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# 1. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

## EU WILL RAISE EUR 35B LOAN FOR UKRAINE - VON DER LEYEN

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has announced that the European Union will provide Ukraine with a EUR 35 billion loan backed by the windfall profits from immobilized Russian assets.

She said this during a joint press conference with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv on Friday, according to an Ukrinform correspondent.

«You need to keep the state and the economy running and, at the same time, bolster your defense capacity against Russian aggression. We have been supporting you since the very beginning with over EUR 118 billion from Europe to date. But Russia's relentless attacks mean further support is necessary. This is why I am happy to announce that today the Commission has adopted proposals that will enable the European Union to lend EUR 35 billion from the G7 pledge. This is a huge step forward,» von der Leyen said.

«This loan will flow straight into your national budget. This will improve Ukraine's macro-financial stability and it will provide you with significant and much-needed fiscal space. You will decide how best to use the funds, giving you maximum flexibility to meet your needs,» von der Leyen said.

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## DENYS SHMYHAL AND URSULA VON DER LEYEN TACKLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ENERGY AND SOCIAL PROJECTS

Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal met in Kyiv with President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

The Head of the Ukrainian Government congratulated her on her re-election and thanked her for her incredible support.

During the meeting, the parties agreed to hold a joint meeting of the Government of Ukraine and the Board of the European Commission in Kyiv later this year or early next year.

«We are grateful for the financial assistance under the Ukraine Facility programme. We have already received EUR 12 billion. We hope to receive the expected EUR 16 billion by the end of the year. Next year we count on the same amount of support,» the Prime Minister said.

According to the Head of Government, Ukraine relies on the launch of a financial instrument for our country in the new EU budget for 2028-2034. In particular, Ukraine proposes to increase the financial offer for our country from EUR 200 billion to EUR 400 billion and to introduce a separate budget programme.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to Ursula von der Leyen and the European Commission for launching a new macro-financial support programme amounting to EUR 35 billion.

«We appreciate the prompt allocation of the first EUR 1.4 billion from the excess profits from Russian assets for the defence of our country,» said Denys Shmyhal.

According to him, Ukraine also expects to use without restrictions and delays the funds from the Ukraine Assistance Fund under the European Peace Facility to compensate EU member states for the cost of purchasing weapons for Ukraine from Ukrainian manufacturers.

The parties also discussed the European Commission's plan, which includes 10 concrete steps of solidarity with Ukraine in the energy sector.

«These include the supply of backup power supplies, decentralised generation facilities and

increased opportunities to import electricity from the EU,» the Prime Minister said.

During the meeting, Denys Shmyhal invited Ursula von der Leyen to implement a socially responsible project - healthy meals in schools for Ukrainian children in grades 1-4.

«This project is being implemented with the initiative and support of the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska. All our children are suffering from the war, and such support is extremely necessary for them,» the Prime Minister stressed.

For her part, Ursula von der Leyen noted that she would be happy to join this programme, as it would support Ukrainian children, families and communities.

Denys Shmyhal thanked the President of the European Commission for her personal leadership in accelerating the European integration process and for supporting Ukraine in the entire spectrum of issues: «We are all sure that by joining forces we will make Ukraine and the European Union stronger and more successful.»

[Source](#)

## **EC PRESIDENT: WORKING TO SECURE STEADY FLOW OF ENERGY TO UKRAINE, DISPATCHING MOBILE GAS TURBINES AND SOLAR PANELS**

The European Commission is working to secure a steady flow of energy to Ukraine, despite Russia's attacks on large infrastructure, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said during a visit to Kyiv.

«We are working on securing a steady flow of energy through Ukraine despite Russia's attacks on large infrastructure and right now we're dispatching mobile gas turbines and solar panels. We spoke about the physical protection of power stations that are so necessary,» she said.

As von der Leyen emphasized, the European Commission has developed a «winter plan» for Ukraine, which she presented yesterday in Brussels together with Fatih Birol, director of the International Energy Agency.

The EC plan is built around three priorities. The first, as von der Leyen pointed out, is repair. The EC will help repair the damage caused by Russian strikes and will aim to restore 2.5 gigawatts of capacity this winter. The second element is continuing to connect Ukraine to the European power grid, so that 2 gigawatts of electricity can be exported to Ukraine. The third component of the plan is stabilization.

«I'm here today dear Volodymyr to tell you and to tell the people of Ukraine that the European Union is here to help you in this challenge to keep the lights on to keep your people warm as winter is just around the corner and to keep your economy going as you fight for your survival,» she added.

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## **EU ALREADY PROVIDES EUR 118 BLN IN AID TO UKRAINE – EC VICE-PRESIDENT**

The European Union has so far provided EUR 118 billion in assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (EC) Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis told the European Parliament on Tuesday. To date, all assistance to Ukraine and its people from the EU and its Member States has reached EUR 118 billion, Dombrovskis said in a statement published on the EC website. This amount includes, in particular, EUR 25.2 billion in macro-financial assistance, EUR 17 billion for EU countries to help refugees, EUR 14 billion collected through the Ukraine Facility, and EUR 12 billion in loans, subsidies, and guarantees from EU countries.

In addition, we are talking about EUR 43.5 billion in military aid, of which EUR 6.1 billion came from the European Peace Facility. As Dombrovskis noted, 60,000 Ukrainian servicemen have already been trained in the EU, and the current goal is to train another 15,000 servicemen by the end of winter. He also said that the EU has fulfilled its goal of delivering 1 million shells to Kyiv by 70%.

He recalled that the European Union allocated EUR 1.4 billion in profits from frozen Russian assets for the supply of weapons to Ukraine.

Around EUR 1.4 billion have already been channeled through the European Peace Facility for the supply of priority weapons to Ukraine, including artillery shells and air defense systems, as well as -

for the first time - for the purchase of goods produced by the Ukrainian defense industry. According to Dombrovskis, most of the purchased weapons should arrive in Ukraine by the end of 2024.

In addition, the Vice-President of the European Commission said that the Commission is working on the implementation of the G7 decision to provide Ukraine with \$50 billion in funding, which is approximately EUR 46 billion, which will be reimbursed from the expected revenues from blocked Russian assets.

In August, head of EU diplomacy Josep Borrell said that the EU had already begun to transfer revenues from frozen Russian assets to the Ukrainian side and the bloc countries that will supply weapons to Kyiv.

[Source](#)

## **EU ALLOCATES ANOTHER EUR 160 MILLION TO PREPARE UKRAINE'S ENERGY SYSTEM FOR WINTER**

The European Commission will additionally allocate about 160 million euros to help Ukraine's energy system in the face of Russian attacks.

This was stated by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Thursday at a joint press conference with International Energy Agency Executive Director Fatih Birol in Brussels, Ukrinform reports.

Von der Leyen noted that the European Commission will additionally allocate about 160 million euros to help Ukraine's energy system, including 60 million for humanitarian needs - shelters and heaters, 100 million for repairs and restoration, and this amount will be taken from the proceeds of frozen Russian assets.

According to her, since February 2022, EU assistance to Ukraine's energy sector has amounted to at least EUR 2 billion.

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## **AMBASSADOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO UKRAINE MATHERNOVÁ: THERE IS DEFINITELY A COMMITMENT FROM THE EU TO CONTINUE ITS MAJOR SUPPORT OF UKRAINE**

*Interfax-Ukraine*  
*Valerie Proshchenko, journalist*

An exclusive interview of the Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine Katarína Mathernová to the Interfax-Ukraine news agency about further support for Ukrainians, new projects, defence production, and upcoming the second Peace Summit.

In December, European political leaders gave the green light to opening accession negotiations, which formally happened in June of this year, at the end of the Belgian presidency of the EU. The Deputy Prime Minister for Euro-Atlantic and European Integration of Ukraine and the new Minister of Justice, Olga Stefanishina, is currently in Brussels to participate in the screening exercise, which compares Ukrainian legislation and institutional practices with the European Union norms and rules. The trend in the relationship between Ukraine and the EU on European integration is positive.

The bilateral screening process is now in full swing. This is the stage where we compare Ukrainian legislation and institutions to the EU aquis- the rules and norms that bind the EU. As I said on multiple occasions, I am amazed by the capacity and determination of Ukraine to undertake reforms and advance on its path to EU membership while fighting a war against brutal Russian aggression.

Having said that, there is still a long technical road ahead of us. Accession process is complicated and cannot be done overnight.

There is one specific thing that I realized is not a well-known fact here. Before there was any discussion about the use of Russian frozen assets for the 50 billion euro loan, the EU already legislated on the use of the windfall profits from the frozen Russian assets. And the first EUR1.4 billion has already been disbursed a month ago. EUR1 billion went to several member states that this fall

will be delivering weaponry to Ukraine.

