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## Novopecherska school launches Ukrainian-Canadian integrated education program in Kyiv



Since its opening, the school has been working on creating a program that would integrate children into the global education system and prepare to be citizens of the world – people with a global mindset. For this purpose, it's important to get education that meets the world's standards, but to keep identity, not to forget about your Ukrainian heart.

The school is currently undergoing the final stage of licensing by the Ministry of Education and Training of Manitoba (Canada), and thus beginning to form a group of pupils for the integrated program.

At present, the certificate of any Ukrainian school provides access to foreign higher education institutions, but to confirm the knowledge of the subjects it is needed to learn the Canadian program and take additional licensed exams.

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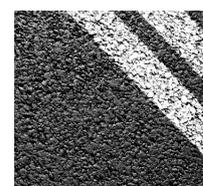
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## Yulia Tymoshenko, Hrytsenko, Boiko leads presidential candidate survey, Poroshenko only 8-th

If presidential elections in Ukraine were held in the middle of June 2018, Batkivschyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko would receive the most votes, followed by Civil Position Party leader Anatoliy Hrytsenko and Opposition Bloc leader Yuriy Boiko, according to the results of a poll conducted by the Rating Sociological Group.

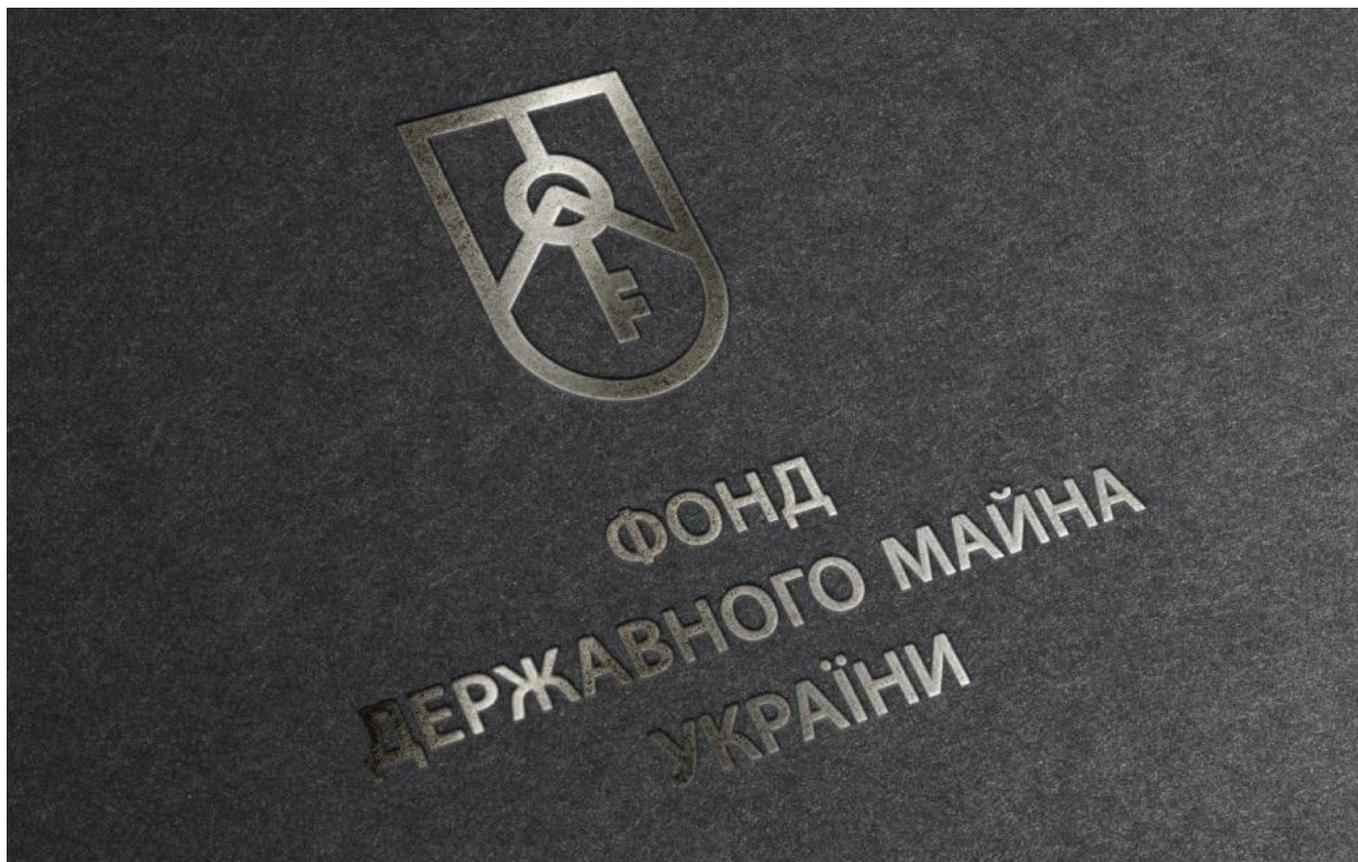
Some 16% of respondents said they would vote for Tymoshenko, 11.7% for Hrytsenko and 10.5% for Boiko, according to poll results, according to which showman Volodymyr Zelensky would receive 9.3%, with Radical Party leader Oleh Liashko, musician Sviatoslav Vakarchuk and acting Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko receiving 8.6%.

