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RESTORATION DIGEST

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Two new train routes with
the EU were launched

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DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND PARTNERS!

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief in Zaporizhzhia. During the meeting, we discussed the progress of repair work to restore heating in Kryvyi Rih, which is now receiving special attention from

the Ministry for Development. Sixty-eight repair crews from all over the country are working in the city. Thanks to the help of other regions, over the past two weeks, we have managed to quickly restore the networks and connect more than 800 houses to heat. Another 218

are still without heating due to additional damages discovered during the connection of residential buildings and the filling of heating networks. The works are ongoing. The program to modernize heating networks should be developed for Kryvyi Rih next year.



GERMANY

From Zaporizhzhia region online joined the meeting with Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany. I am grateful to the Ministry for Development and the Ministry of Economy teams, who discussed projects and co-operation with Germany in Kyiv.

Germany is the largest donor to Ukraine, providing support of EUR 37 billion. Thanks to German assistance, Ukraine's energy supply system remains functional even during the war. We highly appreciate the friendship and strategic partnership with Germany in re-



storing Ukraine's affected communities and regions. I would also like to thank you for transferring cogeneration units to Kharkiv.

Today, more than 10% of Ukraine's housing stock has been destroyed or damaged, affecting almost 2

million families. More than 4.6 million of our citizens have become internally displaced. Therefore, providing social housing for the most vulnerable citizens is also a priority. We request more than USD 1.6 billion to implement housing reconstruction projects 2025.



Ukraine received the second tranche of EUR 30 million according to the World Bank HOPE program, which will be used to pay for more than 800 housing certificates. Priority eligibility for compensation under the program is given to combatants, returning defenders and defenders in need of rehabilitation, people with disabilities, and large families. Based on the results of the first tranche disbursement of EUR 70 million, the Council of Europe

Development Bank has allocated the following funding by the terms of the Agreement.

The government of Ukraine has approved an agreement with the government of Romania to construct a bridge across the Tisza River. The bridge will connect Ukraine and Romania near Bila Tserkva and Sighetu Marmatiei. The border crossing point with Romania is one of the priority projects at the level of the Governments of both countries.

With the funding and support of partners, a feasibility study is being developed to construct a checkpoint, a protective dam, a service area, and an access road to the bridge between the two countries. At the same time, our Romanian colleagues are already working on the bridge's construction. It is planned that 400 trucks, 600 cars, and 80 buses will be able to cross the checkpoint daily. Thus, this checkpoint will become the largest in Romania after its opening.

TWO NEW RAIL ROUTES WITH EU WERE LAUNCHED

We and Ukrzaliznytsia launched two new rail routes with the European Union.

- The first train, No. 9/10, departed from Kyiv to Budapest, the capital of Hungary, a central rail and air hub.
- One more connection – the route from Kyiv to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, which will be provided by the train #27/28 Kyiv – Chop – Kyiv and the new train of the Slovak Railways #617/961 Chop – Bratislava – Chop.

A lot of diplomatic work has been done, and I am grateful to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal, for his initiative and leadership.



We continue Ukraine's integration into the European Union by developing and modernizing the existing infrastructure. Both routes will partially relieve

the extremely popular Warsaw route. Many plans exist to expand our logistics network with European countries, notably Romania and Poland.

VISITING DNIPO REGION COMMUNITIES

Together with the head of the Agency for Restoration, Serhiy Sukhomlyn, and Deputy Minister, Kostyantyn Kovalchuk, visited the Tomakivska and Myrivska communities in Dnipro region.

Due to the destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant by Russian terrorists, these two communities have been without a

stable water supply for more than two years. Currently, water is being delivered to the settlements.

Met with community leaders, local and regional water utilities, and international partners. They discussed plans to restore centralized water supply to 30,000 people.

In particular, the long-term measures include a project to build a filtration station for Tomakivka

and Myrivka communities that will take water from the Zaporizhzhia-Tomakivka-Marhanets water supply system. It is important to build a water pipeline that will bring water to homes and a comprehensive approach to water treatment and treatment facilities that will provide people with quality water.

To implement the project, we will engage the experience and assistance of international partners.



BARRIER-FREE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

First Lady Olena Zelenska noted that 83% of Ukrainians, according to a UNICEF survey, consider barrier-free accessibility to be a new value. It is impossible to disagree with this.