However, most notable, EUR400 million has been given directly to the Ukrainian industry because of the lack of capacity within the EU that you mentioned. The Ukrainian defense industry can also produce faster and cheaper, and there are the added benefits of cutting out international logistics and transport channels, and supporting the Ukrainian economy.

In response to the journalist's question, «Is the EU capable of supporting Ukraine if the United States plans to reduce its support?» the ambassador replied: "I think that we have seen quite a bit of creativity and impact in our support. As I mentioned, we are the biggest financial supporter of Ukraine. I think that, especially on the military side, it might be a little daunting at the beginning, but Ukraine is in Europe. We share a common destiny, we share a continent, so we better be able to step in if the need arises."

[Source](#)

## **EU PLANS TO RAISE UP TO €40BN IN LOANS FOR UKRAINE WITHOUT US**

The EU is preparing to provide up to €40bn in new loans for Ukraine by the end of the year regardless of US participation, after a G7 plan to use frozen Russian assets to aid Kyiv faltered. The unilateral push comes amid concern in Brussels that Hungary will prevent the bloc from delivering safeguards that the US needs for it to participate in the frozen asset scheme, according to three people involved in the talks.

The government of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, the EU's most pro-Russia leader, has sought to delay a decision on the frozen assets scheme until after the US presidential election on November 5.

A Hungarian government representative told EU ambassadors in Brussels on Monday that the issue would have to be addressed after the US election, according to two people briefed on the discussion. As an alternative, the EU is now considering issuing the loans as part of an existing financial support package that expires at the end of the year. The scheme would involve increasing the bloc's total borrowing and would be backed by the common EU budget.

The final figure could range between €20bn and €40bn and would be set by the European Commission after consulting member states, the officials said.

While the original scheme — involving US participation — remains the commission's plan A, officials argue they need an alternative if Budapest keeps its veto in place until the US election.

The EU plan would provide some of the \$20bn intended to come from Washington under the original G7 proposal if the Biden administration would be unable to grant the loan so close to the election. Brussels officials hope that Washington will still ultimately provide funds, reducing the EU's exposure. If it decides to issue the loans unilaterally, Brussels must start work in the next few weeks in order to clear all the necessary legislative hurdles in time, because of the support package for Ukraine expiring at year end. "It is urgent to adopt the proposals before end October, so that the Union loan can be released before the end of 2024 for future disbursements in tranches," the proposal said. The proposal would still ultimately use proceeds from frozen assets, estimated at €2.5 to €3bn a year, towards repayment of the loan. At present, those profits are channeled to Ukraine through the EU budget.

[Source](#)

## **PRIME MINISTER MET WITH GOVERNOR OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK**

The Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal and the Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Carlo Monticelli discussed joint bilateral projects during a meeting in Kyiv.

The Head of the Ukrainian Government thanked the EBRD for signing the first agreements on HOME and Heal Ukraine projects worth EUR 200 million during the Recovery Conference in Berlin.

«These funds will be used to provide housing for people who have been left homeless as a result of Russian aggression, as well as to restore the healthcare system,» the Prime Minister said.

According to him, there are already first results. Thus, in September, more than 2,200 families received funds under certificates for the restoration of housing through the HOME project.

In addition, the Prime Minister noted that the Government of Ukraine also prioritises demining, restoration of energy and critical infrastructure.

«We are striving to expand cooperation with the Development Bank for communities and support for small and medium-sized businesses,» added Denys Shmyhal.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine thanked the EBRD for its intention to open an office in Kyiv. According to him, this demonstrates the willingness to develop long-term cooperation and implement new projects in Ukraine.

[Source](#)

## **THE CEB INTENDS TO STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. MEETING OF THE HEADS OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF UKRAINE AND THE BANK**

On September, 18 Minister of Finance of Ukraine Sergii Marchenko met with the Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) Carlo Monticelli.

The parties discussed the current cooperation between Ukraine and the CEB and the priorities for further work.

“I am pleased to welcome Carlo Monticelli and his team to Kyiv. This visit expresses solidarity and readiness to strengthen the partnership between Ukraine and the Bank. For the second year in a row, we have been actively working on the implementation of joint social projects. Healthcare initiatives and the restoration of housing are important to providing citizens with the necessary services and social support in times of war,” said Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko.

The first joint project between Ukraine and the Bank is the Health Enhancement and Life-Saving (HEAL), under which a EUR 100 million framework loan agreement was signed. The project is aimed at restoring and improving access to essential healthcare services and providing financial protection to the population in emergency situations. Ukraine expects to receive the first tranche of EUR 10 million in the coming days.

In addition, the «HOME: Compensation for Destroyed Housing» project is being implemented in cooperation with the Bank. A framework loan agreement worth EUR 100 million was signed as part of the initiative.

HOME aims to ensure the right to housing for those Ukrainian citizens whose homes were destroyed as a result of hostilities and terrorist attacks by Russia. Effective implementation of the project will create the necessary conditions for the return of citizens to the territorial communities affected by the hostilities through the provision of compensation for destroyed housing. In August 2024, the first tranche under HOME was received in the amount of EUR 70 million. As of the beginning of September 2024, more than 2,000 families have received funds under housing certificates under the project. A second tranche of EUR 30 million is planned by the end of this year.

Carlo Monticelli assured that the CEB intends to support social development, recovery and small and medium-sized businesses in Ukraine.

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## **SERGI MARCHENKO AND ITALIAN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE DISCUSS PRIORITIES OF THE MULTI-AGENCY DONOR COORDINATION PLATFORM**

Minister of Finance of Ukraine Sergii Marchenko met with the Italian Foreign Ministry's Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Davide La Cecilia.

The Minister of Finance thanked the Italian government for its comprehensive assistance this year during the Italian G7 presidency: “Italy's leadership in supporting Ukraine, in particular the launch of the EU's Ukraine Facility, is a significant contribution to the macro-financial stability of the country on its way to EU membership.”

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, Italy has been one of the first countries to support Ukraine, providing EUR 310 million in direct budget support, including about a third in grants.

The parties discussed cooperation within the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for

Ukraine and preparations for the next meeting of the Platform's Steering Committee. The event will be held on 9 October 2024 in Rome, Italy, with the participation of representatives of the G7 countries, the European Commission and international financial institutions.

Concerning the Platform, it was noted that during the next meeting, it is planned to consider the developed list of priority investment projects as part of the preparation of the Single Project Pipeline by 2025. As a result, this will help improve the efficiency of using limited funding in accordance with the priority needs of Ukraine.

In addition, during the meeting in Rome, the member countries of the Platform will focus on the updated needs of the State Budget for 2025, as well as on the progress in the development of the Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration Loans for Ukraine (ERA) mechanism, which will amount to about USD 50 billion, using the profits from the frozen Russian assets.

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## **ITALY WILL STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE ENERGY SECTOR OF UKRAINE**

Italy will strengthen its support to Ukraine in the restoration of the energy sector at various levels. This was discussed during the meeting of the Minister of Energy of Ukraine German Galushchenko with the Italian Foreign Ministry's Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Davide La Cecilia, Ukrinform reports regarding the Ministry of Energy.

«The key topic of the conversation was directions of assistance to the Ukrainian energy sector in the recovery process after the Russian attacks and its further development,» the ministry notes.

La Cecilia assured that Italy would strengthen its support for Ukraine in general and, in particular, for the Ukrainian energy sector at various levels – interstate, G7+, European Union, as well as at the level of private companies.

In his turn, Galushchenko noted that currently the priority projects are the development of distributed generation, backup power supply of critical infrastructure and strengthening of protection of energy facilities.

The meeting participants discussed the development of renewable energy, namely solar generation. The minister thanked the Italian side for participating in the campaign, which is being implemented at the initiative of the European Commission, to provide solar panels to Ukrainian health care institutions.

The parties also discussed preparations for the reconstruction conference in Italy next year.

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## **GERMANY WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 100 MILLION EUROS IN AID TO UKRAINE THIS WINTER.**

*Annalena Baerbock*

Germany will provide an additional 100 million euros in aid to Ukraine this winter, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock announced during her visit to Moldova on Tuesday, September 17.

Reuters writes about it.

Before the start of the ministerial conference in Chisinau, Baerbock emphasized that Russia is once again planning «a winter war with the aim of making the lives of people in Ukraine as terrible as possible.»

Currently, the Ukrainian energy system continues to recover after nine massive attacks by the Russians, it still has a capacity deficiency, and emergency and scheduled repairs are ongoing at energy facilities.

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## **NORWAY TO INCREASE, EXTEND AID TO UKRAINE**

Norway will increase civilian aid to Ukraine by five billion kroner (\$475 million) this year and extend its aid package by three years to 2030, the prime minister said Friday.

The extension brings the aggregate aid package to 135 billion kroner from a previous total of 75 billion kroner through 2027.

The Scandinavian country had already pledged 22 billion kroner in military and civilian aid for this year, and the additional five billion kroner will be dedicated to «important civilian needs, Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store told journalists after meeting parliamentary leaders.

