



Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

# RESTORATION DIGEST

The 72st Issue

Destroyed An-225 Mriya – the biggest transport airplane in the world, Hostomel airport, Kyiv region

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## **DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!**

Further development of the transportation network and sustainable modern infrastructure is one of our strategic priorities. It was the highlight of last week communications with our key stakeholders. I am grateful to all partners for their willingness to support transport infrastructure and work together on practical solutions to attract funding for these needs.



#### THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

In this matter, it is essential for us to attract the support of international partners. On this occasion, we held a High-Level Dialogue in Ukraine within the International Transport Forum (ITF) framework. We brought representatives from more than 20 countries, and the European Commission and IFIs joined us.

Today, we face challenges in the transport infrastructure sector. On the one hand, we need to respond quickly to all the destruction caused by the enemy. On the other hand, we need to accelerate our integration into the European transport space, considering all EU standards and requirements and developing the transport network.

Following the event, the partner countries approved a joint statement. The declaration,



agreed by Denmark, the United States of America, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, calls for more effective targeting of member states' support to Ukraine's needs and encourages international financial institutions, govern-

ments, and the private sector to increase investment in the restoration and development of Ukraine's transport sector.

For our part, we have presented the priority needs and projects that can attract support from ITF member countries. We expect to get practical results from the support of our partners and be able to ensure tangible results of our cooperation.



#### **DENMARK**

We held a fruitful meeting with the Danish government and business representatives. First, I thanked Denmark for its military and humanitarian support to Ukraine. Also, I am grateful to Denmark for the quality and substantive cooperation with the Mykolaiv region. Such a meaningful partnership is an example for other countries and our territories. Your twinning with Mykolaiv communities already makes our country more resilient and robust. Morten Bødskov emphasized that the Danish delegation included representatives of companies already operating in Ukraine and having investments here and those with ideas for cooperation. We noted that the Ministry is committed to transparent and accountable collaboration.



#### SWEDEN ==

During the bilateral meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure and Housing of Sweden, Andreas Carlson, we agreed to continue supporting Ukraine in the infrastructure

restoration and construction sector. I am grateful to Sweden for its leadership and support of Ukraine during the war. At the suggestion of Andreas Carloson, the ITF is establishing a separate fund to support and restore Ukraine's transport infrastructure. It has also allocated SEK 8 billion to the Ukraine Recovery Fund. Moreover, the Swedish government continues to support the Ministry's priorities, including decentralization reform and housing policy development for IDPs. We are open to launching joint projects with Sweden

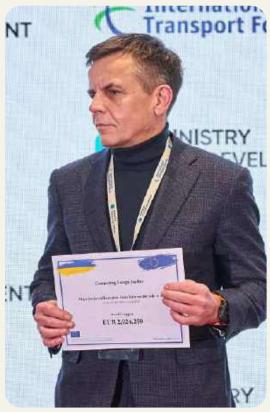
in transport and housing reconstruction. The Ministry is currently paying considerable attention to the security of maritime infrastructure. For his part, Andreas Carlson noted that Sweden is looking for ways to support the Ukrainian railroad and is also ready to join the resumption of air traffic as soon as the security situation in the country allows. Sweden is implementing a multi-year support program for Ukraine's civilian sector.

#### DG MOVE

Met with Magda Kopczyńska, Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). It is essential that, together with the European Commission, we have already started the legislation pre-screening in the transport sector as part of the negotiation process for Ukraine's accession to the EU. For our part, we look forward to receiving comments and recommendations that will allow us to move forward with European integration in the transport sector. We must have joint projects for infrastructure development,

primarily grant funding under the Connecting Europe Facility program. We have already made progress in implementing projects to build checkpoints and develop railway connections under this program. We expect that implementing these projects will positively impact business and our citizens.





## CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

52 million euros of grant funds have been approved by the European Commission under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) program for four Ukrainian projects to develop railways, road checkpoints, a river information service, and air navigation support.

The funds will soon be transferred to the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Ukrzaliznytsia, UkSATSE, and Ukrvodshlyakh.