For our country, this is also a matter of justice, state consciousness, and respect for each other. Ukraine's Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories focuses on spatial accessibility. On Human Rights Day, the Biarritz Partnership, which



Ukraine joined in 2020, summarized what has been done. It is difficult for Ukraine both at the front and in the rear, but we are standing and fighting for the sake of the future.

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: **3332 vessels;**
 - Loading in progress: **53 vessels.**
- Exported:
- grain cargo – **58.2 mt;**
 - other cargo – **29.4 mt;**

TOTAL – 87.6mt

Declared for arrival:
86 vessels, 2.7 mt



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DAMAGED/ DESTROYED HOUSING COMPENSATION PROGRAM

DAMAGED HOUSING

(repairs and overhauls)

With a substantial financial commitment of UAH 8.4 billion, we have approved 78.7 thousand applications for housing restoration.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Kyiv
- Donetsk
- Mykolaiv
- Kherson



DESTROYED HOUSING

(buying new housing)

12786 certificates were generated according to applications, and UAH 19.6 billion was approved for payment. 4852 certificates have already been implemented, with a total of

UAH 8.9 billion.

TOP-5 regions:

- Kharkiv
- Donetsk
- Kyiv
- Kherson
- Mykolaiv

DESTROYED AND DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE*

Facilities	Damaged or destroyed	Restored
TOTAL:	228 838	52 023
Individual houses	174 706	29 301
Energy	-	10 735
Apartment buildings	22 045	5 744
Life sustenance	9 160	2 835
Education	3 993	911
Social, sports, and cultural facilities	1 951	316
Healthcare	1 690	521
Roads	1 110	486
Administrative and Centres of administrative services	1062	206
Others	13 121	968



A bridge construction at the Bila Tserkva-Sighetu Marmatiei border crossing point, Zakarpattia region

*As of December 13th, 2024, according to regional military administrations since February 24th, 2022

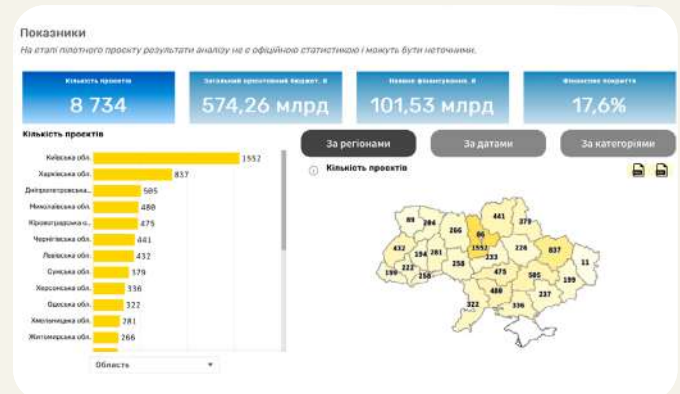
RESTORATION PROJECTS: DREAM ANALYTICS**

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.

8734 projects have been added to DREAM since the launch of its beta testing in September 2023. The number of projects by sector includes **3339** projects created in the Education sector **1262** projects created in the Healthcare sector **971** projects created in the Water, Sanitation, and Waste Management sector **839** projects created in the Housing sector **758** projects created in the Transport sector

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

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

GERMANY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT UKRAINE RECOVERY

At the government level between Ukraine and Germany, a meeting was held with Svenja Schulze, Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany. Ukraine was represented by Yulia Svyrydenko, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine, and Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine, Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine.



The meeting focused on coordinating joint projects of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany and the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine and discussing priorities and action plans.

In particular, an important agreement was reached to allocate additional funds to purchase mobile heating systems.

The parties also emphasized the strengthening of the role of local self-government in the restoration and further support of the decentralization reform by Germany.

Oleksii Kuleba expressed gratitude for Germany's financial support in restoring Ukraine's



affected communities and territories. He noted the successful organization of the URC 2024 in Berlin, which outlined the leading role of communities and regions in the restoration.

Oleksii Kuleba also called on German partners to join the work of the Operation Group, which was launched to

strengthen cooperation with members of the Ukrainian Donor Platform (UDP) and special representatives of partner governments.

The Operation Group intends to exchange information on needs and coordinate projects to speed up and improve implementation.