«We are living through a very dangerous situation in Europe,» Store said.

To get the increased package through parliament, Store's centre-left minority government will need the support of the opposition, which has largely backed greater assistance to Ukraine.

Norway is a major gas and oil exporter, and has benefitted from the run-up in prices brought about by Russia's war in Ukraine.

According to a finance ministry document seen by AFP Thursday, Germany is planning to increase its military aid to Ukraine by almost 400 million euros (\$445 million) this year, on top of the 7.5 billion euros it had already earmarked.

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## **THE CZECH REPUBLIC WILL HELP UKRAINE RESTORE THE DNIPROPETROVSK REGION**

The Czech Republic will help restore the Dnipropetrovsk region. Three sectors are the top priority of Prague – energy generation, water supply, and health care.

This was discussed during the meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration – Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, Oleksiy Kuleba, and the Czech Governmental Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Tomáš Kopečný.

The Czech Republic expressed its readiness to take patronage over the restoration of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast. Parties discussed establishing a permanent working group to work on restoration projects and the opening of the Czech Republic's consulate general in Dnipro.

«We will be very happy to focus on a new project that you and I agree on and put all our efforts where others refuse to do it. We support Ukraine and its residents because this is a contribution to our security,» Tomáš Kopečný emphasized.

Tomáš Kopečný said that the Czech Republic is already implementing several projects in the Kharkiv region. For example, the region has already received seven cogeneration stations for the communities, a 20 MW turbine for the city, and expensive equipment for the Kharkiv Heat Networks utility company.

As part of its support for the Dnipropetrovsk region from 2023 to 2024, the Czech Republic provided multi-functional medical beds and diesel generators for Kryvyi Rih and gas heaters, medical equipment, and water purification stations for Marhanets and Nikopol.

[Source](#)

## **SOUTH KOREA, CZECH REPUBLIC AGREE TO SUPPORT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN UKRAINE**

South Korea and the Czech Republic have agreed to support cooperation between businesses in each other's nations on reconstruction projects in war-torn Ukraine.

President Yoon Suk Yeol and Czech President Petr Pavel made the agreement in their summit Thursday at Prague Castle in the Czech Republic.

In a joint press conference after the summit, Yoon said the two sides agreed to provide substantial support to help Ukrainians regain peace and normalcy.

Yoon added that both governments will actively support the sharing of business information between companies based in South Korea and the Czech Republic, as well as cooperation to carry out projects and attract investment.

The two countries also signed a memorandum of understanding on collaboration on reconstruction efforts in Ukraine, and humanitarian aid to the Eastern European country, with both leaders present.

[Source](#)  
[Ukrainian source](#)

## **MFA OF UKRAINE HOSTS MEETING WITH CZECH DELEGATION LED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENVOY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE**

On 16 September, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andrii Sybiha welcomed Governmental Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine Tomáš Kopečný.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Yevhen Perebyinis met with the Czech delegation and expressed his gratitude for the humanitarian assistance provided by the Czech Republic as part of the implementation of the Humanitarian, Stabilization, Reconstruction and Economic Assistance Program for Ukraine in 2023-2025.

The Ukrainian side noted that Czech projects implemented in Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Lviv regions have made a significant contribution to the restoration of energy, medical and critical infrastructure of our country, which was destroyed by Russian missile attacks.

Yevhen Perebyinis also emphasized the importance of the Czech Republic's assistance to the city of Kharkiv, suffering from constant terrorist attacks of the aggressor state, by providing gas turbines and generators made in the Czech Republic.

[Source](#)

## **DENMARK ALLOCATES ANOTHER €44 MILLION AID PACKAGE TO MYKOLAIV REGION**

At the meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Partnership between Mykolaiv region and Denmark, a new aid package worth € 44 million was approved. Chief of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration Vitalii Kim posted this on Facebook, Ukrinform reports.

«Denmark allocates a new aid package to Mykolaiv region worth € 44 million,» Kim wrote.

He noted that today, on September 17, a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Partnership between Mykolaiv region and Denmark was held, at which the fourth and fifth aid packages were approved, a large part of which is aimed at the energy sector.

According to the regional chief, together with Denmark, they approved a program to support Ukraine totaling € 64 million, of which € 44 million – for Mykolaiv region.

Kim stressed that all the funds will be under constant monitoring by anti-corruption organizations.

As Ukrinform reported, in June the Kingdom of Denmark allocated another €33.5 million aid package to Mykolaiv for educational programs and infrastructure restoration.

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## 2. RECOVERY PLANS – OFFICIAL



**IMPROVING THE SYSTEM OF MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE IS ONE OF THE KEY TASKS OF UKRAINE ON THE PATH TO EU MEMBERSHIP.**

*Oleksii Kuleba*

On the way to gaining full membership in the European Union, Ukraine must ensure the fulfillment of several tasks, including improving the multi-level governance system. Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, stated this during the «State Regional Policy in Ukraine: Implementation Tools» event.

Representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the EU Delegation, the Cabinet of Ministers, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, specialized committees of the Verkhovna Rada, associations of local governments and technical assistance programs (projects), including the U-LEAD, discussed the main challenges of regional policy implementation.

Oleksii Kuleba thanked the European partners who provided constant support and assistance to the regions and territorial communities of Ukraine in a difficult time for Ukraine.

«Carrying out reforms aimed at gaining EU membership is one of the key tasks of the state today. On the path to acquiring full membership in the European Union, it must ensure the fulfillment of a number of tasks, among which is the improvement of the multilevel governance system. The implementation of the updated State Regional Development Strategy until 2027 and the effective coordination of efforts should reduce the existing disparities in the development of regions and territorial communities, promote the cohesion of the entire Ukrainian space, and further integrate Ukraine into the EU. Only together can we ensure recovery and contribute to the socio-economic development of Ukraine's regions and territorial communities,» said Oleksii Kuleba.

The participants of the event discussed the improvement of the legislative framework of regional policy, the renewal of regional and territorial community strategies, international territorial cooperation between regions and communities, and the use of EU financial instruments.

[Ukrainian source](#)

### **«ECONOMIC POLICY OF UKRAINE. RECOVERY DURING THE WAR». THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY REPORTED ABOUT KEY PROJECTS AND WORK PRIORITIES**

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine reported about the key areas of work and ways to overcome the challenges caused by the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation during the event «Economic Policy of Ukraine. Recovery during the war», which took place on September 16, 2024.

«One of the key tasks of the Government is to maintain GDP growth rates and achieve economic self-sufficiency. So we are moving towards our strategic goals: attracting investments in the real sector, increasing non-raw exports, changing the complexity of the economy by increasing the share of processing in GDP and improving the situation on the labor market. For each of these priorities, we have a very clear set of tools that work to achieve these goals,» First Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko said during the presentation.

According to her, one of the priorities of the Ministry of Economy today is the digitization of state services in order to facilitate the work of businesses.

«This week, we are starting work on the digitization of state services through the eDozvil (ePermit) service. Since September 18, the first digital service within this framework has been operational



for entrepreneurs, and their number will only increase in the future. In particular, from October, through eDozvil, it will be possible to obtain a conclusion that gives the right to extend the deadline for settlement of export and import transactions. This is what the business has been waiting for and has been asking for for a long time,» said Yuliia Svyrydenko.

During the event, First Deputy Minister of Economy Oleksii Sobolev presented the Strategy for the Recovery of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) until 2027. The document adopted by the Government defines the key directions of state policy in the field of SMEs, including the restoration of destroyed enterprises according to the principle of «build back better». Special attention is paid to the green transition, digital transformation, innovative development

and inclusiveness of business - involving women, people with disabilities, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and veterans. The document takes into account the recommendations of the OECD, corresponds to the content of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU, and is also consistent with the Plan for the Ukraine Facility.

«Supporting SMEs is one of the key priorities of the Ministry of Economy and the state in general. And the main task of the Strategy is to create conditions for the development of SMEs and give partners an understanding of where to invest now and after the end of the war. The new strategy is inclusive and will promote the business activity of women, persons with disabilities, and veterans. It is coordinated with business, the public sector, and experts. It has already been supported by our international partners. And we already have a result - together with Germany, we launched the SME Resilience Alliance,» said Oleksii Sobolev.

Oleksandr Tsybort, Deputy Minister of Economy for Digital Development, Transformations and Digitalization, presented the work of digital platforms for business.

«Our task is to minimize the human factor wherever possible by digitalizing bureaucratic processes and automating tasks, including integrating artificial intelligence into government services. We believe that everything that can be done online should be digitized. This will help reduce corruption risks and increase the efficiency of public services. At the same time, it is important to support the institutional capacity of public authorities by providing them with convenient tools for big data analysis and decision-making.

