

UKRAINE RECOVERY DIGEST №209

**Weekly overview of media,
legislative acts and statements
on Ukraine Recovery**

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1. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

UKRAINE HAS SECURED USD 200 MILLION IN GRANT FINANCING FOR BUDGET SUPPORT FROM NORWAY UNDER THE WORLD BANK PROJECT

Ukraine has attracted USD 200 million in grant financing under the World Bank's PEACE in Ukraine project ("Public Expenditures for Administrative Capacity Endurance").

The funds were provided by Norway to the Ukraine Relief, Recovery, Reconstruction and Reform Trust Fund (URTF) and have already been credited to the general fund of the State Budget of Ukraine.

The financing will be directed toward reimbursing old-age social payments, which remain a key priority of the State Budget under martial law.

[Source](#)

COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK APPROVED NEW SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE: EUR 120 MILLION FOR HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

On March 16-17, Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Finance Olga Zykova participated in a joint meeting of the Administrative Council and the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) as Ukraine's official representative.

In 2026, the Council of Europe Development Bank marks its 70th anniversary, and the meeting was dedicated to reviewing the Bank's activities and its social impact across Europe. The CEB also re-elected its Governor, Carlo Monticelli, for a second five-year term.

The CEB Administrative Council approved new decisions aimed at supporting Ukraine's housing recovery and small business sector:

EUR 100 million – additional financing for the HOME program, which compensates citizens for housing destroyed as a result of Russia's full-scale aggression.

EUR 20 million – financing to support microenterprises and small farming households in Ukraine.

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UKRAINE SECURES NEARLY €200 MILLION TO ESTABLISH A STRATEGIC ENERGY EQUIPMENT RESERVE

Following the participation of Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Denys Shmyhal, in the EU Energy Council meeting under the Cypriot Presidency and the G7+ Energy Coordination Group meeting in Brussels, key agreements were reached with international partners to strengthen the resilience of Ukraine's energy sector.

In particular, a Strategic Reserve will be established within the Ukraine Energy Support Fund.

"The currently available budget for the Reserve amounts to €197 million. This mechanism will allow Ukrainian companies to accumulate energy equipment ahead of the next winter and use these reserves for repairs if needed," Denys Shmyhal noted.

The Minister also stated that Ukraine's financial needs for the upcoming winter have been agreed with partners. Work is ongoing to secure full funding, with total needs estimated at €5.4 billion.

[Ukrainian source](#)



LITHUANIA CONTRIBUTES €10 MILLION TO THE UKRAINE FACILITY

Lithuania has transferred €10 million to the Ukraine Facility, Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Kęstutis Budrys announced on the X platform on Monday.

"Lithuania has contributed €10 million in voluntary funds to the EU's Ukraine Facility, strengthening Team Europe's efforts to support Ukraine's recovery

and reconstruction,” Budrys wrote on X. He also recalled that Lithuania has supported Ukraine “since the first day of Russia’s full-scale aggression” and assured that the country will continue to support “Ukraine’s long-term recovery and resilience.”

Since 2022, Lithuania has provided more than €1.7 billion in assistance to Ukraine.

[Source 1](#)

[Source 2](#)

IMF MISSION AND UKRAINE’S MINISTRY OF FINANCE STARTED POLICY DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXTENDED FUND FACILITY ARRANGEMENT

On March 18, the leadership of the Ministry of Finance and the Government of Ukraine and staff from the International Monetary Fund started discussions on the implementation of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) program.

On February 26, the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund approved a four-year EFF for Ukraine. The new program covers the period 2026–2029 and reflects the updated macroeconomic and security conditions facing the country.

The program provides financing of USD 8.1 billion to support Ukraine’s State Budget. The first tranche, amounting to USD 1.5 billion, has already been disbursed to the State Budget of Ukraine.

Under the program, Ukraine commits to implementing ambitious structural reforms to ensure effective post-war recovery and progress toward EU membership. These include strengthening fiscal institutions and tax administration, enhancing governance and anti-corruption systems, developing financial and market infrastructure for post-war reconstruction with the support of private capital, and further advancing the market economy.

[Source](#)

FOUR NEW SHELTERS FOR UKRAINIAN SCHOOLS OPENED WITH LITHUANIA’S SUPPORT – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Modern radiation protection shelters have been put into operation in four Ukrainian schools, with over €5 million in funding provided by the Government of Lithuania. The new safe facilities have been constructed in educational institutions in the Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Zhytomyr and Dnipropetrovsk regions. The funding was channelled through the state fundraising platform UNITED24.

