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1. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

THE GOVERNMENT ATTRACTED USD 3.9 BILLION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES

The State Budget of Ukraine received a grant from the United States of America in the amount of USD 3.9 billion.

“I am grateful to the U.S. Government for its solidarity with Ukraine. USD 3.9 billion in non-repayable financial assistance is an extremely important contribution to support the State Budget of Ukraine in its efforts to resist the full-scale aggression of the Russian Federation. The grant will help the Government of Ukraine to reimburse priority social and humanitarian expenditures without increasing the debt burden,” said Minister of Finance of Ukraine Sergii Marchenko.

The funding will be directed to compensate the following expenditures:



1 wages for teachers, employees of the State Emergency Service (SES), and public employees;



2 priority social expenditures: payments of assistance to internally displaced persons, low-income families and people with disabilities.

Since February 2022, direct budget support from the United States has reached almost USD 27 billion. This is the largest financial assistance to Ukraine among all countries in the world. Importantly, the entire amount of support was allocated to the State Budget of Ukraine in the form of grants.

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EU TO PROVIDE EUR 4.2 BILLION TO UKRAINE FOR MEETING Q2 2024 TARGETS UNDER UKRAINE FACILITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE

The Council of the European Union has agreed to disburse EUR 4.2 billion to Ukraine for meeting the Q2 2024 targets set out in the Ukraine Action Plan under the Ukraine Facility programme. The macro-financial support is expected to be transferred to the state budget in the near future.

«We are grateful to our partners for the positive decision on the new tranche of EUR 4.2 billion. Ukraine is successfully and timely implementing the steps envisaged by the Ukraine Plan, and that is a prerequisite for receiving financial support from the European Union. We are currently working on meeting the indicators for the Q3, which will enable the country to receive the next EUR 4 billion tranche in November this year. This is extremely important, as it is thanks to these funds that we can provide social spending. At the same time, Ukraine cannot use this funding for military needs, so almost everything we earn domestically is used to support the security and defence sector.» said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

Thus, in Q2 2024, Ukraine fulfilled 9 indicators set out in the Ukraine Facility Plan. These include steps in the areas of digitalisation of the State Customs Service, budget planning, public investment reform, anti-corruption, corporate governance for state-owned companies, the relaunch of the Bureau of Economic Security, and the approval of the Integrated National Plan for energy and climate, the adoption of the Strategy and Plan for Thermal Modernisation of Buildings until 2050, and the adoption of the Mine Action Strategy until 2033.

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THIS YEAR, WE EXPECT USD 7.8 BILLION IN BUDGET SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Denys Shmyhal

Ukraine has received assurances from its partner states and international financial institutions that all external financing needs for this year will be met. This was emphasised by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.

“Ukraine continues to strengthen its financial stability. Yesterday, the state budget received USD 3.9 billion of non-repayable aid from the United States. In total, this year we expect to receive USD 7.8 billion in budget support from our American allies,” the Head of Government said.

According to the Prime Minister, the next tranche of EUR 4.2 billion under the Ukraine Facility programme from the European Union is also expected in the near future. In 2024, Ukraine will attract EUR 16 billion from the EU under this programme.

“We are clearly on track to meet all the indicators. We are implementing all the reforms. We are adopting all the necessary changes,” the Prime Minister emphasised.

Denys Shmyhal stressed that the partners’ funds were used to finance non-military budget expenditures, to fulfil the state’s social obligations, to pay salaries to state employees, and to implement economic and humanitarian projects.

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TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE OF EXTERNAL FINANCING: OVERSIGHT BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS

Since the start of the full-scale war, Ukraine has faced unprecedented challenges, including significant financial and economic. The Ukrainian Government and the Ministry of Finance have implemented necessary measures to maintain financial stability. Meanwhile, international support has been crucial for funding priority expenditures under martial law, as internal resources are allocated to security and defense area.

Since February 2022, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine has secured over USD 93 billion in budget support from international partners. These funds have been essential for addressing priority needs in the social and humanitarian sectors, such as social support programs, old-age social payments, salaries for civil servants and others.

The Ministry of Finance, in cooperation with the World Bank, ensures the transparency of both securing and utilizing funds from development partners. To date, Ukraine has received approximately USD 40 billion through World Bank mechanisms, with these funds allocated for specific purposes agreed upon by both the Ukrainian Government and its partners.

For the EU’s Ukraine Facility for 2024-2027, worth EUR 50 billion (with EUR 7.9 billion already disbursed), the EU has established an Audit Board to continuously monitor and control the use of EU funding and prevent misuse. The Audit Board has the authority to request information, contact relevant authorities, and conduct its own audits through its secretariat.

Trust and transparency remain crucial for sustaining a long-term partnership with international donors.

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ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: ENERGY MINISTRY OFFICIALS DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION WITH U.S. CONGRESS MEMBERS

Deputy Ministers of Energy of Ukraine Svitlana Hrynychuk and Roman Andarak held a working meeting with a delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Energy Ministry officials informed the American delegation about the need for additional distributed generation capacity and backup power sources for critical infrastructure facilities.

According to Deputy Energy Ministers, a lot of work has already been done in these two strategic areas, but due to Ukraine's large size, everything must be done to ensure that people have water and heat in winter even in the regions most affected by shelling.

During the meeting, the parties also discussed the problems of developing renewable energy, in particular solar and wind power generation.

"It is very important for us to strengthen the energy system with renewable energy sources. To accelerate the process, we have introduced soft loans for solar panels and inverters for households and businesses," said Svitlana Hrynychuk.

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives delegation praised the Ukrainian Government's efforts to prepare for the heating season and assured that they would continue to deepen cooperation with the Ministry of Energy in supporting Ukraine's energy independence.

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2. RECOVERY PLANS – OFFICIAL



EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF CUSTOMS IS A KEY PRIORITY FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Sergii Marchenko at meeting with G7 ambassadors

Minister of Finance of Ukraine Sergii Marchenko and Deputy Minister of Finance for European Integration Yuriy Draganchuk presented the vision and plans for implementing the customs reform further to the Ambassadors and representatives of the missions of the G7 countries in Ukraine.

The discussions focused on the steps taken by the Government of Ukraine to develop and reform the State Customs Service and the concept of transparently selecting customs leadership.

“Reforming the State Customs Service is one of Ukraine’s priorities in the process of EU integration. We aim to transform Ukrainian customs into the eastern border of Europe in line with EU standards and at the same time strengthen its security function. Even in the context of a full-scale war, Ukraine is successfully implementing such changes with the support of international partners. We are interested in building an efficient, high-tech and transparent customs service, which requires time, balanced decisions and consolidated support,” said Sergii Marchenko.

The customs reform is envisaged in the Ukraine Plan under the EU Ukraine Facility, the National Revenue Strategy for 2024-2030, and is also one of the structural benchmarks under the IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF) Arrangement.

Ambassadors and representatives of the G7 embassies in Ukraine noted the transparency of the Government in the developed plan of measures and the process of reforms implementation, and assured to continue detailed discussions on the necessary steps for reform.

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REFORM OF ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES FOR UKRAINE’S ENTRY INTO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine for European Integration, Yevhenii Fedorenko, held a meeting with the Acting Head of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Ukraine, Michał Falenchyk. They discussed the reform of environmental finance and the implementation of measures for Ukraine’s accession to the OECD.

“We are currently working on implementing the measures of the Program related to the environmental sector. Earlier this year, Ukraine joined the Green Growth Declaration. Next in line is the Declaration on Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Cooperation,” said Yevhenii Fedorenko.

During the meeting, the parties agreed that the OECD would provide expert support to successfully complete this phase.