Some 52% of those polled said they would not vote for Poroshenko under any circumstances, with 30% saying the same of ex-Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. Liashko's anti-rating was 23.8%, followed by Boiko with 23% and Tymoshenko with 20.8%.

Some 66% of those polled said they thought the presidential elections would not be free and fair, with only 12% believing the opposite.

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## Ukraine's State Property Fund calls tenders to hire advisers to conduct privatization



Ukraine's State Property Fund (SPF) has called first six tenders to hire a privatization adviser to prepare the sale of six out of 22 enterprises approved by the Ukrainian government for privatization this year. In particular, tenders were called to hire advisers to sell 99.5667% of PJSC Odesa Port-Side Chemical Plant (OPZ) in Odesa region and 100% of Kyiv-based PJSC United Mining and Chemical Company (UMCC), the SPF said in announcements in the Vidomosti Pryvatyzatsii privatization bulletin.

Other four tenders will be called for advisers to sell 70.7016% of PrJSC Indar and 100% of PrJSC President Hotel (both are based in Kyiv), and two wholly state-owned enterprises: Krasnolymanska Coal Mining Company in the town of Rodynske, Donetsk region, and Kharkiv-based Electrotyazhmash Plant (ETM).

## There is potential for popularizing squash in Ukraine – World Squash Federation CEO



The development and popularization of squash in Ukraine is promising, CEO of the World Squash Federation Andrew Shelley has stated. "There are good squash courts in Ukraine and new ones are coming in. Your young squash federation is doing a good job, therefore you have everything. Squash in Ukraine is moving forward," he said during his visit to Ukraine.

Shelley noted squash does not require large financial resources. "This is a great sport, and the more people try to play it, the more will be involved," he said.

Multiple world squash champion Ramy Ashour and six-time European champion Camille Serme visited Ukraine within the worldwide program for squash development "Ambassador WSF 2018" on June 23-24.

Coach and referee seminars, demonstration matches, thematic conferences, the sparring and training of the Ukrainian men's and women's squash teams with the leading world players, trainings for children from the children's squash academy were held in Kyiv within the framework of this program.

"More than 20 million people play squash all over the world. In Ukraine their number amounts to thousands. We have room for improvement, and we really are developing. Squash is appreciated as an entertaining sport and an excellent relaxation for amateur sportsmen. We are grateful to the World Squash Federation for including our country in the program of squash popularization and teamwork," the program coordinator, Vice President of the Ukrainian Squash Federation Maksim Urakin said.