Thanks to the new shelters, more than 1,000 children have returned to safe, in-person learning.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine expressed its gratitude to the Government of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Fund for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid for their consistent support of a key national priority – restoring safe in-person education for Ukrainian children.

[Ukrainian source](#)

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE: JAPAN PROVIDES UKRAINE WITH MORE THAN 7,000 UNITS OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR 382 PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

A total of 382 professional colleges and schools in Ukraine will receive modern computer and multimedia equipment within the framework of the Emergency Recovery Programme, implemented by the Government of Ukraine and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) with the participation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

In particular, the programme provides for the delivery of more than 7,000 units of computer equipment, including:

- 3,920 personal computers (desktops),
- 1,747 interactive panels,
- 1,422 laptops to support the remote work of teachers in frontline areas.

It is one of the largest projects supporting Ukraine’s education system funded by Japan, aimed

at improving opportunities for practical learning, expanding students' access to innovation, and enhancing the quality of education under martial law conditions.

The project is also part of the Device Coalition – an international initiative aimed at providing Ukrainian educational institutions with modern digital equipment.

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KYIV REGIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RECEIVES ADVANCED HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY – MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Kyiv Regional Children's Hospital has received advanced high-tech medical equipment funded by the Government of Germany and delivered through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The new equipment will significantly expand the hospital's capacity to provide highly specialised care to children in the Kyiv region and across Ukraine, particularly in neurosurgery and surgical ophthalmology.

"The equipment delivered to Kyiv Regional Children's Hospital is valued at approximately €1.2 million and was primarily manufactured by German companies. This state-of-the-art, high-precision surgical equipment has significantly strengthened the hospital's capacity to deliver highly specialised medical care to children.

The total financial assistance package provided by the German Government for the restoration, re-equipment and modernisation of the Okhmatdyt National Children's Specialised Hospital, as well as for supporting four Ukrainian children's hospitals that received transferred young patients, amounts to around €10 million. This is only part of Germany's broader support to Ukraine's healthcare system, which exceeds €40 million since the start of the full-scale invasion," said Maximilian Rasch, Chargé d'Affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine.

[Ukrainian source](#)

2. RECOVERY PLANS – OFFICIAL

YULIA SVYRYDENKO DISCUSSED FUNDING FOR REGIONAL RESILIENCE PLANS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE-OWNED BANKS

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svrydenko held a meeting with representatives of state-owned banks to discuss expanding funding for regional Resilience Plans, particularly through internal resources.

“State-owned banks are already providing loans for energy projects of communities and supporting businesses under the ‘5-7-9%’ program. At the same time, these instruments are insufficient for medium and large businesses,” noted the Head of Government. “The Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture together with the Ministry of Finance, are preparing a new program for lending to energy projects for large and medium-sized businesses. I instructed that the program be submitted to the Government for consideration shortly.»

The expansion of international guarantees, particularly from the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, was addressed separately.

The Prime Minister tasked the Ministry of Finance with analyzing the use of local guarantees in the regions and proposing solutions.



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UKRAINE AND GERMANY EXPAND COOPERATION UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL RAMSTEIN PROGRAM WITH SUPPORT FROM KfW

On March 13, a meeting was held between Oleksii Sobolev, Minister of Economy, Environment, and Agriculture of Ukraine, and representatives of the KfW Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau («Credit Institute for Reconstruction») in Ukraine, as well as Jens Busma, Head of Cooperation at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kyiv. Deputy Ministers Yegor Perelygin, Oleksandr Krasnolutskyi, Vitalii Kindrativ, and Ministerial Advisor Andrii Teliupa participated in the event.

Key topics of discussion included Ukrainian-German cooperation under the ‘Industrial Ramstein’ program to support affected enterprises, cooperation within the framework of the KfW in Ukraine, and the institutional development of the National Development Agency (NDA).

The ‘Industrial Ramstein’ program, which Ukraine is launching together with KfW through the NDA, is an initial agreement worth EUR 30 million, to be signed in April 2026.

The Minister emphasized that restoring industrial capacity is not only an economic challenge for Ukraine but also a matter of European economic security and the resilience of supply chains. In this context, it is important to scale up the ‘Industrial Ramstein’ financing framework using KfW instruments, including grants, preferential loans, and guarantees.