The Ministry of Economy is not only a regulatory ministry, we provide services for business. More than half of the department's civil servants are involved in the processing of appeals. At the center of any service should be the client, in our case – the entrepreneur, around whom the service is formed. Our goal is to create a convenient and open process for business:

a few clicks – and the service is provided. «Pulse», «eDozvil» projects are a step towards a digital state with transparent communications between business and the government,» Oleksandr Tsybort stressed.

He noted that the «Pulse» platform was created to strengthen the interaction between the state and business. With its help, any entrepreneur can provide feedback on the work of state bodies: vote for problems that need to be solved by state bodies in the first place, evaluate their work or ask for help in solving problems, if they have arisen.

[\*Ukrainian source\*](#)



## **TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS IN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IS A COMMON TASK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.**

*Viktor Liashko*

Funding for 45 projects to provide housing in Ukrainian medical institutions was allocated from the state budget of Ukraine as part of a corresponding subsidy to local budgets. The list of objects is determined by a special commission of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

To date, 41 contracts have been awarded to the competitive contractors and construction work has commenced. Procurement procedures for 4 projects are still pending.

«The question of the establishment of shelters in Ukrainian medical institutions is of utmost importance, given the constant bombardment and bombardment by Russia of the civilian medical infrastructure of Ukraine. Therefore, we are working to expand the network of hospitals further and create safe conditions for doctors and patients. The government has allocated UAH 1 billion this year. The safety of patients and doctors is a priority, so hospital managers should meet all conditions as soon as possible to disburse the grant allocated for the development of shelters. This is a matter of personal responsibility of the leadership of local self-government bodies, the leadership of health institutions and will be under constant control of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine», - said Viktor Liashko, the Minister of Health of Ukraine.

It should be noted that funding for setting up shelters has been allocated to 45 medical institutions in the Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Ternopil, Poltava, Rivne, Kharkiv, Kherson, Lviv, and Khmelnytskyi regions. Currently, only four medical institutions, precisely two in the Khmelnytskyi region and one each in the Rivne and Zhytomyr regions are still in the process of tender procurement procedures and the potential signing of contracts for contractor work.

Additionally, it should be noted that the subsidy will be directed toward projects related to new construction, reconstruction, restoration, and major repairs of the civil protection shelter facilities in medical institutions following current building regulations.

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## **THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK DISCUSSED THE STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT PROJECTS AND THE POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF COOPERATION**

Health Minister Viktor Liashko and the Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank Carlo Monticelli, held a meeting regarding current cooperation and its potential expansion through new projects. In particular, the parties discussed the implementation of the first Framework Agreement on a loan with the Council of Europe Development Bank within the framework of the joint World Bank project «Strengthening the Health Care System and Saving Life» (HEAL Ukraine).

«Today, the Ukrainian medical system is forced to work on military rails, that is, to provide all the necessary medical assistance to people who suffer daily from the attacks of the enemy army, in the conditions of the destruction of the medical, transport and energy infrastructure. At the same time, we do not stop working on the strategic indicators that the state has identified as priorities: it is high-quality, affordable and free medical care for our citizens. And in this context, the role of the primary link is extremely important. Therefore, in addition to cooperation within infrastructure projects, it is also interesting for us to implement potential projects aimed at improving the availability and quality of medical care at the primary level, in particular by increasing the number of applicants to medical universities and their willingness to become qualified family doctors. The development of medical education, and as a result, providing the system with highly qualified personnel, directly affects the quality of medical care. I would like to express my gratitude for the efficient and prompt work during the preparation for the signing of the Framework Loan Agreement for the project «Strengthening the Health Care System and Saving Life» during the International Ukraine Recovery

Conference - URC2024. Thanks to such support, we are able to work on the further development of the medical system. I hope that our cooperation with the Council of Europe Development Bank will only expand both within the framework of the HEAL project and outside it», - Viktor Liashko, Minister of Health of Ukraine.

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## **MINISTRY FOR COMMUNITIES, TERRITORIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION WITH EIB IN JOINT PROJECTS**

The Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development will strengthen cooperation with the EIB in joint projects. This was agreed upon during a meeting between Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities and Territories Development, and Jean-Erik de Zagon, Head of the EIB Regional Hub for Eastern Europe.

“I am grateful that the European Investment Bank remains a reliable partner of our country in overcoming the consequences of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine. Along with the projects we are successfully implementing together, I would like to focus on the most important areas. In particular, on the restoration of housing, the energy sector and water supply,” said Oleksii Kuleba.

According to the Minister, the Mykolaiv water mains and other water utilities in the affected regions need to be actively restored: “The Mykolaiv water mains are vital for the southern regions. It is for the residents of these communities that we must find the fastest solution to their water supply needs.”

In his turn, Jean-Erik de Zagon congratulated Oleksii Kuleba on his new position and expressed hope that bilateral cooperation would increase its effectiveness.

According to Jean-Erik de Zagon, a number of joint projects are currently being implemented. These include measures to restore both critical and social infrastructure. Therefore, the European Investment Bank is ready to consider proposals from the Ministry and implement them together.

Oleksii Kuleba thanked Jean-Erik de Zagon for his achievements as Head of the EIB Regional Hub for Eastern Europe and expressed his readiness to develop cooperation with the new head, Kristina Mikulova.

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## **COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK READY TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND COOPERATION IN HOUSING PROJECTS**

Within the framework of the project “HOME: Compensation for Destroyed Residential Properties” the Council of Europe Development Bank is ready to significantly expand the amount of funding in 2025. This will help provide housing for thousands of families who have lost their homes due to the destruction of their homes by armed aggression.

This was agreed upon by Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities and Territories Development, and Carlo Monticelli, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank, during a meeting.

“The Ministry is laying a solid foundation for the comprehensive development of communities and territories. This is not just about restoration. These are conditions and opportunities for Ukrainians, for those returning from the frontline, for those returning from abroad, for internally displaced persons. Therefore, compensation for lost housing is an important part of this process. Ukrainians are ready to rebuild their homes or build new ones, but they need support,” said Oleksii Kuleba.

According to Carlo Monticelli, his visit to Ukraine is a signal of further support for the country. Significant results have been achieved during the year of cooperation – two aid programmes have been approved and another is being prepared, including a housing programme for internally displaced persons.

This year, thanks to the financial support of the Council of Europe Development Bank, in particular, a loan of EUR 100 million, almost 3,000 people affected by the armed aggression will be able to buy their own homes, and the first phase of the joint project has already begun.

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## **UKRAINE RECOVERY CONFERENCE: OLEKSII KULEBA DISCUSSES HOLDING URC-2025 WITH ITALIAN DELEGATION**

The annual event aims to support international coordination in the reconstruction of Ukraine and attract new investments. It is also an important platform for discussing key issues.

The main aspects of the upcoming conference and further bilateral cooperation were discussed by Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine and Minister for Communities and Territories Development, Carlo Formosa, Ambassador of Italy to Ukraine, and Davide La Cecilia, Italian Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine.

The participants of the meeting discussed the role of regions and communities in the reconstruction. They noted the success of the Recovery Forum and roundtable formats, which allow for a wide range of participants, increased business involvement and more practical discussions. To prepare the regions and communities for the conference, it was proposed to hold Road to URC-2025 events in Ukraine and Italy at the beginning of the year.

Davide La Cecilia stressed that this year more business representatives would be involved in the Conference, which should positively contribute to support for Ukraine's recovery.

The parties also discussed Italy's participation in the restoration of cultural sites and critical infrastructure in Odesa and Odesa region.

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## **YULIIA SVYRYDENKO TALKS WITH ITALIAN DELEGATION ABOUT HOLDING UKRAINE RECOVERY CONFERENCE-2025**

On 18 September, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yuliia Svrydenko met with the Italian delegation headed by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Ukraine Carlo Formosa. One of the main topics of the meeting was the Ukraine Recovery Conference-2025, which will be held in Italy.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Ministers Oleksii Sobolev, Volodymyr Kuzio, Tetiana Berezna, Andrii Teliupa, and on the Italian side – Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine Davide La Cecilia and Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Italian Republic in Ukraine Stefano Moser.

According to her, the Government has already set up the URC-2025 organising committee and is ready to work with Italian colleagues to organise the upcoming conference.

The Ukrainian side emphasised the need for closer coordination with the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform, active participation in the forthcoming conference of the Business Advisory Council, which was established at URC-2024, participation of Ukrainian companies in the conference events, etc.

One of the key tasks in preparing for URC-2025 should be to expand the initiatives launched in Berlin, such as the SME Alliance and Skills Alliance, and to present concrete results of their implementation.

The participants also discussed the issue of attracting investors to Ukraine's recovery projects. The Government invited Italian companies to explore investment opportunities and expand their presence in priority sectors of the economy.