As for the key priorities for 2025, the following have been identified:

- continuation of the decentralization reform;
- implementation of specific projects on the ground to provide adequate housing conditions for those in need, including IDPs;
- solving the problem of ensuring constant access to clean water for residents of the South of Ukraine, namely, the construction of a water supply system in Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv region;
- ensuring the passage of the heating season, especially in the frontline regions, namely, ensuring the supply of cogeneration units for communities in Sumy region;
- construction the second and third levels of protection at energy facilities.



A separate issue is supporting the stable functioning of the Ukrainian sea corridor to protect ports and ships, which guarantees global food security.

For their part, the Ministry for Development team outlined the main areas of work in line with the Government's priorities and European integration processes. In particular, it was about adopting the State Strategy for Regional Development until 2027, which is part of the Ukraine Facility and meets the European Commission's recommendations in the regional policy field. The Ministry plans

to adapt the strategy to fit the public investment management reform and wartime challenges, considering the socio-economic division of Ukraine into three macro-regions: frontline, central, and western regions.

They also emphasized cooperation with GIZ and their contribution to strengthening our country's energy sustainability by transferring cogeneration units to the most affected communities.

The Ministry for Development expressed interest in continuing bilateral cooperation to support energy efficiency reform and exchange experience in

formulating and implementing state policy.

As for cooperation in the transportation sector, the Ukrainian side expressed interest in concluding an intergovernmental agreement to increase the fleet of electric locomotives.

The Ministry is also interested in continuing cooperation between Ukraine's communities and the EU. In particular, it will increase the capacity of local governments to manage their recovery and development, prepare quality projects, and integrate the local investment component as part of the public investment reform.

EIB JASPERS COOPERATION

The European Investment Bank will assist in preparing projects that follow the highest EU standards.



The Ministry for Development hosted a meeting with JASPERS representatives to discuss further steps in providing advisory support to the European Investment Bank (EIB) in implementing the Roadmap for Public Investment Management Reform.

The meeting was attended by Aliona Shkrum, First Deputy Minister of Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, Maryna Denysiuk, Deputy Minister, as well as Kristina Mikulova, Head of the EIB Office in Ukraine, Luis Herrero Rodriguez, Head of the EIB/JASPERS Division, and Martin Pospisil, Senior Economist at JASPERS.

As Maryna Denysiuk said, the Ministry and the JASPERS team are expanding cooperation per the new advisory mandate for Ukraine. In particular, this applies to the Reform of Public Investment Management.

JASPERS representatives say their activities focus on providing technical support to Ukraine in preparing investment projects according to EU requirements and norms. The assistance focuses on two key areas: strategic planning and developing a detailed methodology for implementing the most effective and cost-efficient recovery projects. Currently, cooperation with the Ministry is developing new

logistics routes, supporting transport infrastructure development, the energy sector, water supply and sanitation, and public-private partnership projects. Regarding the EIB's assistance in implementing investment projects at the local level, EIB Division Manager Luis Rodriguez noted that these could be pilot projects based on the experience of which other communities can prepare and implement their investment projects.

The partners also emphasized the importance of ensuring precise project implementation, monitoring processes, and applying systematic evaluation methods.



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

Our task is to coordinate projects and set priorities within the public investment management reform framework, which the Ministry for Development is implementing jointly with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance. Cooperation with the EIB and JASPERS as part of the reform includes introducing new planning tools and developing key procedures and methodologies for preparing, monitoring, and evaluating public investment projects, which will increase the efficiency of using funds. We are grateful to our partners for their contribution to strengthening the capacity of our institutions at both the national and local levels. After all, our task is to teach communities to prepare more "mature" projects and implement them.



Aliona SHKRUM, the First Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine:

Communities in the frontline regions, such as Kherson, need to strengthen their institutional capacity due to a significant shortage of personnel. We are in a complex context of war, and with this in mind, projects are being prioritized by sector: infrastructure, transport, district heating, water supply and sewerage, energy efficiency, and social housing construction. Regarding the latter, it is essential to objectively assess the economic impact on the communities and territories where this infrastructure will be built, with the support of partners.

THE 2ND STAGE OF THE CEB PROJECT HOME

Project "HOME: Compensation for destroyed housing": the second stage of Destroyed Housing ":

More than 1,800 people whose homes were destroyed have exercised their right to compensation using a housing certificate and purchased housing. It was made possible thanks to the financial support of the Council of Europe Development Bank under the HOME: Compensation for Destroyed Housing project.

In June of this year, a EUR 100 million loan agreement

was signed between Ukraine and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) during the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin.