In total, in the environmental sector, Ukraine must align itself with nine OECD legal instruments, analyze its legislation for compliance with the Organisation’s legal framework, and strengthen cooperation with OECD working bodies.

They also discussed the reform of environmental finance in Ukraine. This is one of the work vectors within the Action Platform for Green Recovery in Ukraine, which was launched this year in Berlin. The OECD actively participates in the Platform’s activities.

“For us, it is crucial to receive support in analyzing the environmental finance sector and studying the experience of OECD member countries on this issue. This will allow us to develop scenarios for implementing an effective system in Ukraine. We continue to work with international partners to achieve results,” said the Deputy Minister.

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INTEGRATION OF UKRAINIAN RAILWAYS INTO THE EU: A MEMORANDUM WITH THE EUROPEAN RAILWAY AGENCY WAS SIGNED

The Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) to collaborate on the technical harmonization of railway systems between the European Union and Ukraine.

The agreements include expert and technical support for the Ministry in integrating Ukraine into the single European railway area. Both parties committed to working towards the harmonization of standards and regulatory acts in the fields of railway safety and interoperability.

The Memorandum also envisions the establishment of a steering committee to define priorities and phased plans to achieve the shared goals of the parties.

«The development of the Ukrainian railway is one of the prerequisites for full transport integration with the European Union. In fact, the European integration of the Ukrainian railway is one of the largest blocks of Ukraine’s transport Eurointegration. I am confident that with the support of the ERA, we can work together to adapt the Ukrainian railway to European standards, both physically and in terms of regulatory framework,» emphasized Serhiy Derkach, Deputy Minister for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development.

«ERA is proud to continue its fruitful cooperation with the Ukrainian authorities and elevate it to a new level. In the past, we have already made significant progress on strategic issues like establishing vital transport links between Ukraine and the EU during crisis times, strengthening ‘Solidarity Lanes,’ addressing technical recovery matters, TEN-T projects, and many others. The efforts of the Ukrainian railway during wartime are nothing short of heroic and an inspiration to all of us here in the European Union. Incidentally, we have much to learn from our Ukrainian friends when it comes to the distribution of cargo by transport modes, as they transport over 50% of the total volume by rail,» stated Josef Doppelbauer, Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Railways.

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MINISTRY OF ECONOMY WILL UPDATE THE EXPORT STRATEGY OF UKRAINE IN THE CONTEXT OF WAR AND POST-WAR RECOVERY.

Yuliia Svyrydenko

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, together with leading international expert organisations, has started working on updating the Export Strategy of Ukraine in the context of war and post-war recovery.

“Due to Russia’s armed aggression against Ukraine, Ukrainian producers have faced many challenges. The updated Export Strategy of Ukraine should take into account the changes in the structure of the Ukrainian economy, the prospects for the country’s post-war recovery, the redistribution of export markets, the reorientation to new regions and specific countries, as well as the adaptation of Ukrainian production to EU standards and consumer needs. The implementation of the Government’s business support programme under the ‘Made in Ukraine’ policy should also contribute to the development of Ukraine’s export potential,” said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

During the meeting, the parties discussed methodological approaches to updating the Export Strategy of Ukraine and agreed on further steps. In the future, the joint developments will be analysed

by the expert community, business and industry associations, representatives of government agencies and specialised experts in Ukraine.

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WE ARE WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS ON A ROADMAP FOR UKRAINE'S GREEN RECOVERY

Priority areas of work under the Platform for Action on the Green Recovery of Ukraine were discussed at the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Among the participants were representatives of UNEP, UNECE and OECD, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine for European Integration Yevhen Fedorenko, First Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Oleksii Sobolev.

The Platform for Action on the Green Recovery of Ukraine is a platform where Ukrainian and international partners will accumulate knowledge and experience, best practices, and financial instruments for Ukraine's green development. The platform will contribute to, rather than duplicate, existing international efforts and mechanisms to support Ukraine. It will work on a comprehensive development plan for the country, taking into account issues that are not covered by existing international agreements and instruments.

During the first meeting of the Steering Committee, the structure of the Matrix of Activities under the Platform was discussed. The Matrix is a document that will serve as a roadmap for joint work. It will include activities in the following areas: cross-sectoral issues; financial instruments; administrative capacity; sectoral issues (waste management, chemical safety, water, air, biodiversity, soil, etc.); investment cases; data collection and evaluation.

"We plan that in September, UNEP, UNECE and OECD, as implementing organisations, with the participation of the Steering Committee, will agree on the Platform's work areas for the rest of the year. We also expect to hold the first stakeholder meeting in autumn to exchange views, present the Platform's priorities and discuss them. The development of approaches to Ukraine's recovery will also help prepare high-quality negotiating positions for Ukraine's accession to the EU," said Yevhen Fedorenko.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS THE KEY TO SUSTAINABLE AND EFFECTIVE RECOVERY.

Nataliia Kozlovska

Key challenges in the construction sector were discussed at the extended joint meeting of the Ukrainian Building Chamber. During the meeting, Nataliia Kozlovska, Deputy Minister for Community, Territories, and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, emphasized the critical role of the construction sector in sustainable and effective reconstruction efforts. The Ministry is actively working on regulating and aligning the sector with European and international standards.

In particular, over 2023-2024, several state construction standards have been updated and approved. These include requirements for the design and construction of healthcare facilities, engineering and transportation structures (tunnels and bridges), and civil protection structures. Currently, about 30 DBN projects and 60 national standard projects are underway. Additionally, there are plans to include 80 national standards in the development plan for 2024.

"The core principles of construction regulation being implemented by the Ministry are safety, inclusivity, and energy efficiency. These are the foundations for the reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures. Our task is to provide a modern regulatory framework for developing the construction sector and effective reconstruction, based on the principle of 'build back better,'" emphasized Nataliia Kozlovska.

The Deputy Minister also highlighted the importance of quality professional education in ensuring sustainable and effective reconstruction. Today, the Kyiv National University of Construction and

Architecture plays a crucial role not only in training young construction specialists but also in enhancing the qualifications of professionals in the field of architecture.

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THE ISSUE OF RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT WILL BE OF KEY IMPORTANCE IN THE RECOVERY OF UKRAINE.

Volodymyr Kuzyo

NV

How the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine works to promote the UN Guiding Principles in the field of business and human rights, says Deputy Minister Volodymyr Kuzyo.

In particular, Volodymyr Kuzyo tells why private business, state and communal enterprises should take care of ensuring human rights, how the OECD National Contact Point at the Ministry of Economy works, and what are the specifics of due diligence in the field of human rights and the environment in a situation of war and post-war reconstruction.

«We plan to continue the already started work, which was mentioned above, in particular regarding the actualization of actions in the direction of raising awareness of RBC standards and the activities of the National Contact Point. Also among our tasks is increasing the capacity and developing the potential of the NCP, updating and harmonizing current legal acts regarding the implementation of RBC standards.

An important priority in this work is cooperation with our national and foreign partners to implement responsible business conduct practices consistent with the UN Guidelines, OECD Guidelines and EU regulations.

On the website of the Ministry of Economy, we plan to make a separate section dedicated to RBC standards», - the deputy minister answers the question, what are the earliest plans of the Ministry of Economy for 2024-2025 in view of the European integration process and RBC standards.

Volodymyr Kuzyo also draws attention: «The issue of responsible business conduct will be of key importance in the recovery of Ukraine. However, currently there is a lack of such examples among Ukrainian companies. Despite a strong trend in the EU, Ukraine still lags behind in the growing movement to adopt the RBC system as the minimum standards for an appropriate corporate environment to achieve tangible results in the field of human rights, promoting socially sustainable recovery.