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## 3. RECOVERY PLANS – EXPERTS

### HOW CAN FARMERS BRING LIFE BACK TO UKRAINIAN VILLAGES? FIVE SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE AGRARIAN SECTOR DURING THE WAR

*Ekonomichna pravda*

*Andriy Dykun, the head of the Ukrainian Agri Council*

Andriy Dykun emphasizes: «Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, Ukraine's agricultural sector has suffered direct losses exceeding \$10 billion. From the destruction of agricultural machinery valued at \$5.8 billion to the loss and damage of livestock farms exceeding \$250 million.

Tens of thousands of men employed in agricultural enterprises have been mobilized into the Armed Forces of Ukraine. At the same time, women have fled to EU countries with their children due to military actions. The population decline has negatively impacted the economies of local communities. Every worker lost is a significant blow, as each employee in an enterprise holds excellent value.

Retaining workers is a priority, as training new specialists requires substantial time and financial resources. Even if training is necessary, the key question remains: how to attract new people, support agricultural producers under these challenging conditions, and bring life back to Ukrainian villages?»

In his op-ed, Dykun outlines several vital solutions:

1. Overcoming obstacles to doing business for those who resisted Russian occupation.
2. Prioritizing the lease of state land for displaced Ukrainians.
3. «5-7-9%» loans to support agricultural producers.
4. Supporting women farmers who are ready to revive agribusiness and start new ventures.
5. Agricultural education for the younger generation.

«In conclusion, I must add that this is not an exhaustive list of issues, but these are the most important for supporting small and medium-sized agricultural producers today. I hear about these challenges daily from farmers across various regions of Ukraine. Solving these issues will ensure support for Ukrainian farmers, the recovery of communities, and, ultimately, the restoration of Ukraine!» stresses Andriy Dykun.

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### 83% OF YOUNG UKRAINIANS WANT TO GO ABROAD: IS IT A VERDICT OR A CHALLENGE?

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*Andriy Dligach, PhD in Economic Sciences, founder and CEO of Advanter Group*

Andriy Dligach emphasizes: «The preservation and development of human capital is a critically important task for Ukraine. I have spoken about this more than once in my own speeches and written in op-eds. If the responsiveness of the youth policy is maintained, human capital will become a critical problem for Ukraine in the near future.»

In particular, Andrii Dligach notes: «Youth is the driving force of transformations. War and other challenges have only strengthened this role and require us to review our attitude towards youth. To support youth, we must create conditions for the comprehensive development of young people. This means not only providing access to quality education and professional training, but also involving young people in making decisions that affect not only their lives, but also the future of the country.

At the same time, youth policy needs to improve communications. Awareness of youth programs in Ukraine is at a very low level. According to our research, a significant part of young people does

not know about the existence of important programs and initiatives that could contribute to their development and self-realization.

Cooperation is the key to success. We need to join forces to create a space where young people can realize their potential. This means not only providing information, but also creating conditions for dialogue, exchange of experiences and joint work. By involving young people in the creation of information campaigns, we will make them not just passive consumers, but active participants in the process of change.

Effective strategies for informing young people about existing opportunities, programs and initiatives that can contribute to their development and active participation in public life are needed. It is especially important to use modern digital tools and platforms to engage a wider audience.

The state should create conditions for the cooperation of youth organizations, businesses, state institutions and public activists for the development of joint projects and initiatives. Such cooperation will provide youth with all the necessary resources and support, will promote the development of their skills and talents, which in turn will strengthen the economy and society of the country as a whole.

It will also help to retain talented young people in Ukraine and enable involvement of young people in solving the current problems of the country and contribute to its development. Young people must feel that their voice is heard and that they are an important part of society.

Youth is an incredibly important part of society that will develop the country in the future. It brings new ideas, innovations and energy, which promotes progress and development. Young people have the potential to become leaders, entrepreneurs and agents of change. That is why it is necessary to maximally stimulate them to stay in Ukraine, creating favorable conditions for their development and self-realization.

It is important to create conditions that will facilitate the return of young people to Ukraine and active participation in the life of the country. This is a very difficult but vitally important task for modern Ukraine. And we must deal with him.

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## **NEW PROGRAM FROM THE STATE: WHAT IS «NATIONAL CASHBACK» AND HOW IT WORKS**

*Ekonomichna pravda*  
*Anastasiia Diachkina, journalist*

The author of the article provided answers to the question: «How does the «National Cashback» program work, for the purchase of which goods can you receive funds from the state and what can you spend them on?»

«National Cashback» is a state program to support Ukrainian manufacturers, within which citizens can receive 10% of the cost of purchased domestic goods. Beta testing of the program started on September 2, 2024.

During this time, 1.2 million Ukrainians have already opened cards to receive payments, and the state has accrued almost UAH 3 million in cashback. The Ministry of Economy estimates that about 10 million people will join the program. The Ministry says that during September it will collect feedback on the program's work, refine and revise the conditions. In addition, the list of manufacturers and products that will be part of the «National Cashback» is expanding.

Five parties participate in the program: the seller, the manufacturer, the bank, the government platform based on «DIIA» and the buyer. Currently, 11 banks participate in the program: Privatbank, Oschadbank, «Sens Bank», A-bank, PUMB, Ukrsibbank, monobank («Universal Bank»), Acordbank, «Globus», Ukrgasbank, «Bank Kredit Dnipro». By August 1, 59.3 million accounts of individuals were opened in these institutions.

Cashback is available for products of Ukrainian production, in particular, medicinal and medical products, which the manufacturer has added to the special list. On the «Made in Ukraine» website, you can check whether the product is included in the list of those that are eligible for cashback.

Currently, Ukrainian manufacturers have added more than 130,000 products to this list.

In the article, the author considers in detail the mechanism of joining the program, the amount of cashback, the mechanism of accrual of funds, time limits on the use of cashback.

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## **GUARANTEES OF THE ORIGIN OF ELECTRICITY: HOW TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF «GREEN» GENERATION IN UKRAINE?**

*Ekonomichna pravda*

*Yuliia Chuhuievets, analyst and expert on product market researches,  
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The op-ed is about the fact that the introduction of the mechanism of guarantees of the origin of electricity can give a significant impetus to the development of «green» energy and what should be paid attention to.

Yuliia Chuhuievets talks, in particular, about the launch of guarantees of origin in Ukraine, how it works in Europe, who will implement Guarantees of the origin in Ukraine.

«The start of certification of the production of «green» energy through guarantees of origin in Ukraine is a step towards the launch of the domestic market.

The possibility of trading Ukrainian Guarantees of the origin outside its borders has not been evaluated yet, because European legislation does not yet allow the circulation of Ukrainian guarantees of origin within the EU, and each sale of Guarantees of the origin to a foreign partner will require the conclusion of a separate agreement.

Therefore, after the launch of this mechanism in Ukraine, prices will depend on domestic market demand until the conditions for trading Guarantees of the origin within the EU are created. The existing register already allows the trade of guarantees of origin at the national level.

What is the situation today? Although the main purpose of guarantees of origin was to increase the transparency of the sources of electricity production and send market signals about the demand for renewable sources, the existence of guarantees of origin can distort reality somewhat.

In order for Guarantees of the origin to send market signals that stimulate investments in the development of RES, they must also have a significant value,» Yuliia Chuhuievets notes in particular.

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## 4. PROCESS OF RECOVERY

### **UKRAINIAN DELEGATION LED BY OLHA STEFANISHYNA STARTS WORK AT THE SECOND EU-UKRAINE BILATERAL SESSION**

The delegation of Ukraine headed by the Chief Negotiator – Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration and Minister of Justice of Ukraine Olha Stefanishyna – has started work at the second EU-Ukraine bilateral session within the framework of the screening of the compliance of Ukrainian legislation with EU law.

The meeting will be held in Brussels (Belgium) from 17 to 19 September and is dedicated to negotiating Chapter 23 “Judiciary and Fundamental Rights” (Cluster 1 “Fundamentals of the EU accession process”). The agenda includes presentations in three blocks: Judiciary, Anti-Corruption Policy and Fundamental Rights.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Prime Minister thanked the European side for supporting the transformation of Ukraine and the Ukrainian delegation for its thorough and careful preparation for the talks.

“We start today’s meeting confident, fully prepared, with not only functioning institutions but also a legislative framework that meets international standards and norms in the field of the rule of law. We are approaching the EU accession process at the most difficult stage of our transformation. At the same time, we need to make sure that the adopted legislation is properly implemented, that the institutions are functioning and that they are effective. There are many steps along the way, and we have been taking them and will continue to do so together. The main strength of our dialogue is that the European Union has been supporting the Ukrainian people since the day when citizens came to Maidan to fight for a European future. This was done for the sake of Europe and European values, and we have travelled this whole path of transformation together. So we have something to evaluate, something to improve, but I am convinced that we will go through this path with your support,” said Olha Stefanishyna.

She emphasised that Ukraine intended to present a roadmap for the rule of law as soon as possible, which is the next step after the screening meeting.