In 2003 the Forbes magazine recognized squash as one of the most "healthy sports" both in terms of injury rate and the most energy-consuming sport in the world by the number of calories burned. This year the program "Ambassador WSF 2018" is held in Armenia and Ukraine. Squash courts already operate in Kyiv, Odesa, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Uzhgorod, Kherson, Lviv, and Khmelnytsky.

Sponsors and partners of the event: MaxEvents company, Grand Prix sports club, Interfax-Ukraine information agency, Park Inn hotel, In Vino wine salon, Oxy Taxi, restaurant O'GOROD, Boryspil airport, Boryspil Magazine, Miriada Fruits juices.

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## Parking area construction in Boryspil airport to be completed in August

Contractor NAN LLC (Kharkiv) plans to complete construction of a parking area near Terminal D of the Boryspil International Airport (Kyiv) in August 2018, First Deputy Director General of the airport Yevhen Dykhne has told Interfax-Ukraine. "The contractor expects to complete the work in August, which will be the first stage of the parking area for more than 1,000 cars," he said on the sidelines of a forum dedicated to cybersecurity in Kyiv.

He also said that the airport allocated UAH 440 million for the implementation of this project at this stage.

## New business campus of UNIT. City innovation park opens in Kyiv



Ukrainian IT talents have received another important argument in favor of the industry development in the country. A new business campus of the UNIT.City Innovation Park with the Chasopys.UNIT co-working place has opened in Kyiv. Many incumbent and future residents of the innovative city – more than 500 people – gathered to celebrate a house-warming party on June 14.

“Our main task is to help talented people grow and succeed in our country, create big companies. This is a challenge to build not only a modern city but also a space for new opportunities for the development of a creative economy,” founder of UFuture Investment Group Vasyl Khmelnytsky said.

The building with an area of 3,800 square meters is designed for 360 people to work comfortably at once. The project of the new building was created by the Odesa architectural studio Haliulin Architects. The campus has the shape of a cube, while three types of glass were used in construction. “If to walk along the building, it seems to be hovering in the air, going up and down along the axis,” CEO and Managing Partner of UNIT.City Max Yakover said.

Some 50 well-known companies have entered or selected offices in the new campus, including SolarGaps, a Ukrainian startup in the field of alternative energy, the Quadrate28 marketing agency, ARbrowser, LookinAR, and Crosslytics.

“The first residents of the new co-working space became the following companies: Imperious Group, Royenko Agency, Hubble Ukraine, the DTEK design team, the Quadrate28 representative office and others,” UNIT.City Managing Partner Maksym Bakhmatov stated. The Fedoriv creative agency plans to become a resident of UNIT.City. Andriy Fedoriv is seeking a location in the innovative city building being under construction, the opening of which is scheduled for this year.

## 60 insurance companies with foreign capital are registered in Ukraine

The volume of insurance premiums received by insurers with foreign capital in January-March 2018 amounted to UAH 6.783 billion, which is UAH 1.761 billion, or 35%, more than for the same period in 2017, Member of the National Commission for State Regulation of Financial Services Markets Oleksandr Zaletov has told Interfax-Ukraine. According to him, as of March 31, 2018 some 60 insurance companies with foreign capital were registered in the insurance market of Ukraine, which is 20.5% of all registered insurers (292). Of these, 49 insurance companies carry out risk types of insurance and 11 insurance companies provide life insurance services. At the same time, the share of foreign capital in the charter capital of 26 insurance companies is 100% (21 non-life and 5 life insurers).

Foreign capital in the charter capital of insurers as of March 31, 2018 amounted to UAH 12.364 billion, while a year earlier the figure stood at UAH 3.553 billion, or 28.7% of the total paid-up charter capital of insurance companies.

The largest share in total foreign capital is made up by the capital of Cyprus (45.5%), Austria (15.9%), France (4.9%), Britain (3.4%), the United States (2.9%), the Netherlands (2.2%), and Bulgaria (2%).