A feature of the CEF program is co-financing. The EU program provides half the funds; we must give the other half. We work with international financial organizations to cover the total cost of projects.

This is practical integration into the European Union. When our

country has the same opportunities as others, we appreciate and use them effectively. This is a historic moment when Ukraine is one step closer to integration with the European community. Implementing the projects brings our people closer to our biggest dream to win this war and build a strong country. We are already preparing the following project applications for the subsequent selection by the Competition Committee.

## BORDER CROSSING POINTS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The full-scale russian invasion has significantly changed the logistics routes of our country. This was primarily due to the ports' blockade and the air traffic closure. Therefore, exports and imports of goods by road have become important elements of our economic stability. To adapt the Ukrainian border to meet the requirements of transport and passenger flows, we have developed a clear Strategy and an action plan. The documents contain specific steps and measures to be implemented to increase cargo turnover, prevent queues, and ensure comfort for those crossing the border. The main thing is the timely implementation of all planned measures so businesses and citizens can feel the positive results of our actions. We expect that our partners will also consider the Strategy in their projects. We are confident its implementation will be important to Ukraine's integration into the European transport space.

Ukraine keeps fighting, working, and optimistic. International support is a significant contribution to the reconstruction of Ukraine, which is spending all its resources to fight the aggressor.

#### 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: 3226 vessels;
- Loading in progress: 54 vessels.
   Exported:
- grain cargo 56 mt;
- other cargo 28 mt;

TOTAL – 84 mt
Declared for arrival:
93 vessels, 3 mt



#### **eVIDNOVLENNIA**

DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

#### **DAMAGED HOUSING**

(repairs and overhauls)
With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 8.2 billion, we have approved 77 thousand applications for housing restoration.

#### **TOP-5 regions:**

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



#### **DESTROYED HOUSING**

(buying new housing)
12325 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 18.9 billion was approved for payment. 4850 certificates have already been implemented, with a total of

#### UAH 8.9 billion.

#### **TOP-5 regions:**

- Kharkiv
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- Mykolaiv



#### DESTROYED AND DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE\*

Facilities	Damaged or destroyed	Restored
TOTAL:	228 053	51 823
Individual houses	174 130	29 229
Energy	-	10 627
Apartment buildings	22 025	5 735
Life sustenance	9 123	2 831
Education	3 979	906
Social, sports, and cultural facilities	1 931	316
Healthcare	1684	521
Roads	1 110	486
Administrative and Centres of administrative services	1049	206
Others	13 022	966



A renovated infectious diseases department for children was opened with EIB support in the village of Guiwa, Zhytomyr region

\*As of November 29th, 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.

8589 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes:
3282 projects created in the Education sector
1232 projects created in the Healthcare sector
954 projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste management sector
836 projects created in the Housing sector
749 projects created in the Transport sector





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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

### 3RD ITF HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE FOR UKRAINE

Rebuilding the Transport Network and Sustainable Modern Infrastructure: High-Level Dialogue for Ukraine was held within the framework of the International Transport Forum (ITF)



The key goal of the event is to develop practical solutions to help Ukraine restore and develop its transportation infrastructure.

At the opening of the Dialogue, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal noted that Ukraine's infrastructure is currently one of the most affected sectors. This is also confirmed by the World Bank's estimate of nearly \$500 billion needed for reconstruction. However, despite this, Ukraine faces an important task to restore all damaged infrastructure and expand logistics.



The Prime Minister emphasized that even during the full-scale russian invasion,
Ukraine continues to develop logistics, in particular, two new checkpoints with Romania have been opened, and with the support of partners, reconstruction of checkpoints with Poland, Slovakia and

Hungary has already begun. Ukraine also managed to ensure the stable operation of the Ukrainian sea corridor, which was used by more than 2,800 vessels. This is more than 75 million tons of cargo for more than 40 countries, of which more than 50 million tons are agricultural products.

Among the achievements in the transport sector, the Prime Minister also noted the extension of the Agreement of transport liberalization between Ukraine and the EU, which makes it possible to develop the EU economy and maintain Ukraine's economic stability.



The Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration Oleksii Kuleba emphasized that the state continues to work on modernizing trade routes, sea and land, as a reliable link to the world. Despite the ongoing destruction, the railroad and port infrastructure are working hard to ensure the evacuation of people from the frontline areas, transport important

cargo and ensure uninterrupted access of Ukrainian goods to world markets to prevent a food crisis. Oleksii Kuleba calls on all countries to unite around Ukraine and continue to build and restore Ukraine's infrastructure.

The participants of the Dialogue agreed to strengthen support for recovery and

expressed a common desire to develop new logistics routes and strategic ties with Ukraine.

As a result of the Dialogue, the Ministers of Transport and representatives of the Member States instructed the ITF to study the conditions for more effective targeting of Member States' support to the stated urgent needs of Ukraine.

Two roundtables were held during the Forum. The first was devoted to the formation of a new transport infrastructure in Ukraine, the second to the key needs and priority projects for the support and development of Ukrainian transport infrastructure. Deputy Ministers Tymur Tkachenko, Serhiy Derkach, and Maryna Denysiuk presented relevant projects and opportunities for cooperation during the roundtables.





All the participants who had previously visited Hostomel and Irpin emphasized that Ukraine is doing the impossible in rebuilding transport logistics in the face of enor mous war damage.

In December 2023, Lithuania, Sweden, Canada, and Ukraine launched the Support Group for Ukraine within the framework of the International Transport Forum (CIG4U) in Kyiv,. This is a platform for cooperation and support for Ukraine under the auspices of the ITF. The platform allows countries to exchange the information on the urgent needs of Ukraine's transport system, as well as to contribute to long-term rehabilitation projects. Currently, with the assistance of Lithuania,

Canada, and Sweden, Ukraine is already implementing the first ITF projects in the road, rail, and other sectors.

The International Transport Forum is an intergovernmental organization with nearly 70 member countries that aims to support the sustainable development of transport and transport infrastructure.

## TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

DG MOVE will continue to support transport infrastructure development projects



Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, met with Magda Kopczyńska Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). The parties discussed the development and support of port infrastructure, the implementation of the Solidarity Roads initiative to support Ukrainian exports, increasing the capacity of automobile checkpoints, European integration in the transport field, and the implementation the Ukraine Facility in the transport field.

Oleksii Kuleba thanked the European Commission representative for her consistent and systematic support of reforms aimed at approximating national legislation to the norms and principles of the European Union. Magda Kopczynska thanked for the meeting, despite another massive attack on Ukraine, and assured that the EU is seriously and systematically approaching the pre-screening of Ukrainian legislation in the field of transport, as the prospect of Ukraine's accession to the EU is real, so it is necessary to speed up this work. Moreover, after the end of the war and the beginning of the reconstruction process, common legislation in the transport field will play an important role.

The DG MOVE Director General also praised Ukraine's efforts to ensure the operation of the Ukrainian Corridor, calling it an example of "the impossible becoming possible." She noted the fruitful cooperation with the Ministry, particularly in harmonizing the Border Infrastructure Development Strategy and the National Transport Strategy.

The parties discussed transport infrastructure development projects within the framework of the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) program, which the program's Steering Committee approved. These include the development of the railroad network, border crossing points, river information service, and the restoration of the air navigation system. A feature of the CEF program is co-financing for project implementation in 50%. The EU grant will amount to €52 million.

As a reminder, Ukraine joined the Connecting Europe Facility program in June last year. Participation in the program allows Ukraine to attract EU funding to support the development of high-performance, sustainable, and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks in transport, energy, and digital services. The total budget of the program until 2027 is about EUR 21 billion.

### **BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine presented the draft Strategy for the Development of Border Infrastructure with the European Union and Moldova until 2030



The key priority of the Strategy is to increase the capacity of the border infrastructure.

