



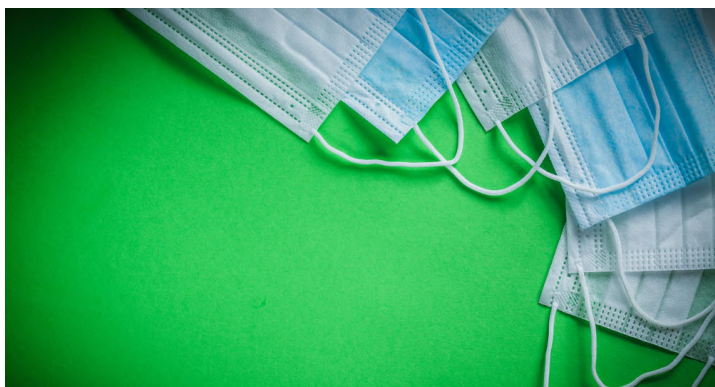
## Ukraine enters green zone according to EU criteria



As of June 14, according to the incidence rates of COVID-19, Ukraine entered the "green" zone according to the EU criteria, the Coronavirus-info Telegram channel reported.

According to the report, the country has reached the lowest incidence rates in the last year, in particular, an indicator of 74.71 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population was recorded, with the EU criterion of 75 cases per 100,000 population.

As reported, last week all regions of Ukraine entered the "green" epidemic zone of COVID-19 in accordance with the requirements of Ukrainian legislation.



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# Oxford Economics improves forecast for Ukraine's GDP growth

Oxford Economics has improved its forecast for Ukraine's real GDP growth in 2021 to 4.9%, up from 4% in the February forecast.

As evidenced by the May forecast, which is available to Interfax-Ukraine, the analysts have worsened their expectations for the growth of the Ukrainian economy in 2022 to 3.7% compared to the February forecast being 4.2%, and in 2023 they expect the decline in rates to continue – growth to 2.9%.

Strong growth in industrial production in April, a year after a series of lockdowns, marks a turning point that will see GDP grow by almost 5% this year, and then just over 3.5% in 2022, Oxford Economics said.

At the same time, the average annual hryvnia exchange rate in 2021 is expected at UAH 28.60/\$1, in 2022 – UAH 29.30/\$1, in 2023 – UAH 29.40/\$1, according to Oxford Economics.



## 8 Ukrainian universities enter top-1200 world universities in QS World University Rankings

Eight Ukrainian higher education institutions are represented in the QS World University Rankings 2022, according to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

"Eight Ukrainian higher educational institutions are represented in the QS World University Rankings 2022. This year, the university rating is the largest in the entire history of the study, it includes 1,300 higher educational institutions," the ministry's press service said.



*It is noted that the highest position in the ranking among Ukrainian universities according to the research results is occupied by Karazin Kharkiv National University (511-520 position).*

Further the ranking include Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with 601-650 position; Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute with 651-700 position; Ihor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute with 701-750 position; Sumy State University with 701-750 position; Lviv Polytechnic National University with 801-1000 position; National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy with 1001-1200 position; Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, which entered the rating for the first time, with 1001-1200 position.

The QS World University Rankings, which was founded in 2004, has evolved into an authoritative benchmarking tool for benchmarking university performance.

# Egypt and Ukraine discuss joint production and export to Africa

Ukraine and Egypt are discussing the possibility of joint production between enterprises and export to the African market, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt Ayman Ahmed Mokhtar Elgammal has said in an exclusive interview to Interfax-Ukraine.

Egypt is a member of a number of free trade areas in African and Arab countries, he said. The official added that, for example, they invited the Ukrainian government to invest in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone).



*According to the ambassador, Ukrainian enterprises will be able to manufacture products in Egypt and benefit from Egyptian free trade agreements in the region.*



This will also be the topic of a meeting of the intergovernmental technical committee in June, he added. At the same time, he clarified that so far no proposals have been received from Ukrainian companies on investments in SCZone.

At the same time, various organizations in Ukraine, in particular Ukrmashbud and its member companies, have asked to open their representative offices in Egypt for the joint production of high-tech goods of heavy engineering, the ambassador said.

## Ukraine proposes to reduce ceiling cost of duty-free import of goods into Ukraine in hand luggage from EUR 1,000 to EUR 430

The Cabinet of Ministers has proposed to the Verkhovna Rada to reduce the ceiling cost of duty-free import of goods into Ukraine in hand luggage or accompanying baggage from EUR 1,000 to EUR 430 – for checkpoints at airports and seaports, as well as at the level of EUR 300 instead of EUR 500 – through other checkpoints.