# Plank Electrotechnic plant (UFuture Investment Group) to be launched this autumn in Bila Tserkva industrial park

The Plank Electrotechnic plant, the manufacturer of the modern electrical systems, part of the conglomerate UFuture Investment Group belonged to businessman Vasyl Khmelnytsky, will start operating on the territory of the Bila Tserkva industrial park this autumn. "This autumn we will get a plant that will produce products.



***"They (products) will be used not only in Ukraine, they will be exported to Europe, since we will build all the plants to meet the European standards," Khmelnytsky said.***

According to the website of UFuture, on the average, Plank Electrotechnic is to produce 4.6 million units of electrical fixtures and other electrotechnic products per year. Some 50 jobs would be created at the first stage, and later with the development of the cluster – up to 300 jobs. The electrical fixtures market in Ukraine is estimated by the company at UAH 500 million a year. Ukrainian electrical fixtures and other electrotechnic products will boast excellent European quality and competitive value.

According to the posting on the UFuture's website, the launch of the plant will be the launch of the new cluster Plank, an innovative production cluster that allows efficient cooperation and development of enterprises from various industries that use high-tech polymers and composites in production.

The enterprises forming this cluster will become the first production facility located in the Bila Tserkva industrial park. They will produce electrical, construction and machine-building commodities made of advanced materials.

"Now Ukraine lacks domestically produced goods with the use of engineering polymers and composites, especially advanced ones," the group said.

At the second stage, production will be launched at the cluster that will employ the method of extrusion of reinforced pipes for water supply and heating systems, installation boxes and skirtings of various sizes. Also, pultrusion technology will be used to produce composite fittings, profiles and mesh made of fiberglass.

All cluster plants will operate under a single quality control and design system, with one supplier of materials as well as raw materials.

Separately, it is planned to develop the logistics capacities of the cluster – a specialized warehouse for the storage of plastic and composite primary granules will be built. The cluster is ready to cooperate with Ukrainian enterprises and international companies operating in the segment of production of plastic masses, polymers and composites. Cooperation can include both the lease of production capacities in the industrial park area and joint investment in the development of similar projects in Ukraine.

"Our closest plans are to start building three or four plants this year and in three or four years to build 20 plants," Khmelnytsky said.

In April 2018, the Economic Development and Trade Ministry placed the Bila Tserkva industrial park in the register of industrial parks. In October 2017, Ukrainian entrepreneur and philanthropist Vasyl Khmelnytsky has put his business projects and social initiatives under one umbrella brand, UFuture Investment Group. It incorporates UDP developing company, as well as Bila Tserkva industrial park, UNIT.City and LvivTech.City innovative parks, UDP Renewables.

## Lviv IT Cluster launches project to build IT Village

Lviv IT Cluster, an association of IT companies, is launching a project to build an IT Village housing estate, designed for 133 private homes for IT specialists, IT Cluster's press service has reported. "IT Village will become a new town for IT professionals and a community of people with common interests. The complex with a total area of 17 hectares will consist of 133 separate houses in the village of Nahoriany in Pustomyty district, 9 km from Lviv," the report said.

Construction will start in August-September 2018, the whole project is to be completed in 2-2.5 years.

The project is non-commercial and offers IT professionals houses with an area of 140 square meters to 350 square meters and a cost from \$89,700 to \$276,500. Additional infrastructure of the town includes a common recreation area, a sports field for children, a private park, a kindergarten and a supermarket.

The general contractor of IT Village is Lvivbud construction company, which previously participated in the IT House project. The project provides for six eight-storey office buildings and two business centers, as well as a hotel, a kindergarten, a university, a fitness complex and a parking lot for 3,167 cars. The total area of the site is 10 hectares, the area of offices is 82,300 square meters, the area of the retail and service area is 12,900 square meters.