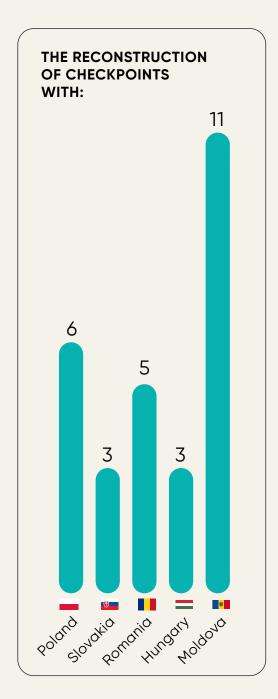
Key authorities have already approved the document,

and the Government plans to approve the Strategy by the end of the year. The approval of the Strategy must be one of the indicators of the Ukraine Facility Plan. The deadline for fulfilling this indicator is by the end of 2024. The strategy covers the development of checkpoints with neighboring countries of the European Union.











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THE BUILDING

**CHECKPOINTS:** 

**OF NEW** 



The Action Plan for the Strategy contains the necessary tasks and measures for the development of the border, including the cost, sources of funding, and timing of development and construction activities.

The presentation was attended by Deputy Minister Serhiy Derkach, Head of the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine Serhii Sukhomlyn, representatives of regional administrations, the State Customs Service of Ukraine, and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, representatives of the European Commission, USAID, USAID Economic Resilience Activity Project, IOM Ukraine, the European Union Advisory Mission to Ukraine, and others.



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

The strategy focuses on several key objectives. First and foremost, it aims to increase the capacity of the border infrastructure. This means reconstructing existing checkpoints and building new ones,

including access roads.
The goals also include
introducing joint control
with neighboring countries,
reducing queue times,
and creating a network of
service zones. To realize all
the goals, we have defined
clear tasks and results.
An essential part of the
strategy is monitoring its
implementation, and the
document contains separate
indicators for this purpose.

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME LOGISTICS

Denmark to support the development of Ukrainian maritime logistics



The team of the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine met with Danish government officials and businesses.

The Danish delegation was headed by Morten Bødskov, Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs.

The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to Ukraine Ole Egberg Mikkelsen, representatives of the Danish Export Investment Fund EIFO, the Danish Industry Confederation, Mærsk, DSV, Velux Anders, and others.



Morten Bødskov emphasized that the Danish delegation included representatives of companies already operating in Ukraine and having investments here and those with ideas for cooperation.

The representatives of the companies outlined their vision of cooperation and areas of investment in Ukraine, including logistics, to the Ukrainian side.

Deputy Minister for
Development Communities
and Territories Tymur
Tkachenko emphasized the
importance of the Ukrainian
Sea Corridor for domestic
exports and the plans to
concession the port of
Chornomorsk.

Serhii Sukhomlyn, the Head of the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, spoke about plans to construct a water supply system for Mykolaiv until next summer.

The Danish side confirmed that it is a reliable partner of Ukraine in restoring Mykolaiv. The parties agreed to continue contact to discuss the details of cooperation.



## POLAND-UKRAINE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES

Maryna Denysiuk and Serhii Sukhomlyn met with the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Sejm of Poland



Ukraine and Poland continue to cooperate in several areas, including the development of border crossing point infrastructure, participation of Polish companies in the restoration of Ukraine, and cooperation between the Polish and Ukrainian governments in the regional reconstruction and development process.

This was discussed at a meeting between Maryna Denysiuk, Deputy Minister for the Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, and Paweł Kowal, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Polish Sejm, Chairman of the Council for Cooperation with Ukraine.

The Deputy Minister thanked the Polish partners for their multilateral support and cooperation, outlined the priorities of the Ministry, and noted that Ukraine welcomes the initiative of Polish companies to participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine.





Maryna Denysiuk also noted that the inaugural meeting of the Ukrainian Donor Platform (UDP) Operational Group was held within the framework of the international exhibition and conference ReBuild Ukraine in Warsaw. The Deputy Minister emphasized the importance of joining the initiative at political and expert levels. This will allow us to focus on the practical implementation of recovery projects.

In his turn, Serhii Sukhomlyn,
Head of the Agency for
Restoration of Ukraine, noted
that the Agency's priorities
remain the protection of energy
facilities and installation of
autonomous power sources
at critical infrastructure
enterprises, development
of border crossing points,
construction of social housing,
and provision of technological
solutions to communities that
will help to reduce energy
consumption significantly.

