
European standards. The
water and wastewater sector
needs systemic modernization
and reform. First, bringing
the sector's legislative
framework in line with the EU

standards is necessary. The government must also create favorable conditions and ensure transparency to attract private investors' funds to modernization projects. This, in turn, will allow the use of new technologies, international best practices, and additional financial resources.





An important part of ReBuild Ukraine was the opportunity to meet with communities. Deputy Minister Maryna Denysiuk and Director of the Department of Investment Policy of the Ministry Artem Husak visited the pavilion, where communities from all over Ukraine were represented. Represen-

tatives of local governments spoke about current recovery and development projects.

In particular, the communities of the frontline regions have priority projects to build shelters, restore and modernize life support systems, and provide autonomous energy sources for critical infrastructure and social facilities.

During the project discussion, representatives of the Ministry of Development emphasized the importance of presenting projects in the DREAM ecosystem and the Single Project Portfolio.





Representatives of international financial organizations, the Ukrainian Donor Platform, and special envoys also spoke to communities about the importance of partner support in priority areas.

Also, during each meeting, the Ministry's team emphasized the importance of supporting the sustainable functioning of the maritime corridor, which has proven effective in ensuring global food security. The Ministry is committed to working closely with partners to overcome the challenges of war and build capacity for Ukraine's recovery and development.





Maryna DENYSIUK, the Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine:

It is essential to structure recovery projects according to communities' needs. The Ministry's priorities are to provide people with housing, restore life support systems, and passively protect energy

facilities. Within the Public Investment Management Reform and the formation of the Single Projects Pipeline, we are working to implement PPP projects at the national and community levels as an additional tool for Ukraine's recovery. It is important for us that with the support of our partners, we can achieve quick and tangible results.

LUXEMBOURG SUPPORTS KRYVYI RIH RESTORATION

The first meeting of the Steering Committee with Luxembourg to support the restoration of Kryvyi Rih district was held



The meeting was held under the coordination of the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine. During the meeting, the participants approved the Inception Report and the Annual Operational Plan for 2025 the project "Support to the Recovery of Kryvyi Rih District".

On November 7, the government of Ukraine and local authorities signed a Memorandum of Understanding on implementing the technical assistance project with the government of Luxembourg.

MAIN AREAS OF THE PROJECT "SUPPORT FOR THE RE-COVERY OF KRYVYI RIH DISTRICT":

- Support employment and business development through investments in vocational education and support for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises.
- To improve the quality and accessibility of education.
- Strengthen administrative capacities through training of local authorities.
- To raise awareness of mine action issues.

According to Deputy Minister Oleksii Riabylin, Kryvyi Rih is about the resilience of Ukrainians who continue to work, generate income, and support their families despite the war, so we must do everything to make life in these areas comfortable and safe.

Since the beginning of fullscale russia's invasion, Luxembourg has invested more than half a billion euros in Ukraine.



SCHOOL'S CATERING SYSTEM REFORM

The Ministry for Development is involved in the modernization of canteens as part of the school catering system reform



The European Regional School Meals Summit was held in Kyiv. The opening ceremony of the Summit was attended by First Lady Olena Zelenska, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine Oleksii Kuleba, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Oksen Lisovyi, Minister

of Health of Ukraine Viktor Liashko, and representatives of international organizations that constantly support the implementation of the reform.

The key areas of work include introducing the highest standards for the organization of school canteens and kitchens and implementing catering modernization projects.

The Ministry for Development was committed to implementing a comprehensive school feeding reform before 2022, but the full-scale invasion created additional challenges, including large-scale internal displacement of children, local budget shortfalls, loss of suppliers, power outages, and a lack of qualified staff.





The Code allows for a comprehensive approach to the modernization and re-equipment of canteens in educational institutions, taking into account modern technological processes and HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) requirements for quality control of food services. In addition, the Code provides recommendations

for the use of the latest hightech equipment that has a positive impact on energy efficiency.

The Ministry has also prepared amendments to two key construction standards and regulations for the design and construction of secondary and preschool education institutions. The changes include updated requirements

for architectural and planning solutions and engineering, including water supply and ventilation, due to the new philosophy of providing children with nutrition and using the latest equipment. The changes are expected to be approved by the end of 2024. Thus, local authorities will have the tools necessary to implement the new school nutrition philosophy.





The Summit's expo zone featured canteen modernization projects from communities and regional administrations.