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## Infrastructure Minister announces two new airlines in Ukraine

Ukrainian passengers will soon be able to fly in the country through two more new airlines, Infrastructure Minister Volodymyr Omelyan has said. "We are close to completing the creation of two new airlines that will fly in Ukraine. One is international, and the second is with Ukrainian capital," he said at a meeting in the European Business Association.

The minister said at the first stage they will enter the market with a small number of aircraft.

At the same time, he did not specify other details.

As reported, this year SkyUp airline has entered the Ukrainian market. Its founder is ACS-Ukraine LLC of Tetiana Alba and Yuriy Alba, who also owns the JoinUp! travel operator. According to Yuriy Alba, in July the company plans to open sales for domestic flights to Odesa from Kyiv and Kharkiv, as well as for international flights from Kyiv to Barcelona, Larnaca, and Batumi.

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## Ukraine plans to convince Elon Musk's Tesla to create Gigafactory



The Ministry of Infrastructure plans to persuade Elon Musk's Tesla to create a Gigafactory for production of storage batteries in Ukraine. "We believe that we will be able to convince Tesla, the world's largest manufacturer of electric cars, to create its Gigafactory for production of storage batteries in Ukraine," Minister of Infrastructure Volodymyr Omelyan said when presenting the Ukrainian Transport Strategy until 2030.

In his opinion, Ukraine's integration into the world economy and a technological leap in the sphere of infrastructure are possible only by attracting the world companies to the country.

According to Omelyan, such companies as Hutchison Ports, DP World, General Electric, Bombardier, Tesla and Ryanair should remain in Ukraine.

## Ukraine and high-speed transport project Hyperloop agree on cooperation

The Infrastructure Ministry of Ukraine and Hyperloop Transportation Technologies have signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation on the Hyperloop project, the Ministry of Infrastructure has informed. During the public discussion "Hyperloop in Ukraine" with the participation of Hyperloop Transportation Technologies CEO Dirk Ahlborn and Minister of Infrastructure Volodymyr Omelyan, a memorandum of cooperation was signed, as well as the issues related to the development of high-speed transport (in particular, the Hyperloop transport system), the introduction of innovations and artificial intelligence systems in transport industry were considered.

Omelyan noted Ukraine should enter the world's mainstream in developing advanced technologies in transport. "Hyperloop is the next generation transport that will give the world unprecedented speed, possibilities, and technologies. One of the results of Ahlborn's visit was our clear intention to work together to develop these new technologies," the minister said.

Hyperloop Transportation is one of the first companies that showed interest in the Hyperloop high-speed transport project. The company already has contracts for the design and construction of high-speed transportation lines with France, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, the United Arab Emirates, and others.

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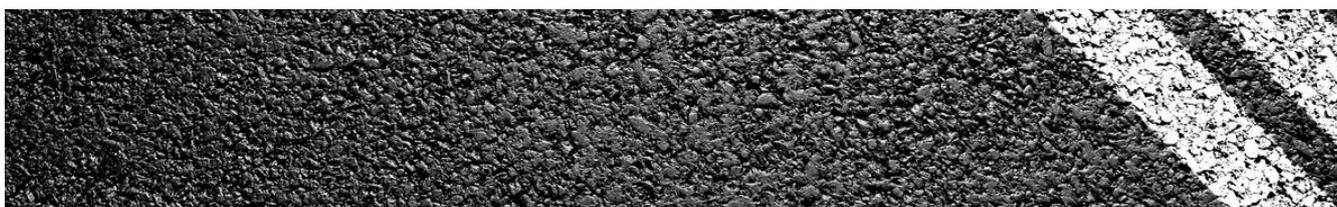
## Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine approves ACCIONA Energia's joining UDP solar power plant project

The Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine has approved the purchase of a controlling stake in Dymarka Solar Poland (Poland) by ACCIONA Energia Global (Poland, the subsidiary of the eponymous company in Spain). Dymarka Solar Poland was registered to implement a project of UDP developing group (Kyiv) to expand the capacity of Dymarka solar power plant (Kyiv region) from 6 MW to 57.6 MW.