At the same time, in view of Ukraine's European integration into the EU and the adoption of the Directive, along with a number of other directives, Ukraine will face the need to bring its legislation into line with European regulation. Therefore, the implementation of the RBC standards and the implementation of the aforementioned work are now more important than ever.»

In the context of the question of advice for Ukrainian businesses regarding the implementation of RBC principles in their activities, where to start and what to focus on, Volodymyr Kuzyo notes:

«Ukrainian business in the conditions of a full-scale invasion demonstrated extraordinary resilience and responsibility, supporting the country's economy and ensuring the well-being of its employees. At the same time, in order to integrate into the European environment, businesses need to adopt RBC standards. Therefore, it is now important for businesses to pay significant attention to the issue of integrating these standards into their strategies and practices. In particular, through the implementation of a due diligence procedure based on risk assessment. Conducting such a procedure is possible with the help of a number of recommendations developed by the OECD on due diligence procedures.

Also, we invite business to actively join our initiatives and cooperation for the development of agreed solutions, and the implementation of RBC standards.»

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3. RECOVERY PLANS – EXPERTS



WINTER IS COMING. WHAT CAN UKRAINIANS EXPECT – A FRANK CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ENERGY

NV

The situation in the energy system remains difficult. How key stakeholders are preparing for winter and what Ukrainians can expect - are the main scenarios.

NV gathered state and business representatives for a frank conversation about the future of Ukrainian energy.

Within the discussion «Winter is coming. What do we have today and what will tomorrow be?» Deputy Minister of Energy Mykola Kolisnyk, Executive Director of DTEK Dmytro Sakharuk, Member of the Supervisory Board of Ukrenergo Yuriy Boyko and Acting General Director of Ukrtransgaz Roman Maliutin spoke about the current state of the energy infrastructure and discussed scenarios for which Ukrainians should prepare.

In particular, the moderator, president of the DiXi Group analytical center Olena Pavlenko emphasized: «There are three things that we should remember when preparing for winter: protection, speed, it's about decision-making processes (we live at a different speed than the rest of the world). And the third is finance. Not only for state companies, but also for the private sector and individuals.»

Mykola Kolisnyk, Deputy Minister of Energy draws attention: «One of the key issues is quick recovery. Despite the shelling, emergency repair crews are working 24/7. But it also causes excessive equipment costs, so the main problem is how to conduct a repair campaign as quickly as possible. Obtaining the necessary equipment is a key factor. And here interaction with

international partners is an important strategic direction.

It is very important to note here the comprehensiveness of the work. The first direction is the energy support fund. On the basis of the Energy community, a mechanism was created through which international partners purchase equipment for the verified needs of enterprises in the energy industry at their own expense. This mechanism has become super efficient. Currently, more than 550 million euros have already been raised.

Another major area of work: not only restoration of existing generation and its protection, but also distributed generation, establishment of so-called backup for energy infrastructure facilities. This is the development of housing and communal services, gas piston units of small and medium power, which can be quickly installed throughout the territory of Ukraine, so that the next heating season is as safe as possible. Such technical solutions are modular, so they can be implemented quickly. And this makes it possible to provide both electricity generation distributed in low-voltage networks, as well as the supply of steam, hot water, and what is needed on the ground.

Focusing on making basic peaking generation is very important. As well as the construction of backup, reserve types of power supply for critical facilities (hospitals, schools). At the same time, another key issue for the government is to create the necessary conditions for the development of this distributed generation. And here there are two key directions: financial and technical. Technical means simplifying the conditions for connecting to gas and electric networks, simplifying construction requirements. Instead of seven, you have two simple documents».

Dmytro Sakharuk, Executive Director of DTEK, notes: «You cannot compare one, two or three facilities of distributed generation with large generation. Because the nine gigawatts lost can be replaced by distributed generation only in five to seven to ten years. How much will be built by the next heating season? 100 megawatts, 150? Maximum. Will this generation help us get through the winter? No. Therefore, only the restoration of the existing large generation will make it possible to get through the next winter.»

Yuriy Boyko, a Member of the Supervisory Board of Ukrenergo, notes, in particular: «We have both optimistic and more conservative scenarios for the passage of this winter. It makes no sense to say how many hours there will be electricity per day. It is worth focusing our efforts on the maximum restoration of basic generation, system-forming, in particular, and thermal power plants»

Roman Maliutin, Acting General Director of Ukrtransgaz draws attention: «We all have to learn to be frugal with resources, with all resources: energy, gas, electricity, water, and with such a resource as time, which is a non-renewable resource. We have to use it very sparingly and very efficiently, it will allow us to prepare for winter.»

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SERHII NAHORNIK, MEMBER OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, HOUSING AND COMMUNAL SERVICES. THE STATE SUCCESSFULLY FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER SOFT LOANS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

Ukrinform

Maryna Nechyporenko, journalist

At the end of July, banks issued the first loans to businesses and households for the construction of their own mini-power plants under the government's preferential lending programs. The state provides a benefit for the population by fully paying the interest on loans for the purchase of equipment for solar and wind power plants. People's Deputy of Ukraine, member of the VRU Committee on Energy, Housing and Communal Services, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency, Serhii Nahornyak, in a blitz interview with Ukrinform, emphasizes the need for further development and simplification of such programs. And assures that the state will fulfill its obligations.

In particular, in the context of the question «Is it possible that people take out loans, let's say, at the current 20%, and in a few years they will be told that there are no funds in the budget for

interest reimbursement?» Serhii Nahorniak emphasizes:

“Fears regarding the fulfillment of obligations by the state under this program are unnecessary. Even despite the significant budget deficit, obligations under other similar programs are being successfully fulfilled, and no one is going to cut funding for them. It is important that the state even in this difficult time offers various solutions in the field of energy. Also, I don’t think there will be a huge public rush for this program, as many individuals who have the financial ability to buy and install solar have already done so”.

Sergii Nahorniak also points out that supporting donors is extremely important both for restoring generation and for achieving energy efficiency.

“It is entirely possible that for certain projects involving the installation of solar power plants for municipal and social facilities, it will be necessary to obtain the assistance of foreign partners. It is an important process to administer such decisions. There is a need to communicate with local government authorities, to understand what they think and how they see the processes,” adds Serhii Nagorniak.

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GREEN DEAL AND THE WAR. IS UKRAINE CAPABLE OF EUROPEAN CLIMATE OBLIGATIONS?

Ekonomichna pravda

Georg Zachmann, Scientific Lead at Green Deal Ukraïna

The op-ed explains why the country needs a special strategy for the implementation of the European Green Deal.

Georg Zachmann, in particular, notes: The European Green Deal faces serious tests of legitimacy if it is implemented without considering the realities.

In a country engulfed in war, physical security and normal living conditions are more important for every Ukrainian than the problems of curbing global warming or creating a healthy environment.

Ambitious projects of the European Union to reach the zero level of carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 look somewhat far from the challenges that the country is facing in the conditions of the struggle for survival.

This will significantly affect the process of implementing the European Green Deal in Ukraine. In order for this Green Deal to work for the benefit of all parties, on the way of its implementation, it is necessary to move away from slogans and form a pragmatic development strategy. The nebulous possibilities of the «green» economy will not satisfy Ukrainians.»

The author also emphasizes, in particular, the following:

«Only the strategy, when the Green Deal will contribute to the significant growth of the economy, will give the Ukrainian people and politicians a sense of belonging to this Deal.

A balanced approach to the Green Deal, the implementation and observance of environmental standards can become an effective lever for the recovery of Ukraine. If properly developed, the Green Deal, presented in the form of a new model of ecologically sustainable economy, can turn into a strategy that will receive national support and lay the foundation for a successful and safe Ukraine.

It can open new export markets and promising areas of economic specialization for the country, which should move to a new level of added value and catch up with European countries in terms of per capita income.