Over 240 thousand real estate objects have been entered into the State Register of Damaged and Destroyed Property. The state continues to work to support people affected by Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine.



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

The funds have already been credited to Ukrposhta's current account. Currently, holders of housing certificates receive notifications in the Diia app or their account on the Diia portal about the booking of funds. Then, they choose a home and go to a notary to sign a purchase and sale agreement within 30 days. Cooperation with the Council of Europe Development Bank to support the affected people will continue in 2025.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH JICA

Japan will help restore and modernize Ukraine's infrastructure.



Maryna Denysiuk, Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, met with Hideki Matsunaga, Head of the JICA to Ukraine, and Satoshi Sugimoto, Deputy Head of the JICA to Ukraine.

The parties discussed the priority work areas within the technical cooperation project "Emergency Recovery and Reconstruction Project" and the Emergency Recovery

Grant Program. In particular, they discussed the continued installation of heat pumps in kindergartens, schools, and hospitals. The Ministry has prepared proposals for potential sites for JICA cooperation in this area.

The Ministry and JICA also discussed the supply of heavy machinery and municipal equipment for the affected cities and the new regions of as-

sistance for the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine. The Agency has already received construction equipment and temporary bridges from JICA. Equipment for inspecting the condition of destroyed roads and bridges is also expected to be delivered shortly. Negotiations are underway for additional equipment for the inspection and restoration of bridges.





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

It is important to continue cooperation through joint technical and grant support projects. In addition to providing priority assistance to the most affected cities, working on long-term recovery projects is necessary. The Ministry is interested in expanding cooperation, attracting additional resources for recovery projects, and developing transport, social, and critical infrastructure. We are communicating with both communities and organizations coordinated by the Ministry to ensure that the distribution of aid is fair and responded to the requests.

In addition, Japan has already provided significant assistance to restore the railway infrastructure that has suffered from constant shelling by the aggressor. In particular, Ukrzaliznytsia received construction equipment and 25 thousand tons of rails. The parties agreed to further cooperate in restoring the railway networks.

According to Maryna Denysiuk, the machinery, equipment, and materials supplied are already being actively used to repair critical infrastructure, so it is necessary to continue coordination and prioritization by the Ministry to ensure efficient allocation of resources and support.

According to the heads of the JICA Representative Office in Ukraine, the current priority is the supply of machinery and equipment for energy recovery. The process of procuring power generators to ensure the autonomy of social and critical infrastructure facilities is underway.

The parties also noted an urgent need to train operators of machinery and equipment provided by the partners. Currently, communities are experiencing a significant staff shortage, so mechanisms must be developed to attract more qualified personnel to operate and maintain this equipment.

WOMEN TRUCK DRIVERS TRAINING

Over 100 project participants have already completed theoretical training and are starting practical training



The pilot project to train female truck drivers, initiated by the Ministry of Community and Territorial Development, is underway: the program participants have already completed their theoretical training and are starting practical driving lessons. The practical training is scheduled to last until February 2025.

Upon completion of the practical part, the project participants will take an exam to obtain a license in the appropriate category.

The project to train female truck drivers was launched in September 2024 in four cities: Kyiv, Rivne, Ternopil, and Khmelnytsky. The initiative's

key goal is to expand women's professional potential in the transportation sector, which is especially important in the context of the personnel crisis and shortage of truck drivers in Ukraine. The initiative plans to train at least 100 women to be employed by partner companies involved in transportation.



The participants have already started visiting the enterprises of partner companies that have expressed their willingness to hire the program graduates. For example, they have visited Fozzy Group Logistics

and NOVUS in Kyiv. During the company tours, women learn about the benefits of employment in a particular company, salary level, working conditions, and peculiarities of adaptation in the workplace, and get directly acquainted

with the company's vehicle fleet.

The next step is to organize excursions to several other companies, including Trans-Logistic, MHP, METRO UA, AST, and Kronospan Rivne.



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

Our task is to demonstrate that the driving profession has no gender and, most importantly, to have the necessary skills and desire to learn a new profession. At the same time, the project's goal is not just to train women but to provide them with employment, as this is the only way to overcome stereotypes and prejudices about "traditionally male professions." Today, the participants are preparing for practical truck driving

classes. We can see their motivation, desire for development, and demand for knowledge. In particular, women are interested in the correct procedures for checking documents and cargo and in the specifics of drawing up protocols and other supporting documentation. Our goal is to develop comprehensive skills that will allow drivers to feel as confident as possible behind the wheel during each trip.