As reported, UDP from UFuture investment group has arranged a joint project to expand Dymarka solar power plant with Spain's ACCIONA Energia Global. It is planned that the Spanish company will invest EUR 54.7 million. Majority shareholder of UDP is Ukrainian businessman Vasyl Khmelnytsky.

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## Ukrainian-German joint company opens asphalt plant in Ukraine



The Ukrainian-German joint enterprise Autostrada (Lviv) has commissioned a mobile asphalt plant in the village of Chervone (Vinnytsia region). According to the press service of the company, the maximum production capacity of the plant is 160 tonnes of asphalt concrete per hour, the production is fully automated. The plant was launched to produce asphalt for the construction of the M-12 highway on the Vinnytsia-Uman section, which is part of the international transport corridor Go Highway, which will connect the ports of Mykolaiv and Odesa with Poland's Gdansk.



***"In fact, we are building a new road: it will be expanded to three lanes. The new asphalt plant, due to the location, will reduce logistics costs for the delivery of asphalt mixture and, accordingly, the cost of work," the company noted.***

## Smart Maritime Group starts building tanker hull for Dutch VEKA Shipbuilding



Smart Maritime Group (SMG) of Smart-Holding starts implementing a contract to build two chemical tanker hulls under an order of Dutch VEKA Shipbuilding WT B.V. The press service of SMG reported that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the start of building the first hull for the Dutch customer was held at the Kherson Shipyard on Thursday. According to the contract signed in May, SMG will build hulls, install pipeline network, deck equipment and paint the tanker hulls. The cost of the contract is estimated at over UAH 145 million (some \$5.6 million). It will take 11 months and a half to build one hull. The second tanker hull will be built at Mykolaiv Shipyard belonged to SMG.

"This is really an important event for Ukrainian shipbuilding, since it is the first foreign contract in the industry since 2013. We have made great efforts to convince the customer, to convince Ukrainian and European banks to finance this project. Today we have good prospects for work and the conclusion of new contracts," the press service said, citing Director General of SMG Vasyl Fedin.

Tankers are designed for transportation of petroleum products and chemicals on the inland waterways of Europe. The vessel's overall length is 110 m, width is 13.5 m, the height of the side is 6.59 m, the hull is 1200 tonnes, and the cargo capacity is 5,320 tonnes.

## Infrastructure Ministry seeks to create five aviation hubs, 20 intl airports in Ukraine before 2030

The Infrastructure Ministry of Ukraine plans to create 50 airports in Ukraine, five of which will be international aviation hubs, and 20 more will service international flights.

"In the aviation industry, we see the creation of 50 airports throughout Ukraine. We are not talking about 50 Boryspil airports. We talk at least about five international hubs, at least 20 airports that will provide international communication, as well as about 20 that will be service flights to the regions," Minister of Infrastructure Volodymyr Omelyan said at the presentation of the Ukrainian transport strategy until 2030 on Thursday evening.

According to him, the average time, which should take to reach an airport from anywhere in the country, should be reduced to one hour.

As for the development of the aviation industry, it is planned to open 350 destinations for flights from all airports in Ukraine.

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## State-owned Ukrenergo posts UAH 818 mln net profit in Q1

State-owned enterprise Ukrenergo saw its net profit rise by 53.7 times (by UAH 803.162 million) in January-March 2018 compared to the same period last year, to UAH 818.416 million. According to the financial report of the company, its net income for the first quarter decreased by 15.3% (by UAH 219.35 million), to UAH 1.216 billion, gross profit by 32.1% (by UAH 288.714 million), to UAH 610.042 million.

At the same time, the cost of the company's transfer services for the three months decreased by 18.8% (UAH 251.344 million), to UAH 1.087 billion.

Ukrenergo operates trunk and interstate power grids, as well as performs the centralized dispatching of the unified energy system of the country. It is a state enterprise subordinated to the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry.