This will become a prerequisite for attracting much-needed investments in the formation of long-term production funds, which largely depend on the attractiveness of private investors.

In the past, Ukraine suffered from a lack of investment in industry, infrastructure and construction. In addition, the war creates a significant negative impact on the economy of Ukraine. The population decreased significantly, some Ukrainians were forced to leave their homes, risks and capital costs increased, infrastructure facilities and fixed assets were damaged.

That is why a sustainable recovery process cannot rely only on the reconstruction of fixed assets. Sustained prosperity and security require a significant increase in investment. Even attracting

a reasonable amount of donor support will not allow reaching the level of investment that will guarantee long-term development.

That is why Ukraine needs to attract a significant amount of private investment. They will become a reality only when they can bring long-term benefits to investors. In the short term, this will be facilitated by the urgent elimination of the main limiting factors, in particular, those related to infrastructure facilities, to ensure the continued functioning of the economy.

Equally important is a reliable growth forecast. Ukraine rightly links its own economic future with the EU. Existing funds, institutions and the internal market constitute a powerful package for economic prosperity, as can be seen in the example of the impressive economic development indicators of post-communist countries after joining the EU in 2004, in particular Poland.

This is an attractive prospect for investors. However, it means that the adoption of short-sighted decisions in the field of economic policy, in particular, on the reduction of environmental standards, may cause doubts among investors about the government's confidence in the rapid accession to the EU. And vice versa: a clear strategy for the implementation of the European Green Deal policy reduces uncertainty on the part of investors.

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TIME FOR NON-STANDARD SOLUTIONS: WHY IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF EUROPE TO GRANT UKRAINE EU MEMBERSHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Ukrainska pravda

Julia Daviy-Berezovska, Initiator, President and Co-founder of the Ukrainian Club of Berkeley

Julia Daviy-Berezovska notes, in particular: «Global tectonic changes are possible only during the period of global cataclysms. Russian aggression against Ukraine is a historic chance for Europe to significantly strengthen its position. Granting Ukraine EU membership in the shortest possible time will be the correct and adequate strategic response to the aggressor, who is building his calculations by betting on the excessive slowness, uncertainty and disunity of European leaders.»

«It is a myth that Europe does not need Ukraine. Europe needs Ukraine, as we have already said, for economic, security, civilizational, demographic, cultural and many other reasons. During these two years, many Ukrainians in the EU have shown themselves to be reliable, intelligent, hardworking, able to quickly adapt. Europe needs the most capable and experienced army in the region, which is the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Ukraine is an underestimated asset that can significantly strengthen the EU in the face of the great challenges of the 21st century.

No one can predict how climate change will develop, which has a heterogeneous and dynamic nature. In different places of the globe, temperatures develop differently: in some cases, they already exceed the average mark of increase by more than four times. In such conditions, it is better for densely populated Europe to have more democratic territories with a safe environment.

Ukraine's quick accession to the EU will strengthen political stability in the region. This will be a powerful signal to other countries that democratic values and the rule of law are the basis for a stable and prosperous society.

Ukraine's integration into the European market will create new jobs, stimulate innovation and increase the EU's competitiveness on the global stage.

After all, if the necessary reforms are carried out, plants and factories can be built here, which will allow the localization of a number of strategic products, while ensuring their competitiveness.

In addition, the European economy will benefit from the Marshall Plan for Ukraine.

Ukraine will also receive numerous benefits from EU integration. This includes access to European markets, financial support for infrastructure development, investment growth and the improvement of citizens' living standards. Joining the EU will provide Ukraine with support and security guarantees, which will allow it to focus resources on economic development and social reforms.»

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THE LACK OF PERSONNEL BECOMES CATASTROPHIC FOR BUSINESS. IN UKRAINE, THERE IS LESS THAN ONE EMPLOYEE PER PENSIONER. HOW CAN THE CRISIS IN THE LABOR MARKET BE SOLVED?

Ekonomichna pravda
Andrii Dligach, CEO of Advanter Group

Andrii Dligach, notes that according to the Advanter Group's June study, the shortage of qualified personnel is 26% and is gaining alarming proportions.

«On the one hand, there is structural unemployment in the country, and on the other hand, business cannot find employees, because there is no physical staff: both workers (welders, drivers, storekeepers), and engineering and technical personnel, office specialists and management.

Hence, we have a significant underutilization of production capacities. If before the great war this indicator was 76%, now it is only 45%. The business is ready to increase workloads, but it simply lacks money and personnel.

Because of this, it is necessary to develop clusters and unite. Instead of investing in own production lines, it is worth resorting to contract production, adding capacity and jointly achieving cost savings thanks to the effect of scale,» the author draws attention.

Andrii Dligach also emphasizes:

«We cannot defeat the enemy with the scale and similar use of human resources due to a five times smaller potential. Our way is managerial and technological advantages and high motivation.

To do this, it is necessary to create conditions for business operations, pay taxes, invest in the defense industry, and donate. This will help increase the provision of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and their technology. At the state level, requirements for the efficiency and adequacy of the management system should be increased, and support of a high level of motivation should be promoted.

Motivation concerns the whole society. As recent opinion polls show, it loses faith in the future in the absence of communication of a winning strategy.

In order to avoid an economic disaster, it is necessary to help the business secure a key human resource by booking it. Through three- to five-year contracts for the private defense industry and strategic planning of orders in accordance with the strategy of victory, business should be given the opportunity to invest in the technology of the armed forces.»

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REFORMING THE EXCHANGE MARKET. WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Ekonomichna pravda
Ruslan Magomedov, the Chairman of the National Securities and Stock Market Commission of Ukraine

Over the past three years, Ukraine has received a new transparent market of UAH 829 billion. How did this become possible? Ruslan Magomedov tells about this and, in particular, notes:

«Three years ago, the organized commodity market received new opportunities for legal and transparent trade, and Ukraine received a new regulated segment.

This process was launched by Law No. 738-IX «On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding Simplification of Investment Attraction and Introduction of New Financial Instruments», which amended a number of laws.

The author cites the results of the reform and three-year work of licensed commodity exchanges, in particular:

- The reform laid a pro-European course of a unified approach to state regulation and organization of trade in products, because Law No. 738-IX was developed to fulfill obligations under the association agreement between Ukraine and the European Union. From July 2021, the legislation provides that all trade in standardized goods (grain, wood, fuel) will be transferred to licensed exchange platforms. This means that standardized goods began to be traded

only on licensed exchanges. Licensing of exchanges is the responsibility of the regulator – the National Securities and Stock Market Commission, and exchanges monitor trades to prevent manipulation and insider trading.

- Currently, there are four licensed commodity exchanges operating on commodity markets: the Ukrainian Energy Exchange, the Ukrainian Universal Exchange, the Ukrainian Trading Platform, and the Ukrainian Resource Exchange. In the three years since the launch of the market, more than UAH 829 billion of deals were concluded on commodity exchanges. These figures show not only large volumes of trading on the stock exchanges, but also indicate an increase in revenues to the state budget.

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Ruslan Magomedov also draws attention: «Ukraine is confidently following the European course, so more and more European mechanisms and practices will appear on organized commodity markets.

The near-term plans of the regulator include the implementation of new financial instruments, the development of close cooperation with all partners and the creation of convenient conditions for business to increase the range of products. Transparent pricing and legal trade form a competitive and investment-attractive market.»

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4. PROCESS OF RECOVERY



GOVERNMENT HAS WIDENED LIST OF PRIORITY SPENDING TO BE FUNDED FIRST BY THE STATE.

Denys Shmyhal

The Government has collected a significant number of issues following its on-site meetings in frontline communities. Systematic work is now underway to solve these problems. This was stated by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.