Representatives of the
Ministry of Reconstruction also
informed the Polish side about
the recently presented draft
Strategy for the Development
of Border Infrastructure with
the EU and Moldova until 2030,
which identifies increasing
the capacity of border
infrastructure as a key priority.
Approval of the Strategy is one
of the indicators of the Ukraine
Facility Plan. It is expected to be
approved by the Government
by the end of this year.



Pawel Kowal noted that his mission in Ukraine primarily focuses on coordinating the Polish government's actions to restore Ukraine. He also said that, according to previous agreements, the Polish side is ready to continue supporting Ukraine's decentralization

reform and regional development.

He also noted that Poland already has the technical capabilities to transport electricity to Ukraine, under preliminary agreements, at a price set for Polish consumers.





Serhii SUKHOMLYN, the Head of the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine:

The Agency has already begun constructing a water pipeline in the Mykolaiv region. Here, the government, international partners, and local authorities need to consolidate efforts to ensure stable access to drinking water for 800,000 residents.



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

We highly value the good neighborly relations between our countries and look forward to further mutually beneficial cooperation in protecting common interests amid the threats of war. There is a need to improve coordination at the operational level to implement priority recovery projects in the face of limited financial resources and the challenges of war. We invite our Polish partners to support this initiative and join the Operational Group with a "single window" for coordination and communication at the governmental level.

### **UKRAINE ACCESSION TO EU: THE LEGISLATION SCREENING**

Ukraine's accession to the EU: the screening of railway transport legislation has begun

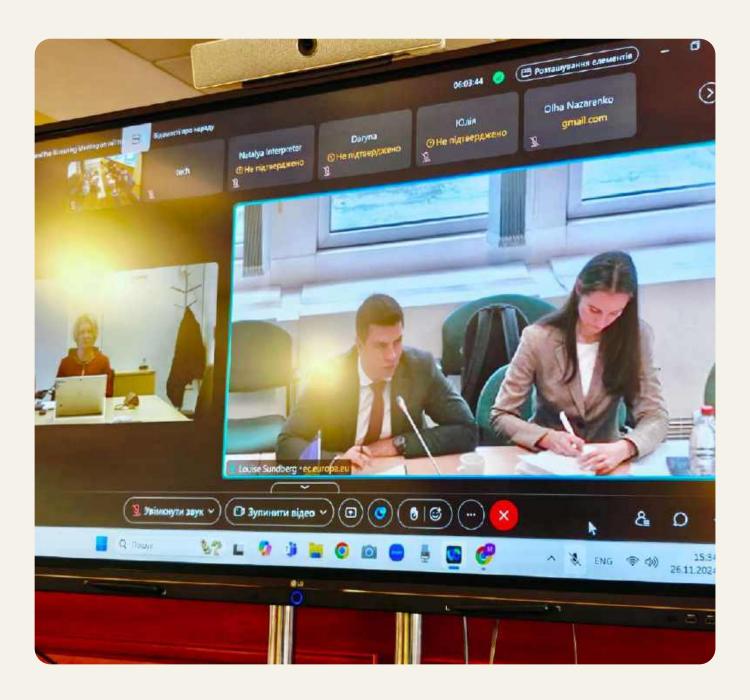
A bilateral meeting between Ukraine and the European Commission was held in Brussels to discuss the prescreening of Ukrainian legislation in rail transport.

This is one of the first steps in preparing for the official screening under negotiating Title 14 "Transport Policy", which will determine the further negotiation process on harmonizing Ukrainian legislation with the requirements of European directives, particularly on railway transport.

The Ukrainian delegation was headed by Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine Serhii Derkach. The main discussion topics were the provisions of Ukraine's legislative initiatives, which the Ministry is developing. In particular, they discussed the draft Law "On the System and Peculiarities of the Functioning of the Railway Transport Market of Ukraine" registered by the Verkhovna Rada at the request of the Government.