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## Ukraine raises electricity exports in 2018



Ukraine in January-May 2018 increased electricity exports by 1.3% (34.684 million kWh) compared to the same period in 2017, to 2.653 billion kWh, the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry has told Interfax-Ukraine. Power supply from the Burshtyn TPP energy island towards Hungary, Slovakia and Romania increased by 10.4% (by 159.488 million kWh), to 1.686 billion kWh.

Electricity deliveries to Poland increased by 24.3% (by 128.407 million kWh), to 656.551 million kWh. Electricity supplies to Moldova amounted to 310.767 million kWh, which is 44.9% (253.211 million kWh) less than in January-May 2017. Ukrainian electricity was not exported to Belarus and Russia in January-May 2017 and January-May 2018

At the same time, in May 2018 exports of Ukrainian electricity amounted to 464.558 million kWh, which is 23.5% (143.076 million kWh) less than in May 2017. In addition, Ukraine for the first five months of this year imported 14.818 million kWh of electricity (14.221 million kWh from Russia, 596,000 kWh from Belarus).

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## Pharmacy sales in money terms grow by 38% in Jan-May

Pharmacy sales in Ukraine in January-May 2018 in money terms grew by 38% compared to the same period in 2017, to UAH 36.607 billion.

Sales in physical terms increased by 6% in January-May 2018, to 654.188 million packs, the Business Credit company told Interfax-Ukraine.

According to the company, in particular, retail sales of medicines in money terms increased by 41%, UAH 30.3563 billion, sales in packages grew by 18%, to 454.508 million packs.

The average price of goods in the so-called "pharmacy basket" for the first five months of 2018 was UAH 55.96 for the package, the average price of medicines was UAH 66.78 for the package.

In May 2018, pharmacy sales amounted to UAH 6.579 billion, which is 26% more than a year earlier, medicines sales increased by 28%, to UAH 5.441 billion.

## Largest Renault's dealer center opens in Kyiv



Active Motors, Renault's official dealer in Kyiv, has opened a modernized conceptual dealer center, Renault Store, in Holosiyevsky district of the capital, which became the largest one in Ukraine in terms of area. The Active Motors dealer center is the first Renault Store in Kyiv and the third one in Ukraine (after Poltava and Lviv), executed in the concept of a new design.

The concept of Renault Store assumes a clear designation of the areas of sales, service, accessories, exposure of the range of cars, financial services.

The modernization of the center lasted six months, its area is 3,675 square meters. The showroom with an area of 850 square meters allows placing 15 cars.

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## Estonian Taxify decides to re-launch service in Kyiv

Estonia's startup Taxify, which designed a ride-sharing platform and first entered Ukraine in September 2016, has decided to re-launch the service in Kyiv and hope to develop in other large cities of Ukraine in 2018.

"The first launch of the service in Kyiv took place in 2016 according to the franchise agreement with Estonian entrepreneurs, and now the company will restart the project with its own local team," the company said.

According to him, the possibilities of expanding the market and working in other large cities of Ukraine are also being studied.

According to Marcus Willig, CEO and co-founder of Taxify, the company has huge potential for growth in Ukraine. He said that over the past year the number of trips organized with the help of Taxify platform has grown 10-fold, and today more than 10 million people and 50,000 drivers use the company's service in more than 25 countries.

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## Ukraine needs time to launch QR codes for medicines

The Ukrainian market needs three or five years to fully launch the QR code system for packages of medicines, Commercial Director of Research and Industrial Center Borschahivka chemical and pharmaceutical plant Yevhen Sova has said. "The implementation of the new rules is a step in right direction, but it is a long process, which should be prepared and introduced in phases. The Ukrainian market would require from three to five years to organically introduce the changes," he told Interfax-Ukraine.

Sova said that the introduction of QR codes for packages would allow helping in fight against counterfeit medicines.