“We continue to work with the European Commission to implement real transformations based on the best European practices and in line with European values. Thus, the deadlines will be agreed on the basis of the roadmap for rule of law reforms that we will present. We will do our best to make this happen as soon as possible,” the official stressed.

For their part, representatives of the European Commission noted the comprehensive and detailed preparatory work carried out by the Ukrainian side for the bilateral meeting.

Marc Jorna, Head of Unit at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST), who chaired the meeting, assured that the European Commission would provide all necessary assistance to Ukraine.

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### **PREPARATION FOR THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS ON JOINING THE EU: THE FIRST SECTORAL CONSULTATIONS ON TRANSPORT POLICY WERE HELD**

Sectoral consultations of the Ukrainian delegation with representatives of the European Commission were held in Brussels as part of preparations for official negotiations on Ukraine’s accession to the EU.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic integration – Minister of Justice of Ukraine Olga Stefanishyna, the Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development Serhiy Derkach, and the Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU Vsevolod Chentsov.

Sectoral consultations are preparations for a bilateral meeting between Ukraine and the European Commission regarding individual sections of the negotiations.

«The Ministry for Communities and Territories Development plays a vital role in the European integration of Ukraine, mainly through the implementation of EU legal acts in regional policy,



transport and trans-European networks. In total, there are almost 4,000 legal acts, of which about 400 need to be implemented. We aim to create an infrastructure that meets European standards in each region, allowing communities to use financial instruments to implement modern transport solutions effectively.

Regarding decentralization, it is the communities that will play a decisive role in implementing these innovations, which will allow qualitative changes at the local level to contribute to sustainable development and increase the quality of people's lives,» said Oleksii Kuleba, the Deputy Prime Minister for the Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine.

The «Transport» section includes almost four thousand normative legal acts, of which almost 400 need to be implemented into Ukrainian legislation. During the consultations, the participants agreed on a further algorithm for preparing for a bilateral meeting within the scope of screening the compliance of Ukrainian legislation with EU law under the negotiating chapter 14, «Transport Policy.»

In the coming months, the parties will work on all areas of the Section to identify key gaps and develop a framework for legislative approximation in these areas. Next, there will be an official screening of the compliance of Ukrainian legislation with EU law according to the relevant negotiation section.

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### **THREE MORE INDICATORS OF THE PLAN FOR THE UKRAINE FACILITY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED**

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine supported a number of important European integration laws, each of which is an indicator of the implementation of Ukraine's Plan for the implementation of the European Union's Ukraine Facility initiative. Parliamentarians voted for simplification of support for the agricultural sector, privatization of state banks and bankruptcy reform.

«This week, the Verkhovna Rada adopted 3 important indicators of the Plan of Ukraine within the framework of the Ukraine Facility. In particular, the adopted laws will contribute to the digitalization of the agricultural sector, the attraction of investments in the banking sector, as well as the improvement of the bankruptcy procedure with a focus on preserving the solvency of borrowers. The Ministry of Economy, as the national coordinator of the implementation of the Plan, provides support to the responsible authorities and will continue to ensure the implementation of the Ukraine Facility. Therefore, we are grateful to the parliamentarians for their fruitful work and hope for the adoption of the following indicators,» said Oleksii Sobolev, the First Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

Indicators of the Plan of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada:

1. Law «On the State Agrarian Register». Its key goal is digitization and transparency of the agricultural sector, implementation was planned for the 4th quarter of 2024. Adoption of the law will expand state support for entrepreneurs in the industry. In addition, the Ukrainian agricultural sector will continue to be digitized, and the State Agrarian Register should become a single electronic window for agricultural producers to communicate with authorities. Such mechanisms work successfully in Europe and are used to obtain financial assistance;
2. Law of Ukraine «On the peculiarities of the sale of blocks of shares belonging to the state in the authorized capital of banks, in the capitalization of which the state took part.» The revised legislation provides for the possibility of both the sale of shares of different sizes in public sector banks, and the full sale - according to the principles agreed with international donors in accordance with the recommendations of the World Bank. This will increase competition in the banking sector, encourage banks to innovate, provide better services and more favorable conditions for consumers, attract private investment in the banking sector;
3. The Law of Ukraine on the Improvement of the bankruptcy regime and the corresponding by-laws, which introduces an insolvency prevention system and an early warning tool for legal entities and entrepreneurs in accordance with the principles of the EU Directive 2019/1023 on the framework for preventive restructuring. This will help Ukraine improve its international reputation as a reliable jurisdiction for doing business. It will allow effective preventive restructuring of solvent debtors with financial difficulties, minimize job losses and costs for creditors in the supply chain, preserve production and technology, and therefore benefit the economy of Ukraine as a whole.

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## **THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED A PLAN TO RESTORE EDUCATION IN DE-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE**

On September 20, the Government adopted an order «On approval of the action plan for the restoration of education in the de-occupied territories for 2024-2027.»

The temporary occupation of part of Ukraine has created challenges in the field of education. Many educational institutions were destroyed or damaged, and hostilities pose a danger even now. Children and youth in the occupied territories were negatively affected by the educational system of the aggressor country. They were taught according to modified programs, militarized, and tried to form another national identity.

One of the state's priorities is to restore the educational process in the de-occupied territories. This process depends on different factors. Among them are the duration of the occupation and its nature, security factors (mining, shelling, etc.), the state of the educational infrastructure (presence of destruction / damage, available educational network, etc.), as well as transport connections, the demographic situation, the available personnel reserve, the economic situation in the state and the possibility providing financial support to such territories.

The purpose of the document is to develop tasks and measures that will ensure conditions for the effective and timely restoration of Ukraine's education system and the reintegration of participants in the educational process in territories that have undergone temporary occupation due to armed aggression against Ukraine.

Among the strategic goals of the action plan:

- Restoration of the Ukrainian education system in the de-occupied territories.
- Ensuring the educational process in accordance with Ukrainian educational standards.
- Creating a safe educational environment.

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## **ANDRII SYBIHA HEADED THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE UKRAINE RECOVERY CONFERENCE 2025 IN ITALY**

The Cabinet of Ministers created an organizational committee for the preparation and holding of

the Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC 2025) in Italy.

According to Order No. 885 of September 17, the Government created an organizing committee and approved its composition.

In particular, Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrii Sybiha was appointed the head of the organizing committee; co-chairs – Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities and Territories Development Oleksii Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine - Minister of Justice Olha Stefanishyna and First Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Oleksii Sobolev; and also included other members of the Government.

In addition, the members of the organizing committee are instructed to authorize their representatives to form working groups in accordance with the plan of activities to prepare for the conference.

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## **THE MILITARY BUDGET: MAIN PRIORITIES AND RISKS**

### **HOW WILL DEFENSE AND SOCIAL EXPENDITURES CHANGE IN THE 2025 BUDGET AND WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM TO COVER THE DEFICIT?**

*Ekonomichna pravda*

*Danylo Hetmantsev, Member of Parliament of Ukraine (“Servant of the People” party), Head of the Committee on Finance, Tax and Customs Policy*

Danylo Hetmantsev dwells in more detail on the main parameters of the budget project, its priorities, risks and, accordingly, areas of refinement.

«When developing the 2025 budget project, the Government laid down conservative expectations in the macroeconomic forecast. Taking into account all the circumstances, I consider the Government’s macro forecast to be more or less realistic. At the same time, I want to draw attention to an important point that will require additional consultations between the Ministry of Finance and the National Bank of Ukraine, regarding the significant differences in inflation estimates for the next year.

According to the NBU’s latest forecast, inflation at the end of 2025 should be 6.6%, the average inflation for the year - 8.2% (the Government’s forecast is 9.7% and 9.5%, respectively). Such disagreements create risks for the implementation of the budget, as they create a potential conflict between fiscal and monetary policy, including regarding the forecasting of revenues, expenditures, the level of interest rates in the economy and financing at the expense of the domestic government bonds» Danylo Hetmantsev points out.

Danylo Hetmantsev also emphasizes: «Planned revenues cover planned expenditures by 60%, compared to the current year, the planned deficit is decreasing, but remains close to 20% of GDP. The main parameters of the 2025 state budget project:

- Revenues - UAH 2,336.3 billion (including the general fund - UAH 2,095.2 billion).
- Expenditures - UAH 3,938.2 billion (UAH 3,643.6 billion)
- The budget deficit is UAH 1,640.6 billion (UAH 1,549.5 billion) or 19.4% of GDP.

Compared to the plan for 2024 (with expected changes in accordance with draft law 11417), in absolute terms, the budget significantly increases in terms of revenues (by UAH 425.3 billion, or by 22.3% - a final comparison will be possible after the adoption of resource draft law 11416-d), increases significantly less in terms of expenditures (by 5.4% or UAH 202 billion).