At a meeting on 6 August, the Government made several decisions in this regard. The first concerns the supply of liquefied gas to the population.

“A pilot project will be implemented for residents of Donetsk, Sumy and Kharkiv regions, allowing them to receive gas in cylinders as humanitarian aid. Local authorities will collect applications from citizens and forward them to gas distribution networks. Special attention will be paid to veterans, large families, single people, people with disabilities and the poor,” the Prime Minister said.

The second step will be to expand the list of priority expenditures that the state will finance in the first place. The Head of Government noted that such requests had come from all regions.

“This includes funding for the construction of shelters, energy programmes under the Decarbonisation Fund, and also the priority of State Treasury funding for dental prostheses for our defenders will be increased. Such changes will allow us to receive funds faster and finance the necessary works and services without delay,” said Denys Shmyhal.

According to the Prime Minister, the Government will continue to hold regional meetings to better understand the needs on the ground.

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GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTS THE INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTRY TO URGENTLY ALLOCATE UAH 2.7 BILLION FOR COMPREHENSIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF SETTLEMENTS AS PART OF A PILOT PROJECT

The Government has instructed the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development to quickly process and immediately allocate UAH 2.7 billion for the comprehensive reconstruction of several settlements. This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.

“Last year we launched a pilot project for the comprehensive restoration of a number of settlements. In particular, these were Yahidne in Chernihiv region, Posad-Pokrovske in Kherson region, Tsyркuny in Kharkiv region, Trostyanets in Sumy region,” the Head of Government noted.

According to the Prime Minister, these funds should be used to restore critical infrastructure, repair and build new residential buildings, kindergartens, outpatient clinics, defence structures and administrative buildings.



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BANKS APPROVE UAH 3.97B WORTH OF LOAN REQUESTS FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION PROJECTS

Since early June 2024, banks have received 1,356 corporate loan requests for energy infrastructure restoration projects and approved UAH 3.97 billion worth of them.

The relevant statement was made by the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU), an Ukrinform correspondent reports. “Since the beginning of June 2024, banks have received 1,356 corporate loan requests for energy infrastructure restoration projects, totaling UAH 40.1 billion,” the report states.

The total value of approved requests reached UAH 3.97 billion. Bank clients are already using UAH 607 million worth of loan funds.

Overall, the generating capacity financed under the corporate loans provided is 50.4 megawatts.

The gross portfolio of loans related to the energy needs of retail clients is UAH 27 million. “The banks’ survey results emphasize their proactive stance. We have seen a quick response to our call to support the energy sector, which developed into a joint Memorandum of Preferential Lending,” NBU Governor Andriy Pyshnyy noted.

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«UKRENERGO» ANNOUNCED THE FIRST LONG-TERM AUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANCILLARY SERVICES FOR BALANCING THE ENERGY SYSTEM

The first auctions will be held on August 15 and 22. «Ukrenergo» plans to buy services for the provision of various types of reserves, concluding contracts with the winners of the auctions for 5 years with a postponement of the provision of the service for up to one year. Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, Chairman of the Management Board of NPC «Ukrenergo» said this during the forum «Decentralized generation. New opportunities for business and communities».

Such auction conditions are a unique opportunity for investors, businesses and communities to ensure energy independence and to expand or start a new business.

The winners of the auction will receive a fixed contract in euros with the possibility of postponing the provision of the service for one year. That is, the winners will have until September 2025 to build a power plant or installation capable of balancing the energy system. At the same time, the tariff offered by “Ukrenergo” will be significantly higher than that paid by operators of European energy systems.

According to Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, these auctions will be a revolutionary step in the construction of distributed generation in Ukraine. And the plans and needs of the energy system as a result of the destruction caused by Russia are significant.

In order to build a system resistant to possible attacks in the next few years, Ukraine needs:



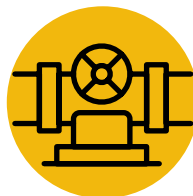
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GOVERNMENT HAS REMOVED UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORT OF ENERGY EQUIPMENT.

Denys Shmyhal

The Government is working to increase the volume of electricity generation in the Chernihiv region. This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal during an offsite meeting of the Government in Chernihiv region on 9 August.

«We have a project that will increase such generation by an additional 50 MW, which is a significant resource for the region. We are negotiating with partners to have the necessary funding,» the Prime Minister said.

At the same time, the Government continues to work on the decentralisation of the power system. Denys Shmyhal reminded that Ukraine already has a law stipulating that power equipment is imported free of duty and VAT.

«Today we approve a resolution that removes unnecessary restrictions on the import of such equipment. In particular, the customs authorities will no longer need to provide security for the payment of customs duties. This is a simplification of the procedure to ensure that the necessary equipment for our energy sector is imported to Ukraine as fast as possible, without any delays and additional payments,» the Prime Minister said.

Thus, on August 9, the Cabinet of Ministers adopted the resolution «On Amendments to Resolution No. 1091 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 27, 2022», the draft of which was developed by the Ministry of Finance.

The adopted decision adds to the list of goods that, upon importation into the customs territory of Ukraine and/or transit, are not subject to payment of customs payments to the customs authorities.

First of all, this simplification applies to the import of electric generator equipment, equipment for wind and solar generation, batteries (except for low-capacity batteries) and will help citizens and businesses to ensure their own energy supply needs during the restoration of the country's energy facilities destroyed by the enemy.

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THE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES TO THE ENERGY AUTONOMY OF BUSINESSES BY EXPANDING THE CONDITIONS FOR AVOIDING BLACKOUTS

On August 6, during a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal noted:

«For consumers who use at least 80% of their own electricity, the shutdown schedule will not apply.

A relevant decision was made today. In this way, the state contributes to the energy autonomy of business.

To ensure an adequate level of preparation for the winter period, we have introduced a package of programs and measures to accelerate the development of decentralized generation. These are loans to businesses and citizens for the creation of alternative energy, duty-free import of energy equipment, simplification of bureaucratic procedures for starting generation facilities.

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DECENTRALIZED GENERATION IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR COUNTERING RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON THE ENERGY INDUSTRY, – VOLODYMYR KUDRYTSKYI, CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF NPC «UKRENERGO»

Decentralized generation is the only possible long-term solution for countering Russian attacks on the energy industry, - said Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, Chairman of the Management Board of NPC «Ukrenergo» during the forum “Decentralized generation. New opportunities for business and communities”.

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What are the advantages of decentralization of generation, what are the market conditions created for it, will these technologies be needed in the future? Below are the main theses from the speech of Volodymyr Kudrytskyi.

Energy system stability. The only way to build a stable, safer and more resistant to enemy attacks energy system is to build several hundred power plants with a capacity of 5-10 MW each instead of one 1000 MW power plant. Moreover, it is necessary to decentralize the very generation that for decades provided the Ukrainian power system with maneuverability - the power system's ability to produce exactly as much electricity as the consumer needs at any given time. No one can have so many missiles (it is about tens of thousands) to destroy hundreds and thousands of small power plants.

Competitive market. In addition to resistance to attacks, there are several other important benefits of decentralizing generating capacity. We are not just building a large number of power plants. We create a large number of players in the market. Decentralization of generation is the way to a transparent, highly competitive electricity market.

Highly efficient technologies. A significant part of our energy-generating facilities needed modernization long before the war. Talks about it have also been going on for a long time. But what didn't happen was some big, significant steps. Some modernization took place, but the main part of traditional generating capacities remained at the same technological level. Decentralized generation is an opportunity to create a high-tech, modern decarbonized mix of technologies.