***"We are preparing for this. The enterprise has installed specialized equipment for placing QR codes on packages," he said.***

The expert said that the monitoring system using QR codes would work only the general public approach at all levels of flow of medicines would apply.

## Rolled steel market in Ukraine expands by 11% in 2018

Ukrainian enterprises in January-May 2018 boosted rolled steel consumption by 10.9% year-over-year, to 1.842 million tonnes (1.661 million tonnes in January-May 2017). In January-May 2018, some 545,800 tonnes of rolled products were imported, which was 29.6% of domestic consumption, the Ukrmetprom Association has said.

In the same period of 2017, imports of rolled steel totaled 453,000 tonnes (27.3%).

Bars and rods are still prevalent the structure of the imports in the five months compared to flat-rolled products in contrast to the same period in 2017: the share of flat-rolled goods in January-May-2017 was 61.8% versus 47.2% the same period of 2018, while the share of bars and rods was 37% and 49.6%, respectively.

The share of semi-finished products in export shipments was 42.2%, which also corresponds to the period January-May 2017 (42.1%). The share of flat products (34% and 33.4%, respectively) and bars and rods (23.8% and 24.5%, respectively) are comparable with the same period of 2017.

The main export markets for Ukrainian steel products in January-May 2018, according to StateAnalitInform, were the countries of the European Union (34.8%), Africa (15.8%), other European countries, including Turkey (13.1%), as well as countries in the Middle East (11.4%).

The main importers of metal products in the five months of 2018 were the CIS (59.6%), Asia (19.1%) and the EU's 28 member states (15.9%).

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## Ukraine remains grain harvest forecast at 60 mln tonnes



The grain harvest forecast in Ukraine remains at the level of 2017 – 60 million tonnes and more, despite that some regions in the south and east of the country have no rains, Ukraine's Agricultural Policy and Food Ministry has reported. According to the report, since early April there were cases of drought in Ukraine, although rains in June stabilized the situation and brought most of the regions from the risk zone. "Rains have started and we expect that in general, gross early and late grain crop harvest will be at the level of the last year," First Deputy Minister Maksym Martyniuk said.

He said that good hibernation of winter crops and moisture stock positively influenced the start of the harvesting campaign, and no plunge in the yield is expected.

As reported, Ukraine as of June 18, 2019 harvested first 10,500 tonnes of winter wheat.

# Over 7 mln of non-polluted farmland in Ukraine not used



Over 7 million of non-polluted land in Ukraine remains unused for production of organic products, the press service of the Ukrsadprom association has reported. The press service said that in 2016, the area of non-polluted farmland in the world was 57.8 million ha, including around 400,000 ha in Ukraine, which is in the 20th position. The share of certified organic area is around 1% of farmland in the country.

The association said that organic planting of fruit, berries and nuts in Ukraine becomes more popular.

"The general pace testifies to the gradual expansion of the areas of perennial plantations: now they occupy 5,000 hectares, with the pome fruits and stone fruits – 2,500 hectares, berries – 630 ha, strawberries – 170 ha, walnuts – 290 ha, hazelnuts – 40 hectares, other nuts – 50 hectares," the association said.

The main consumers are the countries of the European Union.



***"Organic products, especially fruit and berries, are in greatest demand in the EU, the United States and Canada, so the growth of organic fruits is promising for Ukraine now," Ukrsadprom said.***

In addition, according to its information, exports of organic gardening products are developing. In 2017, producers exported organic fruits and berries: frozen blueberries and blueberries, fresh apples, elderberry, birch sap, walnut kernels, sea buckthorn, frozen blackberries, wild rose, strawberries, cranberries, hawthorn, lingonberries and raspberries, and apple juice concentrate.

Kyiv International Economic Forum – KIEF – is a new major international conference focused on the future of economic development. Held annually in Kyiv, it is not just an event about or for Ukraine, but an innovative forum that covers the global agenda. KIEF has been envisioned to become a leading discussion platform at an intersection of civilizations based in the capital of the biggest country in Europe.

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