Those present emphasized the importance of further developing the NDA and facilitating access to financing for small and medium-sized businesses. The approval and official presentation of the National Development Institute’s Strategy for 2026–2030 are scheduled for April–May of this year. The NDA plans to raise EUR 1.3 billion between 2026 and 2030, which will enable private financial institutions to invest EUR 3.3 billion in the economy through SMEs financing programs.

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MINISTRY FOR COMMUNITIES AND TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT ENGAGES THE WORLD BANK TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS UNDER RESILIENCE PLANS

The Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine held a meeting with the World Bank's energy mission and representatives of the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The parties discussed the provision of essential equipment to communities under Energy Resilience Plans, as well as attracting investment to support the decentralisation of the energy system.

The joint Repower project with the World Bank, aimed at restoring heat supply systems damaged by missile and drone attacks in seven Ukrainian cities, will be expanded. The possibility of extending the project to include the water supply sector was also discussed.

The parties also addressed the establishment of a National Reserve of mobile and modular energy equipment, which would enable the rapid restoration of critical infrastructure in frontline regions.

Deputy Minister Maryna Denysiuk also emphasised the importance of expanding public-private partnership projects in the heating and water supply sectors.

[*Ukrainian source*](#)

DENYS SHMYHAL VOICED IN BRUSSELS THE KEY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE OPERATION OF UKRAINE'S POWER GRID DURING THE WAR

First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Energy Denys Shmyhal presented key lessons on the functioning of Ukraine's power grid under conditions of full-scale war and massive Russian attacks to European partners during a meeting of the EU Energy Council in Brussels.

The Minister of Energy noted that Ukraine's experience proved important for Europe and the world with regard to planning the sustainability of power system to new security challenges.

The first key lesson is the need for comprehensive protection of power infrastructure.

The second lesson is rapid restoration of destroyed facilities and accumulation of strategic reserves. Denys Shmyhal accentuated that winter, Ukrainian energy hubs had played a decisive role in stability of the energy system. Meanwhile, establishing significant reserve of critical equipment proved necessary to ensure efficient response to new attacks.

The third lesson is the need to intensify financial tool to address energy crises.

Lesson four is transformation of power system architecture, in particular, to ensure that traditional power grids are complemented by autonomous clusters capable of operating independently.

Lesson five is further diversification of the power grid and strengthening of interstate integration. Ukraine's power system is already synchronized with continental Europe. The next step is to expand electricity import capacity from the EU to 3.5 GW, Denys Shmyhal explained.

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NAFTOGAZ PRESENTS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE DRUZHBA PIPELINE TO EUROPEAN PARTNERS

Naftogaz of Ukraine held a meeting with a technical working group to address the consequences of a Russian attack on the infrastructure of the Druzhba oil pipeline, the company's CEO Serhii Koretskyi reported.

“Together with EU Deputy Ambassador Gediminas Navickas, we met with the technical working group. In cooperation with the management of Ukrtransnafta, we provided partners with a detailed update on the impact of the Russian attack on the Druzhba pipeline infrastructure. We outlined the current situation and presented a comprehensive reconstruction plan, as well as agreed on next steps,” Koretskyi stated.

He noted that Naftogaz appreciates the EU’s proposal to provide financial and technical assistance for the reconstruction of infrastructure assets at the Brody pumping station in line with best European engineering and safety standards, as well as measures to prevent future attacks.

As reported, the European Union has offered support and financing to accelerate repair works on the Druzhba pipeline, amid Hungary’s position to block EU financing for Ukraine and sanctions against Russia, linking these issues to the restoration of oil transit.

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UKRAINE, JAPAN AND UNIDO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION FOR GREEN INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY AND TECHNOLOGICAL MODERNISATION

On 16–17 March, bilateral meetings and the first session of the Tripartite Industrial Policy Dialogue (TIPD) were held in Vienna with the participation of Ukraine, Japan and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The key event was the first TIPD session, which launched an institutional platform for aligning industrial policy, coordinating international support, and initiating joint projects for the recovery and modernisation of Ukraine’s industry.

Among the main topics discussed were the implementation of the UNIDO green industrial recovery programme for Ukraine (2024–2028), the development of the Ukraine–Japan–UNIDO trilateral partnership, as well as the implementation of the flagship “Green Industrial Recovery of Ukraine through Technology Transfer and the Establishment of New Enterprises in cooperation with Japanese private companies” project.