Separately, the results of the state subvention for the arrangement of catering units were presented, which was distributed using the DREAM ecosystem - the State Digital Ecosystem for Recovery Management,

which is being implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine. Before the Summit, DREAM created a list of community projects that involve the modernization of canteens – all of them meet modern requirements for school catering and are ready to attract funding, including international funding.

The European Regional School Feeding Summit brought together about 500 participants from around the world, including heads of regional state administrations, government officials from leading European countries, representatives of international organizations such as UNICEF, WFP, WHO Office in Ukraine, UNDP Ukraine, the Swiss-Ukrainian project DECIDE, as well as diplomats and international experts.



COOPERATION WITH U-LEAD ON DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL POLICY

U -LEAD with Europe continues cooperation with the Ministry of Development on decentralization and regional development



The House of Decentralization hosted the 9th meeting of the U-LEAD with Europe Steering Committee, chaired by Oleksii Riabykin, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, and Stefan Schleuning, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Ukraine.

During the event, Bastian Veigel, program director of U-LEAD, presented and discussed the achievements of the second phase of the U-LEAD program and the priorities of the upcoming third phase of activities.



Representatives of donors and Program participants from Germany, Denmark, Poland, and Slovenia attended the Steering Committee meeting. For the first time, representatives of France attended the Steering Committee meeting. France plans to join the multi-donor initiative through Expertise France, providing vital knowledge and experience in the field of decentralization and community strengthening.

Phase III of U-LEAD's activities starts on January 1st,

2025, and will last until the end of 2027. In the current challenging circumstances, Ukrainian communities can count on the friendly support of U-LEAD with Europe as they work together to build a better European future.





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

Thanks to decentralization, Ukrainian communities have been able to withstand and respond to the challenges of war. We are grateful to the Program and its donors for their valuable contribution to the reform's success and their strong support of the communities.



Stefan SCHLEUNING, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Ukraine:

U-LEAD has made significant efforts to increase Ukraine's resilience. It has significantly helped mitigate the war's devastating effects and strengthen the communities taking on the task of recovery. In the future, the Program will be an essential pillar in preparing Ukraine's multilevel governance system for EU accession.

THE NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS

A NEB Academy hub is planned to be established in Ukraine



The New European Bauhaus is an environmental, economic, and cultural project initiated by the European Commission president in 2020. It focuses on the development of local communities and the practical implementation of the European Green Deal goals. The NEB initiative is an attempt to launch sustainable construction, strengthen community cohesion, improve accessibility, and improve the overall aesthetics of the architectural landscape.

The war in Ukraine has exacerbated the global climate crisis, drawing attention to the urgent need for sustainable and resilient infrastructure. The scale of the destruction has underscored the importance of rebuilding, which must be not only fast but also responsible and carbon-reducing. As a candidate for EU membership, Ukraine can receive support for reconstruction through European initiatives related to sustainable construction.

During a conference titled "The Way to the Hub of the New European Bauhaus Academy in Ukraine: networking and collaboration," the Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development, Natalia Kozlovska, thanked international partners for the initiative to create the Hub.

The NEB Academy is an educational initiative to enhance qualifications and retrain within the construction ecosystem. Special emphasis is placed on a systematic approach to sustainable construction by implementing the NEB's core values and principles. The NEB Academy aims to fill knowledge gaps regarding biomaterials, circular construction, digital technologies, and issues related to culture, art, inclusivity, equitable access to quality architectural landscapes, and collaborative creativity.

To launch the NEB Academy
Hub in Ukraine as soon
as possible, approaches
to creating a hub that
meets the needs of a wide
audience in need of relevant
knowledge are actively
explored. Through this hub,

interdisciplinary education on issues important to the entire construction ecosystem can gain the support of other NEB Academy hubs.

As the project develops, more training sessions are planned

for various groups, including policymakers, builders, and local government representatives.
Attention should also be focused on providing training for Ukraine's most affected frontline regions, where the need for new construction is most urgent.





Natalia KOZLOVSKA, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine: Today, we face an unprecedented scale of destruction. Many cities and towns require restoration or complete rebuilding. This calls for significant involvement from architects, engineers, planners, local government representatives, and civil society. That is why, despite ongoing hostilities, we are convinced of the need to start familiarizing and training a wide range of specialists with the principles of the New European Bauhaus. An inclusive approach to creating a

sustainable architectural environment should benefit more people. The Ministry for **Development of Communities** and Territoritories of Ukraine actively participates in all processes related to restoring housing, social, and transport infrastructure in Ukraine. During recovery planning, significant attention must be paid to inclusivity, energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, and proper protection of civilians, which we believe are prerequisites for sustainable development.





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