POLISH EXPERIENCE IN POST-WAR RESTORATION

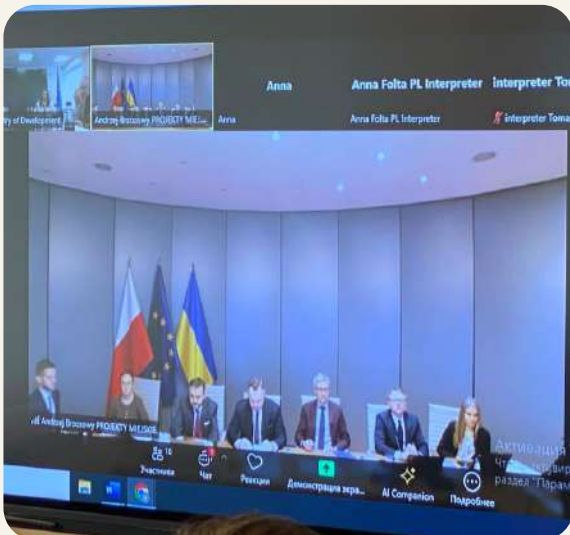
Ukrainian hromadas adopt Polish experience in urban renewal for post-war restoration



The Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine and the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland hosted a hybrid conference, "Preparing Support for the Recovery Process in Ukraine – Polish Aid Experience in 2023-2024".

The conference summarized the results of the two-year activities of the project Support to Public Administration in Ukraine in the Implementation of the State Strategy for Regional Development for 2021-2027 in the Field of Urban Development

and Revitalization, which developed programs for the comprehensive restoration of the territorial communities of Shostka and Konotop, as well as provided recommendations to the Ministry for development to improve the regulatory framework for urban renewal.





According to Deputy Minister Natalia Kozlovskaya, the project resulted in comprehensive documents that analyzed the situation in the communities, identified priority areas for recovery, and developed key urban development projects based on modern practices.

In his turn, Konrad Wojnarowski, Deputy Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland, noted that the project was based on the Polish

experience of developing and implementing urban revitalization programs that have become an important tool for urban renewal as part of Poland's integration into the European Union.

The conference was also attended by the mayors of Konotop and Shostka, employees of specialized structural units of the Sumy Regional Military Administration and executive committees of city councils,

and Polish and Ukrainian experts who helped the territorial communities develop comprehensive recovery programs.

During the conference, the Polish side expressed interest in continuing the project. Hence, consultations are underway at the ministerial level on further plans to implement Polish experience and best practices in urban renewal to reconstruct Ukrainian cities.

URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR UKRAINIAN CITIES

Three Ukrainian cities received new trams as part of the Urban Public Transport of Ukraine project of the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories and the European Investment Bank.



Contracts for the supply of buses and trolleybuses were signed for another three cities. These are rolling stock purchased with funds from the European Investment Bank. According to Deputy Minister Serhii Derkach, Russian aggression has caused significant damage to our infrastructure. According to estimates, at least 500 buses, 195 trams, and 155 trolleybuses were damaged or destroyed due to enemy attacks. The Ministry's task is not only to restore the losses but also to acquire new, modern, comfortable, and reliable transport fleets that meet the needs of every citizen, even in the most challenging conditions.

- Ukrainian manufacturer Tatra-Yug has fully fulfilled the order for 20 trams for Kyiv. Kyivpastrans signed an agreement to supply 85 new buses from Türkiye.
- The ElectronMash plant has delivered ten trams to Lviv.
- eight trams from the Ukrainian manufacturer Tatra-Yug were delivered to Odesa. The payment process is currently underway.
- Mykolaiv has agreed to supply 26 new modern buses from Anadolu Isuzu.

- Ivano-Frankivsk is preparing to receive nine new trolleybuses manufactured by the Ukrainian plant ElectronMash.

In 2024, the project managed to attract a €17.3 million tranche from the European Investment Bank, which allowed it to finance contracts for Kyiv, Odesa, and Sumy. Another tranche of €16.5 million is finalized to support procurement in Kyiv, Odesa, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Mykolaiv.

These steps are an essential part of the strategy to modernize public transport in Ukrainian cities to make it more convenient, modern, and environmentally sustainable.



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