METI also presented a draft Japan–Ukraine Action Plan outlining Japan’s support for Ukraine’s recovery, as well as key challenges and priority measures.

In addition, the parties agreed to develop bilateral technology exchange, in particular taking into account Ukraine’s expertise in IT and security technologies.

An important outcome was also the agreement on the timeline for further cooperation, with the next TIPD meetings scheduled for summer 2026 and the end of the year.

The Ukraine–Japan–UNIDO Tripartite Dialogue is viewed as a long-term platform that combines technologies, investments and policy instruments, and has the potential to become a model of international partnership for the recovery and modernisation of Ukraine’s industry.

[Ukrainian source](#)

ENERGY RECOVERY: A SHIPMENT OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE IAEA ARRIVES IN UKRAINE

A shipment of energy equipment from the IAEA has arrived in Ukraine for Mykolaivoblenergo, which will help restore the energy system after Russian attacks.

This was announced by Ukraine’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andrii Sybiha.

“This equipment will contribute to the reliable and safe operation of the energy system. It will help ensure a timely response to network overloads, enable faster detection of damage, and improve the localisation of emergency situations. The set of equipment was selected with due regard to the needs of the Ukrainian operator,” the Foreign Minister said.

[Source](#)

3. PROCESS OF RECOVERY



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GOVERNMENT ENLARGES WAR RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Government is expanding the war risk insurance program. Compensation for damaged property in frontline regions is being increased to UAH 30 million. For the rest of the country, the compensation amount is being increased to UAH 3 million. This was announced by Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svrydenko.

She emphasized that the Government continued to improve support measures, taking into account feedback and the real needs of businesses.

1. Regarding compensation for damaged or destroyed property:

- the maximum compensation amount is increased from UAH 10 million to UAH 30 million;
- the rule under which the compensation amount was reduced by the amount of previously received grants or other state support is abolished;
- businesses that have already submitted applications have an opportunity to clarify them until May 1, 2026, including to increase the claimed amount of potential losses or to add other property to the application, provided it was included in the program as of the date of damage or destruction.

2. Regarding compensation for insurance premiums:

- the maximum compensation amount is increased from UAH 1 million to UAH 3 million;
- opportunity to receive support is accelerated – applications for compensation can be submitted as early as the 31st day after the insurance contract is signed;
- if the contract provides for payment of the insurance premium in installments, compensation will also be paid in installments – proportional to the payments made.

[Source](#)

GOVERNMENT DISBURSES UAH 12.85 BILLION FOR INITIAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WINTER AS PART OF REGIONAL RESILIENCE PLANS: YULIA SVRYDENKO

The Government has allocated UAH 12.85 billion for initial preparations for the coming winter as part of regional resilience plans. The funds will be directed toward 209 critical infrastructure facilities in frontline regions and the Kyiv region.

Prime Minister Yulia Svrydenko announced this during a trip to Odesa region.

Of the allocated amount, UAH 3.5 billion will be used to fund the protection of 24 high-voltage substations by the Restoration Agency. An additional UAH 9.4 billion has been allocated to frontline regions and the Kyiv region. These funds will be used for protective structures for distribution substations and other critical infrastructure facilities.

[Source](#)

GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTES UAH 12.6 BILLION FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE IN 2026

The Government has distributed UAH 12.6 billion provided for in the 2026 State Budget for the repair and maintenance of public roads. This was announced by Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Svyrydenko.

According to her, UAH 4.6 billion of this amount will be directed specifically to current repair works.

“Additionally, we are allocating UAH 3 billion from the state budget’s reserve fund for urgent current repairs of national roads with high traffic intensity,” the Head of Government said.

[Source](#)

GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES UAH 3 BILLION FOR URGENT REPAIRS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has decided to allocate UAH 3 billion from the state budget reserve fund to carry out urgent ongoing repair and maintenance works on public highways of national importance that carry high traffic volumes.

The funds will be directed to the State Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine to perform priority works on damaged sections of the transport network that ensure the movement of passengers and freight and the functioning of key logistics routes.

The financing is intended for works across 22 regions of Ukraine.

[Source](#)

SOME 30 COMMUNITIES TO RECEIVE OVER UAH 2 BILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS: GOVERNMENT’S DECISION

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved the allocation of a subsidy from the State Budget to local budgets for the implementation of projects to construct shelters in educational institutions.