The document proposes to introduce a new model of the railway transport market, modeled on European systems.





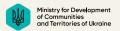
The railway transport reform is a priority for Ukraine as part of its European integration course and a prerequisite for strengthening its economic potential.

The harmonization of Ukrainian legislation by Directive 2012/34/EU is crucial for Ukraine's integration into the European transport area. The Directive establishes rules for the creation of a single European railway area. Its

goal is to make rail transport in the EU more open, competitive, and efficient. In other words, the Directive creates a "level playing field" for European railway companies.

Another critical area of the European integration process in the field of railway transport is the implementation of the main provisions of Directive (EU) 2016/797 on the interoperability of the

railway system within the European Union and Directive (EU) 2016/798 on railway safety into Ukrainian legislation. This process, in particular, includes implementing a European-style traffic safety system, creating mechanisms for technical investigation of railway accidents, and establishing a legal framework for technical regulation of interoperability (the ability of railway transport to maintain safe traffic).



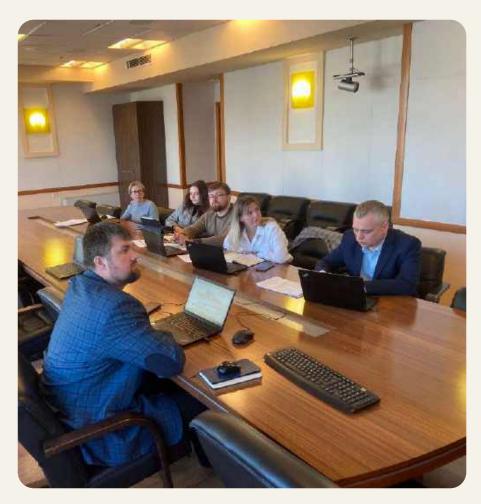
The European side appreciated Ukraine's efforts to prepare for reforms in the railway sector.

The prescreening is the first step in preparing for the official screening of our regulations with the provisions of the EU acquis and the next stage in the long process of adapting railway legislation to meet Ukraine's national priorities and European standards.

According to Deputy
Minister Serhii Derkach,
sustainable railway
development is a national
priority and of strategic
importance. European
integration and the
development of foreign
economic relations place
new demands on the
industry.

Society and businesses have directly requested a new railroad, with the possibility of opening the transportation market for business and providing high-quality services to passengers.

Fair competition between all market participants, transparent tariffs for access to infrastructure, economic efficiency of rail transportation, and maximum use of existing infrastructure are all direct requirements of EU directives that Ukraine must implement and realize.





## STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF UKRAINIAN REGIONAL POLICY

The Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, together with the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland, held a workshop "Strengthening the Capacity of Ukrainian Regional Policy with the Assistance of Poland"



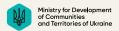
Over the course, representatives of the governments of Ukraine and Poland, together with Ukrainian regional and local governmental representatives and industry and international programs experts, discussed challenges in implementing regional policy, preparing regional development strategies, spatial planning, and the foundations of EU cohesion policy.

Representatives of Poland represented the system of managing EU structural funds, using the example of the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy. In turn, the representatives of the Ministry for Development shared their experience in dealing with challenges in implementing regional policy in Ukraine, as well as the



principles of the Strategy for Regional Development until 2027.

For his part, Marcin Chruszel, Director of the Office of the Government Commissioner for Polish-Ukrainian Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland, noted the significant progress made by Ukraine in implementing reforms, especially in the context of the war. He also expressed hope that Poland's experience would help Ukraine in European integration and in attracting and effectively using EU funds for community development.



The Ukrainian side of the seminar was represented by the Director of the Department of Regional Policy of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Yuriy Severin, Head of the Department for the Development of Local Self-Government, Territorial Organization of Power and Administrative and Territorial Structure of the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Mykola Rubchak, Acting Director of the Department of Strategic Planning and Regional Policy of the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine Vitalii Protsenko, Director of the Department for Interaction with Public Authorities Herman Filatov.