As a result, the planned budget deficit is reduced in absolute terms by UAH 205.5 billion (-11.1%), relative to GDP, it is reduced from 24.1% of GDP in 2024 to 19.4% of GDP.»

In addition, Danylo Hetmantsev notes: «Tax revenues are significantly ahead of inflation and economic growth rates. Budget 2025 presents a very ambitious plan for revenues and taxes. Planned tax revenues increase by 18.2% (by 15.2% to the general fund and by 73.0% to the special fund), which significantly exceeds the projected inflation and the GDP deflator.»

«The military budget exceeds a quarter of GDP.

As in previous years, in the conditions of an ongoing full-scale war, the absolute priority of spending will remain the security and defense sector. In 2025, it is proposed to allocate UAH 2,223

billion or 26.3% of GDP (in the adjusted budget of this year – UAH 2,157.9 billion or 28.8% of GDP).

As already noted, the main task facing the 2025 budget process is to prevent serious mistakes of a strategic nature in planning, when in the previous and current year it was based on the false thesis that active hostilities would end by June 30.

«For 2025, the deficit of the state budget is planned at the level of 19.4% of GDP, which will still be almost completely financed by borrowing.

At the same time, 98.9% of net debt financing (minus repayment) comes from external sources. In particular, the Ministry of Finance plans to borrow 1,746.5 billion UAH (38.8 billion dollars at the average exchange rate of 45 UAH / dollar) from abroad and repay external debts of 129.4 billion UAH (2.9 billion dollars).

Main sources: EU (Ukraine Facility), IMF, World Bank and other official creditors). The main risk is that, of this amount, only about half of the required funding is relatively guaranteed at the moment. Accordingly, the allocation of 50 billion dollars (at least a large part of) financing from the proceeds of frozen Russian sovereign assets remains critical for financing priority expenditures and balancing the budget.»

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## **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT COUNCIL APPROVES UNIFIED PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS**

The Government continues to implement the public investment management reform under the Roadmap and the Action Plan developed by the Ministry of Finance.

The Strategic Investment Council approved the Unified Project Portfolio for Public Investments, which identified priority areas for financing by the state and international partners.

The unified project portfolio of public investments consists of 750 projects worth 2.36 trillion UAH.

The total resource of the State Budget of Ukraine for financing public investment projects in 2025 is 256.1 billion UAH, in particular 186.9 billion UAH of revenues from international financial organizations and donors (loans, grants, state guarantees).

One of the Government's priorities is to increase the stability and restoration of Ukraine's energy system. In 2025, UAH 51.3 billion will be provided for relevant public investment projects through credit funds, grants, and state guarantees based on international agreements.

The costs of ensuring priority projects of a single project portfolio for public investment are provided during the preparation of the draft Law of Ukraine «On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2025,» which the parliament will consider in the near future.

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## **ECA INSURES FIRST INVESTMENT LOAN AGAINST WAR RISKS.**

*Yuliia Svyrydenko*

The Export Credit Agency (ECA) has signed the first war risk insurance contract for an investment loan. This was announced by First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko during the event “Economic Policy of Ukraine. Recovery During the War” in Kyiv on 16 September.

She noted that war risk insurance was an extremely important tool for creating a favourable investment climate in the country. Together with international partners, the Government has created a comprehensive war risk insurance infrastructure.

“The Ukrainian ECA has already started insuring against war risks. We have a specific case – a Ukrainian commercial bank issued a loan for the purchase of a gas turbine generator, and the ECA provided coverage for this investment. I am especially grateful that we have the first insurance of investments in developing alternative power generation and support for the energy sector,” said Yuliia Svyrydenko.

The first Ukrainian company to have its loan agreement insured against war risks was FlexoRes. This company manufactures flexographic and rotogravure printing products and is a leader in the sale of printing inks in Ukraine. To purchase the mini-TPP, the company entered into a loan investment agreement with MTB Bank under the Affordable Loans at 5-7-9% programme.

The possibility of insuring investments in the development of processing and export of goods against war risks is provided by amendments to the Law “On financial mechanisms for stimulating export activities”. In May 2024, the ECA started accepting applications from investors in export-oriented enterprises to use insurance products.

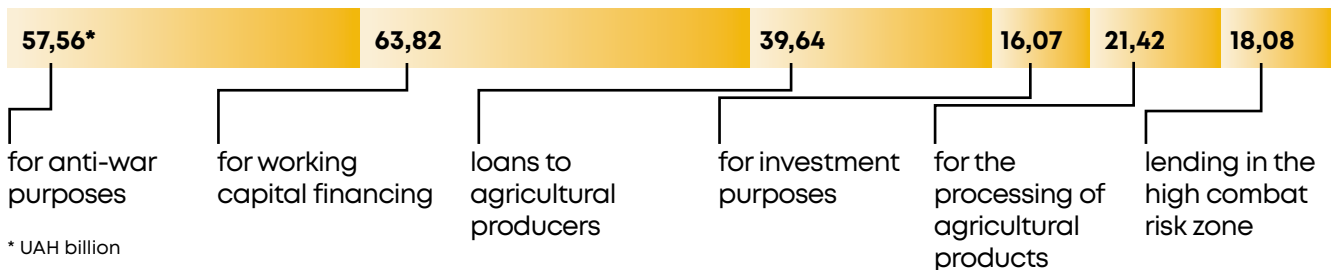
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### **MINISTRY OF FINANCE: OVER THE PAST WEEK, ENTREPRENEURS RECEIVED 481 LOANS WORTH UAH 1.9 BILLION UNDER THE AFFORDABLE LOANS AT 5-7-9% PROGRAMME**

Over the past week, entrepreneurs received 481 concessional loans totalling UAH 1.9 billion from authorised banks under the Government’s Affordable Loans at 5-7-9% programme, including 378 loans from public sector banks worth over UAH 0.8 billion.

Since the beginning of 2024, entrepreneurs have received 16,656 loans worth UAH 62.1 billion under the programme, including 12,676 loans worth UAH 32.3 billion from public sector banks.

During the period of martial law in Ukraine, 60,798 loans worth UAH 239.4 billion were issued (including 45,710 loans worth UAH 122.7 billion by public sector banks), of which, as of 16 September this year:



A total of 95,620 loan agreements worth UAH 329 billion have been signed since the start of the programme, including 66,186 agreements worth UAH 149.4 billion by public sector banks.

The programme is implemented by the Entrepreneurship Development Fund (EDF), whose sole participant is the Government of Ukraine, represented by the Ministry of Finance, which coordinates all key aspects of the Fund’s activities.

Under the Government’s Affordable Loans at 5-7-9% programme the EDF has entered into cooperation agreements with 46 banks. The state continues to make all necessary compensation payments to businesses under the loan agreements concluded under the Programme.

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### **THREE MORE INDUSTRIAL PARKS RECEIVE GOVERNMENT STIMULUS**

Three more industrial parks - Korosten, BF Terminal and Vinnytsia Industrial Park - have received state funding under the Made in Ukraine policy.

The management company of Korosten Industrial Park in Zhytomyr region will receive UAH 83.5 million of the required UAH 167 million to build an approach road.

The BF Terminal Industrial Park in Zakarpattia region will have railway tracks and electrical infrastructure built for a total of UAH 316.6 million. The state budget will finance approximately UAH 148 million of this amount.

The Vinnytsia Industrial Park will also have roads worth almost UAH 232 million. Thus, the state’s participation in the project will amount to approximately UAH 116 million.

«The state programme to stimulate the development of industrial parks solves a significant problem

- the lack of the necessary engineering and transport infrastructure. Support for the construction of roads and other infrastructure elements creates conditions for attracting investors and developing business in different regions. The programme has safeguards to ensure the efficient use of funds - companies are required to build production facilities and attract participants. Funding is provided through escrow accounts of state-owned banks, which ensures control and convenience,» said Vitalii Kindrativ, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

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## **GRANTS FOR VETERANS: UAH 500 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE AWARDED TO VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

Another 39 veterans and their spouses have been recognised as winners of the seventeenth wave of applications for grants for veterans in 2024. They will receive UAH 19 million to start or develop their businesses. In total, veterans and family members of combatants will receive grants worth UAH 500 million from the start of the veterans' component of the Vlasna Sprava (Own Business) grant programme. This was announced by Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

“We have already identified 1,068 winners of the veterans' component of the Vlasna Sprava programme who will receive financial support from the state in the form of grants to start or develop their businesses. In total, the state is investing UAH 500 million in the businesses of veterans and their families through grants. One third of the grant recipients used the funds to start their own business, while others plan to scale up their business, increase production, master new areas, and enter new markets. In the process of implementing their business ideas, they will create 2,000 jobs,” said Yuliia Svyrydenko.

The 39 winners of the seventeenth wave of grant applications include 23 combatants and 16 family members of veterans. 34 winners received grants of up to UAH 500,000, 4 – up to UAH 250,000, and 1 – up to UAH 1 million.