This includes military lyceums, lyceums with enhanced military and physical training, as well as general secondary education institutions located in communities with a high level of risk according to the Methodology for Assessing Security Risks in the Education System.

The list of projects was approved by the relevant commission of the Ministry of Education and Science.

As a reminder, in 2026, the Government envisaged UAH 5 billion in subsidies for the construction of shelters in general secondary education institutions.

Funding will be provided to 28 projects in communities with a very high risk level, totaling UAH 1.94 billion.

These include projects in the Volyn, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Rivne, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Chernihiv regions.

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GOVERNMENT REGULATES SPECIFICS OF IMPLEMENTING REGIONAL RESILIENCE PLANS AND SIMPLIFIED CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES IN PREPARATION FOR WINTER

The Government has regulated the specifics of implementing regional resilience plans and simplified procedures for construction, urban planning, and land allocation in preparation for winter. This was announced by Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Svyrydenko following the Cabinet meeting.



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The approved document aims to accelerate and make more effective the preparation for the next heating season, particularly in the areas of:

- protection of critical infrastructure facilities;
- development of distributed generation of electricity and heat;
- ensuring uninterrupted gas, heat, water supply, and wastewater disposal.

[Source](#)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES: GOVERNMENT APPROVES ALLOCATION OF OVER UAH 270 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIES

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted, a draft resolution prepared by the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, “On the Approval of the Distribution of Additional Subsidies from the State Budget to Local Budgets for the Exercise of Local Self-Government Powers in De-occupied, Temporarily Occupied, and Other Territories of Ukraine That Have Suffered Adverse Effects Due to the Full-Scale Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation.”

The mechanism for distributing the additional subsidy takes into account the needs of de-occupied, temporarily occupied, and frontline territories, as well as communities that have been negatively affected by the war or have accepted relocated institutions. Its goal is to reduce disparities in local budget revenues and support the financing of priority expenditures in the areas of education, healthcare, and social protection.

The document provides for the distribution of UAH 273.2 million in additional subsidies from the state budget to local budgets in accordance with Resolution No. 80 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated January 28, 2026, specifically:

- for the regional budgets of Donetsk and Luhansk regions – UAH 33.5 million;
- for 39 budgets of urban territorial communities – UAH 157.3 million;
- for 74 budgets of rural and settlement territorial communities – UAH 82.4 million.

[Source](#)

FOUR MORE COUNTRIES JOIN CIVIL PROTECTION SHELTER COALITION – STEERING BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

A second meeting of the Steering Board of the Civil Protection Shelter Coalition for Ukraine – an international initiative aimed at enhancing the safety of the civilian population amid ongoing enemy attacks – took place at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

The Civil Protection Shelter Coalition is a multilateral international initiative focused on creating a modern, systematic network of protective structures across the whole of Ukraine. It involves not only the construction of new shelters but also the modernisation of existing ones, as well as the introduction of unified safety standards.

The initiative brings together international partners to coordinate funding, share experience, and implement state-of-the-art technologies in the field of civil protection.

A separate discussion block concerned funding – the parties reviewed mechanisms for attracting additional resources, the efficient allocation of funds, and ensuring transparency in project implementation.

The second meeting of the Steering Board of the Civil Protection Shelter Coalition for Ukraine confirmed the initiative's transition from the planning stage to practical implementation. Participants summarised achievements, noted progress in the construction and modernisation of protective structures, and agreed on next steps and meetings.

[Source](#)

14 GRANTS WORTH UAH 51.5 MILLION: MINISTRY OF ECONOMY APPROVES FIRST PROJECTS FOR ORCHARDS AND GREENHOUSES IN 2026

The Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine has approved the first grants in 2026 for the development of horticulture, berry farming, viticulture and greenhouse farming. To date,

14 orders have been signed for the provision of grants totalling UAH 51.5 million, which will enable the launch of financing for the respective investment projects in the near future.

In particular, 11 orders worth UAH 40.5 million provide support for projects aimed at the establishment and development of horticulture, berry farming and viticulture, while 3 orders worth UAH 11 million support the development of greenhouse farming.

Under the supported projects, agricultural producers plan to plant new orchards and construct modern greenhouse complexes, which will contribute to expanding fruit and vegetable production, supporting local economic development and strengthening the country's food resilience.