Will decentralized generation be needed in the future? This is a generation that will be needed in any scenario of development of events. I mean macro-circumstances: scenarios of developments at the front, scenarios of demand in the controlled part of the Ukrainian energy system, after the de-occupation of our territories. All these will be needed. I was asked: «When we de-occupy the ZNPP – all this generation will not be needed?». We started modeling the power system according to European rules and procedures in 2017. And you know what? The numbers now are not very different from what we showed then. At that time, we said that we would have to replace most of the thermal generation with a «cocktail of technologies» by 2032. The only thing that has changed now is that, unfortunately, a large part of the balancing capacities are unavailable due to Russian shelling. Therefore, we need to speed up.

Market and financial incentives for decentralized generation. The market must price electricity so that these new power plants can earn enough money to cover their own operating needs. The

National Energy Regulator (National Commission for State Regulation of Energy and Public Utilities) revised the price caps on the electricity market. Today, the price of 6,000 hryvnias per megawatt/hour allows any generation based on any technology (gas, coal, solar, wind, nuclear, hydro generation) – to work profitably.

We have come up with an interesting solution together with the National Commission for State Regulation of Energy and Public Utilities. We have taken our existing dispatch rate and from that we are funding the ancillary services. This is a service of the power plant's readiness to support the power system at the dispatcher's command. We chronically underutilize these services because there are very few balancing power plants left in the power system that could provide these services. Hydro and thermal power stations are heavily damaged. And we decided that we will introduce long-term contracts for support services, 5-year contracts. They do not exist in most European countries, this is our know-how.

We offer a contract with the winners of the auctions for 5 years, starting, approximately, from the end of September 2025, fixed in euros. Investors have a year to build power plants capable of balancing the system. These can be gas piston, gas turbine power plants, energy storage systems, even biomass power plants – the so-called «new thermal generation». During 5 years, «Ukrenergo» will pay investors for the fact that these power plants are in the energy system. Moreover, the amount we will pay for the service of readiness to provide reserves to the system is several times higher than the cost of such services in EU countries. Because there is a huge shortage of such stations in Ukraine.

Economic effect. The difference between the cost of electricity production, for example, on gas, and the price at which you receive electricity from the grid, gives a very large economic effect already. At the same time, you protect yourself from blackouts, because you have your own source of generation. But you also have two other options. First: you can sell electricity from this power plant as ancillary services when you are not using it. For example, you know that your factory has a 12-hour working day. So, those 12 hours when the plant is not working or is working with reduced consumption, you can sell the excess power of your power plant as an ancillary service to the power system operator. The second is that you can install a thermal plant and sell heat from this power plant, thereby improving its economy.

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FORUM “DECENTRALIZED GENERATION. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES”: ANSWERS TO PARTICIPANTS’ QUESTIONS REGARDING AUCTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF ANCILLARY SERVICES FOR FREQUENCY REGULATION AND ACTIVE POWER IN THE FUTURE

Answers to all technical aspects of auctions for ancillary services were provided by representatives of «Ukrenergo» within the panel: «Technical road map: how to start and implement a successful project» the forum “Decentralized generation. New opportunities for business and communities”.

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THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE CAN BECOME THE FIRST GOVERNMENT BUILDING OF UKRAINE WITH A CLASS A ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

In the conditions of constant Russian attacks on the energy infrastructure of Ukraine, efficient energy consumption and use of resources became obvious priorities. Despite the constant hostile attacks on the Ukrainian energy system, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine is determined. The Ministry of Finance team, with the support of development partners, implemented a number of steps aimed at reducing energy consumption and, as a result, saving money. And the first of them is the strategy for increasing the energy efficiency of the administrative building of the Ministry.

In order to reduce energy consumption, 118 solar panels with an area of 310 m² and a total capacity of 60 kW have already been installed on the roof of the Ministry. Also, 2 heating points were modernized, more than 2 km of pipelines were thermally insulated, and 558 lamps in common areas and 42 outdoor lighting lamps were replaced with more economical ones, more than 200

windows were modernized to reduce the infiltration of thermal energy, and a system for monitoring the building's energy resources was implemented. It is planned that these changes will reduce energy consumption by 20% and save more than UAH 1.3 million per year. All measures are implemented with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH as part of the Project «Promotion of Energy Efficiency and Implementation of the EU Directive on Energy Efficiency in Ukraine».

“Changes for the better begin with ourselves, with each of us, – says Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko. – Using the example of the Ministry of Finance building, we implement modern solutions to increase energy efficiency. I am sure that the responsible use of a valuable energy resource should be a priority for all authorities. So we aim to show an example of frugal energy consumption for other government institutions as well”.



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FIRST CONDOMINIUM LOAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES SIGNED.

Yuliia Svyrydenko

Ukrainian banks have already started to issue loans under the Government's Affordable Loans at 5-7-9% programme for the purchase and installation of equipment for generating electricity from alternative sources, as well as equipment for storing electricity for condominiums and housing cooperatives.

The state-owned Sense Bank signed the first loan agreement for the purchase and installation of a 30 kW solar power plant for a Vinnytsia-based condominium. This equipment will meet the building's own energy needs. The loan was issued for a term of up to 5 years.

“The Government is working to restore the power system after the enemy shelling and ensure stable energy supply for consumers. We, as the economic bloc of the Government, have implemented a programme of concessional lending to condominiums and housing cooperatives under the Affordable Loans at 5-7-9 programme and already have the first example of financing such projects and applications pending. This is just one of the solutions within the energy system support package. There are both government programmes and individual offers from banks. In two months, banking institutions have received more than 7,300 applications from businesses and individuals for loans to restore energy infrastructure and approved applications worth almost UAH 4 billion,” said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

According to Sense Bank, developing financing for alternative energy sources is one of its priorities.

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PRIME MINISTER: GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED UAH 2.6 BILLION TO CHERNIHIV REGION THIS YEAR TO ELIMINATE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

This year, the Government has allocated UAH 2.6 billion to Chernihiv region for the elimination of the consequences of the war. This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal at an offsite Government meeting on 9 August.

“This is the fifth offsite meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers that we are holding in the frontline

regions. We see challenges and issues that need to be addressed promptly. Energy, demining, reconstruction, economy and, of course, security,” the Head of Government said.

According to the Prime Minister, UAH 1.5 billion was allocated for the construction of fortifications. More than UAH 355 million was allocated from the fund for the elimination of the consequences of armed aggression for the repair of social facilities and the reconstruction of a water pumping station.

Chernihiv region was also allocated over UAH 450 million in targeted subventions. In particular, UAH 153 million was allocated by the Government to create safe conditions in schools. This is primarily the construction of shelters.

Almost UAH 60 million has been allocated to restore educational institutions that were damaged by the hostilities.

“We see that the recovery in the region is ongoing, but we need to accelerate this process,” said Denys Shmyhal.

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THE VERKHOVNA RADA REGISTERED A DRAFT LAW ON CHANGES TO THE EVIDNOVLENNYA (ERECOVERY) PROGRAM

A draft law has been registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine proposing changes to the eVidnovlennya program, including eliminating the pension tax on housing purchases funded by the program.

This was reported by Member of Parliament Olena Shuliak, Chairperson of the Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional Development, and Urban Planning, and leader of the political party «Servant of the People,» as per Ukrinform, citing the press service of the Verkhovna Rada. Shuliak stated that the necessary changes are outlined in draft law No. 11444, «On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding the Improvement of Legal Regulation of Issues Related to Compensation for Damage and Destruction of Certain Categories of Real Estate Due to the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine, and the Maintenance of the State Register of Property Damaged and Destroyed as a Result of Hostilities, Terrorist Acts, and Sabotage Caused by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine.»