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## **MINISTRY OF ECONOMY: THE SECOND WAVE OF RECRUITING FOR FREE TRAINING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RESKILL UA PROJECT HAS STARTED**

Happy Monday and Coursera announced the second wave of recruiting participants for the ReSkill UA educational project. According to the results of the first wave, about 10,000 Ukrainians are already studying on the platform, and more than 1,000 of them have already received certificates. The Ministry of Economy shares feedback from participants and tells how to get involved.

### **What is ReSkill UA**

ReSkill UA is an online training and retraining program for Ukrainians that provides the opportunity for further employment. The program started in June this year.

A total of 30,000 scholarships are provided per year. Currently, training is available in 11 areas, but the organizers plan to open additional training tracks at the request of employers and the audience. It is possible to choose an area and register on the website.

What will participants receive and how to participate?

The ReSkill UA project provides participants with:

- free access to one of the educational programs on the Coursera platform;
- mentoring program from Happy Monday: career consultations, webinars, pitches;
- employment support: access to career resources, networking events, direct meetings with potential employers, etc.

[Ukrainian sources](#)

## **THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY LAUNCHES A SERIES OF TRAINING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE STATE GRANT TRAINING PROGRAM «FROM APPLICATION TO GRANT»**

The Ministry of Economy started a series of training «Basics of grant financing for processing enterprises. Development, writing and defense of a business plan». As part of the training program, representatives of processing enterprises will be able to receive free of charge individual

consultations on current grant funding opportunities, to understand the implementation of organizational processes for the creation of projects, business plans and grant applications. In addition, they will be able to prepare an actual grant application in real time with the professional support of a consultant.

Each training is an intensive one-day course aimed at improving the competence of owners and managers of processing industry enterprises in the field of attracting grant funding.

The curriculum is implemented in an online format and is available until the end of November 2024. Training and workshops will be held every week.

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## **THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY TOGETHER WITH KSE PRESENTED A HANDBOOK FOR BUSINESS**

On September 16, the presentation of the handbook on attracting financing for business took place. The guide was prepared by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine together with the Kyiv School of Economics.

The handbook contains a detailed description of available business programs from Ukrainian banks in cooperation with international financial organizations. The programs are implemented within the first phase of the Ukraine Investment Framework, the second component of the Ukraine Facility program of the European Union. The handbook will be useful for small and medium-sized enterprises, large corporations and international investors.

«How to get access to financing, where to apply and how to submit projects? These are the most common questions from businesses. To answer them, we have prepared a guide for business with the Kyiv School of Economics. One of the key units of the guide is an access to the Ukraine Investment Framework. This is a financial instrument that helps to reduce the cost of business loans through EU guarantees and grants. The total amount of the program is EUR 9.3 billion. We hope that these EU guarantees will help us to attract a total of 40 billion euros of public and private investments,» said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

According to her, international financial organizations already provide direct financing to large corporations and municipalities and indirect financing through local partners and Ukrainian banks.

«Among the obstacles that businesses face in obtaining financing is the inability to provide collateral, including due to the loss of capacity due to war and high interest rates on existing credit products. In this guide, businesses will find the necessary information on how to obtain affordable loans without collateral under existing support programs, what are the mechanisms for attracting investment for the purchase of equipment, how to attract investment loans for a new business, and what are the ways to cooperate with DFIs and IFIs for projects of various complexity.» – noted Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Volodymyr Kuzyo.

In total, opportunities from 34 financial organizations were analyzed for the handbook and more than 100 financial products were analyzed. According to KSE estimates, the total volume of available programs for business is about €2 billion.

You can download the full text of the handbook at the [link](#).

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## **THE FIRST COMMUNITY RECOVERY ACADEMY FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION LAUNCHED IN UKRAINE**

Within the framework of the International Forum «Creating Tomorrow: Post-War Reconstruction and Recovery» presented «Community Recovery Academy», which will become a global platform for the preparation of municipal managers of post-war restoration of Ukraine. As Ukrinform reports, this was reported by the public organization «Mariupol Reborn».

During the forum, the organizers noted that the project is based on the experience of the «Mariupol Reborn» initiative and international expertise in post-World War II reconstruction. The main goal of the School is the exchange of expert knowledge and the implementation of the best solutions for the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities affected by Russian aggression.

“The Community Recovery Academy will be a key assistance in this process. It is aimed at forming highly qualified municipal teams that will work on rebuilding the country after the war. Mariupol already has its experience of developing - Mariupol Reborn recovery strategy. Through Academy we strive to convey this experience to each community by forming joint recovery plans”, - emphasized mayor of Mariupol Vadym Boichenko

Oleksandr Slobozhan, Executive Director of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, noted that this project is part of the comprehensive work of the Association of Ukrainian Cities to assist the residents of temporarily occupied and de-occupied territories. In particular, The Municipal Recovery Center has already begun work, which is aimed at assisting the communities in the preparation of the documents provided by law and necessary for the financing of projects, and now the school starts training municipalities teams.

After the official presentation, two discussion panels were held, where the key issues of post-war reconstruction were discussed.

One of the main issues was the question of resources for reconstruction, which will be provided to those communities that have a clear vision of their development plans and strategies. Considerable attention was paid to the aspect of the return of residents, emphasizing the need to create appropriate conditions for this. Participants agreed that communities play a key role in the country's rebuilding process, so systemic education and skills are needed to help implement change effectively.

The organizers announced that the selection of students among community students will begin soon. 80 experts from 20-25 communities will be involved in the first educational flow of the community restoration school. The educational program will start this fall. The municipalities will learn the formation of community strategy, economic modeling, overcoming social conflicts, attracting investments and resources, etc. The start of the program is announced for the fall of this year.

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## **BANKS AGREED ENERGY LOANS FOR MORE THAN 100 MW OF CAPACITY FOR BUSINESS – NBU**

Since the beginning of the summer, banks have approved business applications for 6.6 billion UAH of credit funds, which will enable the creation of more than 100 MW of new energy capacities. Kateryna Rozhkova, First Deputy Head of the National Bank, said this in an interview with Forbes Ukraine. This is 10% of the 1 GW capacity announced by the president before the beginning of the heating season.

If we assume that 1 MW costs approximately \$1 million, now banks have agreed to create more than 100 MW of capacity, Rozhkova noted.

Of the agreed 6.6 billion hryvnias, banks have already issued 1.4 billion hryvnias. «This is due to the fact that payments for equipment are made gradually,» explained the deputy head of the NBU. – I think, at the end of September, we will see how these credit lines are chosen more intensively.»

But this does not mean that we should expect only 10% of the gigawatt capacity announced by the president, Rozhkova emphasized. The announced gigawatt took into account the plans of state-owned companies and municipalities that did not plan to attract bank lending, she explained.

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## **HOW THE STATE SUPPORTS FARMERS DURING THE WAR**

### **WHAT PAYMENTS CAN OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND LIVESTOCK EXPECT FROM THE STATE?**

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Vitalii Koval, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine discusses the financial assistance programs introduced by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food. He notes that these programs have already gained significant demand among farmers.

«Developing the agricultural sector is not only about foreign exchange earnings but also about social stability and Ukraine's food security. Agriculture remains one of the critical industries, especially in the context of war.

That's why state support is crucial, particularly for those working under challenging conditions,» emphasizes Vitalii Koval.

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## **TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SOLVE SOCIAL ISSUES: 179 RESILIENCE CENTERS ARE ALREADY WORKING IN UKRAINE**

Since the beginning of September, the Ministry of Social Policy and representatives of local communities have opened 17 more Resilience Centers. There are now 179 such spaces across Ukraine.

Every resident of a community where a Resilience Center is located can receive free psychological support and consultations on various social issues.

Resilience Centers are designed to help Ukrainians cope with stress, recover from crises, and, despite all challenges, return to active life. Each space welcomes visitors of all ages. In addition to individual consultations, adults at the Resilience Centers can participate in daily activities: they can attend group therapy sessions, meetings for people with similar experiences, and educational workshops.

The Resilience Centers are equipped with safe and comfortable educational and play environments for children. Professional psychologists lead activities incorporating elements of art therapy, storytelling therapy, and play therapy.

The family component is one of the key focus areas of the Resilience Centers. It includes individual and family consultations, training under UNICEF's «Parenting without stress» program, and various educational and therapeutic activities for families.

«Parents face a multitude of challenges in raising their children. The state and the community must be their support when difficulties arise. These challenges can vary, including a lack of basic knowledge – how to raise a child, help them build confidence, develop resilience, and learn to overcome obstacles. And this is where we help them at our Resilience Centers, shaping programs to enhance parental competence,» says the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine, Oksana Zholnovych.

According to the specialists at the Centers, the most frequent visitors are parents with children, as well as those who have lost their homes due to the war and relatives of military personnel.

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