Among the Polish representatives are Michal Sobol, Chief Specialist of the Strategy Department of the Ministry of Funds Development and Regional Policy of Poland, Jacek Wozniak, an expert on regional and local development and advisor to the Association of Polish Cities, Oleksandra Jarosiewicz, project coordinator and facilitator of the Natolin4CB -Natolin for Capacity Building program, and others.





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

We thank our Polish colleagues for joining us here in Kyiv during this difficult time for Ukraine. Your support and experience are critical in regional development and Ukraine's path to full EU membership. Today, Ukraine is a real frontline of Europe. It is important to remember that Ukraine's victory is also Poland's, the victory of Europe.

## CHILDREN'S INFECTION DISEASES RESTORED WITH EIB SUPPORT

Restored children's infectious diseases unit opened in Zhytomyr region with the EIB support

A renovated infectious diseases department for children was opened in Guiwa, Zhytomyr region, at the Regional Tuberculosis Dispensary of the Zhytomyr Regional Council. The modern infectious diseases unit is now equipped with advanced medical and diagnostic equipment and can accommodate a larger number of patients, as well as a fully equipped intensive care unit.

The reconstruction of the facility included a significant increase in energy efficiency, building insulation, and a complete modernization of engineering networks, equipment, and water supply systems. The facility now provides safer, more accessible, and modern conditions for young patients,

including internally displaced persons and children with disabilities. This ensures quality medical care for those who need it most.

The renovation, worth about €736,000, was carried out under the Ukraine Recovery Program, a joint initiative of the European Union and the European Investment Bank (EIB) to help Ukrainian communities rebuild their social infrastructure. This program is implemented in partnership with the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, the Ministry of Finance, and local authorities with technical support from the UNDP in Ukraine.

In total, 13 recovery projects are being implemented in the Zhy-

tomyr region with the support of two EIB recovery programs - the **Emergency Credit Program for** Ukraine and the Recovery Program for Ukraine. These include reconstructing four schools, five hospitals, one public building, one wastewater treatment project, and two water supply projects. The third phase of the Ukraine Recovery Program III will open up more opportunities for cities to apply for smallscale reconstruction projects in education, healthcare, heating, social housing, water supply, and sanitation. The announcement of the start of the application process is expected soon on the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories website.





Teresa CZERWINSKA, Vice-President of the EIB:

I am proud that this healthcare project will improve access to healthcare for children in Zhytomyr Oblast and strengthen the local healthcare system, particularly in the fight against infectious diseases. The COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing war have emphasized the importance of a resilient healthcare system that can respond to crises.





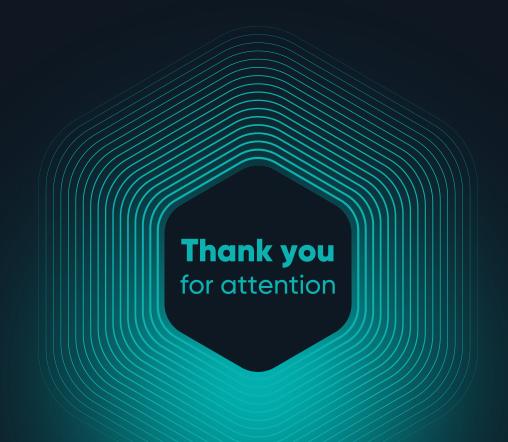
Remi DUFLOT, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to Ukraine:

The European Union is committed to supporting Ukraine's recovery; this project exemplifies our determination. By investing in critical healthcare infrastructure for children, who are Ukraine's future, we are responding to immediate needs and creating opportunities to meet future medical challenges. Renovated and modernized, this pediatric infectious diseases unit is now able to provide high-quality medical care to children in the Zhytomyr region.



Jaco CILLIERS,
Resident Representative of
the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in
Ukraine:

UNDP is honored to support Ukrainian cities in implementing recovery programs funded by the EIB and the EU. We are helping to strengthen critical infrastructure, providing communities with the necessary resources to recover, develop, and build resilience. I am pleased that the Zhytomyr Regional TB Dispensary in Guiv now has a new pediatric infectious diseases unit that provides the necessary medical care for children.





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