In particular, the document proposes that Ukrainian citizens who purchase housing with funds from the eRecovery program be exempted from paying the mandatory state pension insurance fee. Additionally, current accounts opened for the deposit of compensation cannot be seized or collected under the enforcement of the law «On Enforcement Proceedings.» The exception is in cases where the compensation was obtained illegally and must be fully returned.

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RESIDENTS IN THE ZONE OF ACTIVE HOSTILITIES CAN NOW RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR DESTROYED HOUSING UNDER THE EVIDNOVLENNYA (ERECOVERY)

Commissions of local self-government bodies in communities located in the zone of active hostilities have been given the opportunity to consider applications from citizens whose homes were destroyed due to Russian aggression. Ukraine has allowed residents of frontline areas to receive compensation for destroyed housing through the eVidnovlennya program. The commissions can review applications and award compensation if the examination does not endanger the lives of the commission members.

After updating the regulatory framework and functionality of the eVidnovlennya program, in cases where property inspections do not threaten the lives and health of commission members, they can process citizens' applications and allocate compensation.

Compensation may be provided in the form of a housing certificate or a payment for reconstruction on one's own land. Citizens can only purchase or build new housing in areas without active hostilities and without temporary occupation.

If the commission determines that the housing condition can be restored during the assessment, a corresponding inspection report will be drawn up and entered into the Register of Damaged and Destroyed Property. In this case, funds for the restoration of this housing can only be received after the community is removed from the list of those where active hostilities are ongoing.

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SAFE CONDITIONS FOR IN-PERSON EDUCATION OF CHILDREN ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITY IN EDUCATION

The government is providing the necessary resources to ensure maximum safety for students and teachers during the learning process. In the 2024 budget, UAH 2.5 billion is allocated for the construction of school shelters, which is 1.7 times more than in 2023. This will allow a greater number of children to attend classes in person, which is expected to improve the quality of education.

Approximately 57 shelters will be equipped in 12 regions of Ukraine, including Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, and Chernihiv.

“Preparation for the new academic year is underway, which will begin for the third consecutive year under conditions of full-scale war. Therefore, creating a safe and healthy environment for students during learning is a priority. It is also important to reach more students with in-person education. The funds allocated in the budget will be sufficient for the modernization of educational institutions, the purchase of necessary equipment and materials, and for additional safety measures for students and teachers. We approach this with full responsibility, as the safety of children is paramount,” commented Roman Yermolychev, Deputy Minister of Finance.

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AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SME RESILIENCE ALLIANCE, A COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN BUSINESSES WAS INTRODUCED

The first meeting of the SME Resilience Alliance took place with the participation of Ukraine's First Deputy Minister of Economy, Oleksii Sobolev, along with representatives from development institutions, international organizations, and banks from various countries. Ukraine, together with 12 other countries, 17 development institutions, and international financial organizations, formed the Alliance as part of the International Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin (URC-2024) held in June. The co-chairs of the Alliance Secretariat are the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ).

«The Alliance is a vital platform for joint actions aimed at strengthening the competitiveness and resilience of Ukrainian SMEs. Through coordinated efforts and strategic partnerships, we hope to create an environment that fosters growth, innovation, and job creation across all regions of Ukraine. In addition to expert support, the total amount of assistance to Ukrainian SMEs within the Alliance will be around €7 billion over the next four years. Specifically, the primary contributions of €3.9 billion in new commitments will come through the Ukraine Facility program,» noted Oleksii Sobolev, First Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

During the event, participants were presented with a comprehensive Coordination Mechanism designed to achieve tangible results and support sustainable development. The key objectives of the Coordination Mechanism include:

- Aligning with the priorities of the Government of Ukraine in supporting SMEs;
- Effectively coordinating donor support for the private sector;
- Establishing dialogue between partners and the Government of Ukraine on regulatory reforms, economic policy, and SME support tools;
- Monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the SME Recovery Strategy until 2027.

In the future, the Alliance plans to strengthen support for Ukraine in the recovery and development of the SME sector, leveraging the best international practices and expertise to achieve sustainable economic growth.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE: UKRAINIAN BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS INCREASED INVESTMENTS IN DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT BONDS BY UAH 16 BILLION IN JULY

In July 2024, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine raised UAH 38 billion from the issuance of domestic government bonds, equivalent to UAH 26.4 billion and USD 285.7 million.

UAH 35.5 billion of the total amount of domestic government bonds placed in July were War Bonds. The funds raised are used to ensure the stable funding of the state's financial needs under martial law.

In July, Ukrainian businesses increased their investments in domestic government bonds by UAH 10.6 billion, while individuals increased their investments by UAH 5.2 billion compared to June.

In total, from January to July 2024, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine raised UAH 289.3 billion in equivalent from the issuance of domestic government bonds at auctions. During the martial law period, the equivalent amount was UAH 1.1 trillion.

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OVER 10 MILLION HRYVNIA IN GRANT SUPPORT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO FIVE MORE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES FOR NEW ORCHARDS AND GREENHOUSES

Under the government grant program «eRobota» supporting small and medium-sized businesses, five agricultural enterprises have received 10.2 million hryvnias for the development of orchards, berry farming, viticulture, and greenhouse operations. Specifically, four enterprises received 8.2 million hryvnias for orchard development, while one received 2 million hryvnias for greenhouse operations.

Since the beginning of the year, over 291.1 million hryvnias in grant support have been disbursed to 70 agricultural producers. This includes 201.6 million hryvnias for 51 enterprises to develop orchards and 89.5 million hryvnias for 19 enterprises to establish and expand greenhouses.

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OVER 1,200 NEW JOBS IN THE PROCESSING INDUSTRY: TWO NEW INDUSTRIAL PARKS ESTABLISHED IN UKRAINE

Approximately 1,250 new jobs will be created through the establishment of two new industrial parks in the Zhytomyr and Lviv regions. The decision to include the parks «MA'RYZHANY» and «Dobrosyn Invest Park» in the Register of Industrial Parks was made by the Government on August 9, 2024.

«Industrial parks are a crucial component of the 'Made in Ukraine' policy. They contribute to attracting investments in the real sector, developing manufacturing, and increasing the share of processing industries in the economy. The Government, through the 'State Stimulus Program for the Creation of Industrial Parks,' covers part of the investors' costs for engineering and transport infrastructure, which is essential for the development of industrial parks. Ukrainian banks have also actively joined the implementation of this program. This week, we signed an agreement with Oschadbank, making it the third state bank to participate in its implementation,» said Deputy Minister of Economy Vitaliy Kindratov.

The «MA'RYZHANY» industrial park will be located in the Khroshchiv Territorial Community of the Zhytomyr District in the Zhytomyr region. Spanning 30.2 hectares, the park will house processing industries including textile production, non-woven and construction materials, and scientific and technical activities. The park's concept includes the creation of 750 jobs and an investment of nearly UAH 2 billion.

The «Dobrosyn Invest Park,» located in Dobrosyn, Lviv District, Lviv region, will occupy 14.6 hectares. It will feature light industry enterprises producing plastic and metal products, food products, woodworking, and other activities. The park's concept anticipates the creation of up to 500 new jobs and attracting UAH 1.6 billion in investments.

With today's decisions, the Register of Industrial Parks now includes 88 parks.

[Ukrainian sources](#)

OSCHADBANK JOINED THE PROGRAM TO STIMULATE INDUSTRIAL PARKS

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has announced the signing of the third agreement under the «State Support for the Creation of Industrial Parks» program. Oschadbank has become the third state bank to join this initiative, thus supporting President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's «Made in Ukraine» policy.

Initiators and managing companies of industrial parks can now submit applications to Oschadbank to receive state support in two key areas:

Non-repayable Financial Assistance: This is intended for the development of industrial park infrastructure, including the construction of roads, laying communication lines, and ensuring the supply of gas, water, and electricity.