[*Ukrainian source*](#)

GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN PRODUCERS: 154 GRANTS APPROVED UNDER THE “MADE IN UKRAINE” PROGRAMME

As part of the “Made in Ukraine” policy aimed at supporting domestic producers, 154 grants have been approved for entrepreneurs. Of these, 140 are allocated to industrial enterprises for production equipment, and 14 to farming enterprises for the establishment of orchards and greenhouses. The application process remains open. This was announced by Prime Minister of Ukraine Yuliia Svyrydenko.

Since the launch of development and recovery programmes, nearly 1,400 grants have been issued for a total amount of UAH 6.7 billion.

The programmes are implemented under the “Made in Ukraine” policy framework:

- up to UAH 8 million – development grant;
- up to UAH 16 million – recovery grant.

[*Ukrainian source*](#)

4. RECOVERY – INTERVIEWS AND AUTHOR MATERIALS



WE HAVE A SEPARATE PLAN FOR THREE COMMUNITIES TO COUNTER FPV DRONES.

Vitalii Kim, Head of Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration

*Interview
Ukrinform
Alla Miroshnychenko, journalist*

In the interview, Vitalii Kim outlines the key directions for strengthening the resilience of the Mykolaiv region in wartime – from energy to the economy and security.

One of the central priorities is the development of energy resilience. The “energy island” already enables up to 65% of critical infrastructure to be supplied during blackouts, with a target to increase this to 91%. This involves restructuring the energy system through diversification of sources and the development of alternative generation, creating a foundation for the region’s stable operation.

At the same time, the resilience of heat supply systems is being strengthened. Following damage to the thermal power plant, a network of modular boiler units has been deployed, allowing a significant share of the population to be supplied with heat even under crisis conditions. This reflects a shift towards a more flexible and decentralised infrastructure.

Economic recovery is being pursued through creating conditions for the return of businesses. Despite a significant number of relocated enterprises, economic activity is gradually recovering. The region is developing industrial parks, logistics and offering incentives for businesses, positioning itself as one of the centres for the recovery of southern Ukraine.

Particular attention is given to state support for frontline territories. Thanks to a consolidated position of communities, access to business lending and insurance has been unblocked. At the same time, due to elevated risks, additional incentives remain necessary.

A significant challenge remains the shortage of personnel, particularly in the healthcare sector. To address this, financial incentives, housing programmes and the integration of internally displaced persons into communities are being implemented.

The financial capacity of communities also remains limited. Rising expenditures have led to local budget deficits, forcing communities to prioritise defence and basic needs over development.

Security remains a key component. The region is introducing new approaches to countering drones, including the use of interceptor drones and the development of targeted solutions for high-risk communities.

Speaking about veterans policy, Kim notes that the state already offers a wide range of support programmes. At the same time, the key challenge remains the low level of engagement of veterans themselves with these opportunities.

The material shows that the recovery of a frontline region is based on a combination of energy resilience, economic development, security and human capital. Mykolaiv region is already shaping recovery practices that can be scaled up after the war.

[Ukrainian source](#)

WHO WILL SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DURING THE WAR

Column

Ekonomichna Pravda

Danylo Yakub, Senior Partner and Chief Operating Officer at Diligent Capital Partners

In the column, Danylo Yakub analyses shifts in approaches to financing Ukraine's agri-food sector during the war, with a focus on the role of private capital.

The launch of the €158 million Food4Impact fund, established with EU support, demonstrates a new financing model combining private capital with risk-sharing mechanisms, enabling access to long-term and flexible funding.

The author emphasises that the agricultural sector, which accounts for around 60% of merchandise exports, remains critical to the economy. However, its development is constrained by chronic underfinancing. Existing state lending programmes play a stabilising role, but their scale is insufficient, limiting modernisation and the transition to higher value-added production.

Attention is also drawn to the mismatch between financial instruments and the needs of the sector. Banks remain conservative and have limited capacity to address the risks of agricultural production, meaning that even available liquidity does not always translate into growth.

In this context, private debt instruments are seen as a key component of the financing system. They enable the mobilisation of more flexible capital, support investment in processing, increase productivity and expand exports, particularly to the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Land reform and the development of new financial instruments are also identified as important prerequisites for attracting long-term capital.

The material shows that expanding access to private financing is essential for transitioning the agricultural sector towards a more diversified and resilient model, which is a key component of Ukraine's economic recovery.

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