Compensation for Connection Costs: This covers expenses related to connecting to engineering and transport networks, particularly electrical networks. This measure is designed to reduce the financial burden on project initiators and accelerate the commissioning of parks. During the martial law period, compensation is available only for connections to electrical networks.

«Supporting industrial parks generates momentum for attracting investments into the real sector and developing industry, which in turn leads to new jobs, additional budget revenues, and regional development. With banks actively participating in state stimulation efforts, the implementation of infrastructure projects will become easier and more convenient for businesses. Currently, the program is supported by three banking institutions. Industrial parks are preparing documentation, so we expect the first document packages to be submitted to the banks in the coming weeks,» noted First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko.

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EROBOTA: THE STATE INVESTED UAH 9 BLN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES THROUGH GRANTS

19,000 entrepreneurs received grants under eRobota program. Over the past two years, the state has invested UAH 9 billion in entrepreneurship through these grants, as reported by First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Yuliia Svyrydenko.

“eRobota's grant programs are an effective tool introduced by the government to support and stimulate the growth of small and medium-sized businesses. Over the past two years, 19,000 entrepreneurs across the country have received financial support through these grants. This investment of UAH 9 billion has led to the establishment of several thousand new companies and provided opportunities for existing businesses to grow, increase production volumes, explore new directions, and enter new markets. Additionally, grant recipients are expected to create over 55,000 new jobs across various sectors through their business projects. We are committed to supporting entrepreneurs to boost the economy,» stated Yuliia Svyrydenko.

Since the launch of the eRobota project in July 2022:

- The «Own Business» program has issued 17,290 microgrants totalling UAH 4.1 billion.
- Grants for the development of processing enterprises have totalled 713, amounting to UAH 3.6 billion.
- Grants for horticulture and greenhouse farming have reached 221, with a total of UAH 988 million.
- Grants for veterans and their families have been 769, totalling UAH 347 million.

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OWN BUSINESS-2024: MORE THAN 6,000 WINNERS OF THE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE UAH 1.5 BILLION IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FROM THE STATE

The fourteenth round of the «Own Business» program has selected 334 new winners, who will receive grants totaling UAH 80 million to start or expand their businesses. Since the beginning of this year, more than 6,000 Ukrainians have become winners of the program, with the state investing UAH 1.5 billion in their ventures. This was announced by Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Tetyana Berezhdna.

“We now have over 6,000 winners of this year’s ‘Own Business’ program who will receive state support amounting to UAH 1.5 billion in the form of grants. Most of the grant recipients have entrepreneurial experience and are using the grants to scale up their existing businesses, while about 15% will establish new companies. In the process of implementing their business ideas, they will create 12,000 jobs across all regions of the country. Over the past two years, the grant program has supported 18,500 Ukrainians, with the state’s investment in their businesses totalling UAH 4.5 billion. Grant recipients have already returned over UAH 2 billion to the budget through paid taxes and fees,” noted Tetyana Berezhna.

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MADE IN UKRAINE: 117 BUSES PURCHASED BY REGIONS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR UNDER THE SCHOOL BUS PROGRAMME

Eight regions have purchased 117 school buses for a total of almost UAH 400 million under the School Bus programme, which is part of the Made in Ukraine policy. The procurement was carried out through the Prozorro Market electronic catalogue administered by the State Enterprise «Professional Procurement». The tool allows for competitive and transparent procurement.

«The School Bus government programme aims to stimulate the Ukrainian machine-building industry. As in the previous year, UAH 1 billion has been budgeted for the purchase of school buses, enabling the regions to buy about 500 Ukrainian-made buses and giving a boost to the development of local producers. Thanks to this programme, last year, companies in Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Zaporizhzhia, Lutsk and other cities where subcontractors operate had orders, people had jobs and the budget had incomes. That is why our priority is to develop this programme further,» said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

So far, the Dnipro region has purchased 28 buses, the Zaporizhzhia and Mykolaiv regions 25, the Kharkiv region 21, the Khmelnytskyi and Sumy regions 7, the Cherkasy region 3, and the Odesa region 1.

«Thanks to the systematic allocation of subventions for the purchase of school buses, more and more children can receive quality education. For students from small villages and towns, it is crucial to have access to large schools with qualified teachers and the necessary equipment. In addition, school buses are among the tools of the comprehensive School Offline policy aimed at restoring access to full-time education. It is thanks to the buses that students can get to schools with shelters and study live,» said Andriy Stashkiv, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine.

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INITIATING DIALOGUE WITH BUSINESSES ON THE INTRODUCTION OF UKRAINE’S NEW CLIMATE POLICY

Ukrainian Minister Discusses New Climate Policy with European Commission and Business Representatives. Ruslan Strilets, the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, discussed strategic developments and common touchpoints in Ukraine’s climate policy with representatives from the European Commission, business leaders, and with Oleh Bondarenko, Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Environmental Policy and Nature Management, and Dmytro Kysylevsky, people’s deputy.

According to Ruslan Strilets, Ukraine’s new climate policy should undoubtedly serve as a supportive tool for development and assist



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businesses in adapting to European regulations. The discussions focused on the topic of MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification) – its necessity and urgency.

“This is what the European Commission expects from us within the framework of Ukraine Facility funding. We have already developed a relevant draft law for the restoration of MRV. We are aware that during the war, some installations have been destroyed, significantly damaged, or are located in temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. We are launching training sessions on MRV for installation operators and verifiers. I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Gennadiy Chyzhykov for providing a platform for our interaction with businesses. Without productive collaboration today, tomorrow we will be dealing with not just risks but consequences,” noted Ruslan Strilets.

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SECOND PHASE OF HUMANITARIAN DEMINING SENSOR TRIALS COMPLETED: TEAMS FIND MOST OF THE MINES

The teams taking part in the Second Phase of the trial of sensors to detect mines and explosive remnants of war have managed to detect more than 60% of the items, both hidden under the soil and buried on the surface. This is stated in a report prepared on the basis of the tests conducted in May this year. These results will serve as the framework for the development of a standard on the use of sensor technologies in humanitarian demining.

«Over the year, we have seen significant progress in the development of detection technologies by Ukrainian teams. Both the number of sensors used by the Phase II participants and the quality of the neural networks that analyse the collected information have increased. Importantly, three teams demonstrated a high level of detection of plastic objects. This is a big problem for deminers today, and the use of sensors will make clearing Ukrainian fields safer for deminers. The tests bring us closer to creating a standard for the use of sensor technology at the stage of non-technical inspection,» said Ihor Bezkaravayny, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

Both Ukrainian and international companies took part in the tests. The teams demonstrated the effective integration of electro-optical sensors with artificial intelligence and machine learning systems for non-technical inspection of potentially contaminated areas. The seven organisations tested their developments on an area of 1.44 hectares, where 27 mines, cluster munitions and unexploded ordnance were placed - both on the surface and underground - to create conditions as similar as possible to those in mined areas in Ukraine. The test participants managed to detect 78% of explosive items on the surface, about 70% of metal and buried items, and 62% of plastic items.

«The knowledge and experience gained from our recent trials will help us to improve artificial intelligence algorithms and integrate remote sensing technologies that are essential to improve the effectiveness of mine action efforts in Ukraine,» said UNDP Resident Representative Jaco Cilliers, who underlined the importance of the Phase II results.

The findings demonstrate the significant potential of using modern remote sensing technologies in humanitarian demining, which will significantly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian mine action efforts in the country.

The trials highlighted the critical importance of innovation in the fight against landmines and explosive remnants of war in Ukraine. They also have the potential to create safer communities and accelerate the country’s economic recovery.

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