In addition, the bill increases the period during which goods in connection with resettlement to a permanent place of residence in Ukraine are imported without customs duties to one year instead of current six months.

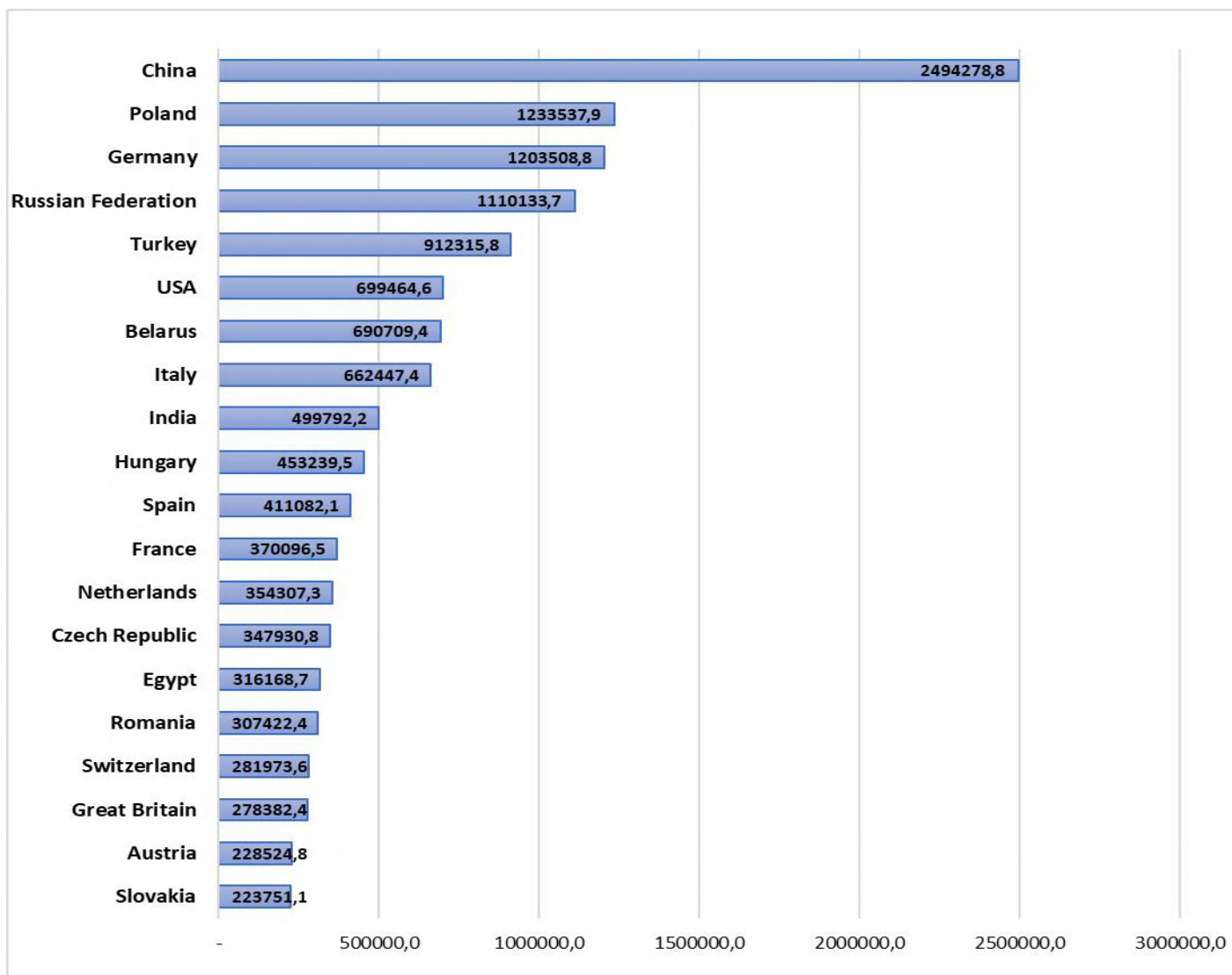
At the same time, the government bill proposes to exempt from taxation the import into the territory of Ukraine of fixed assets of companies that move their activities to Ukraine with the creation of a new enterprise.

In addition, the bill proposes to exempt from duties scientific equipment, devices, as well as other items of research activities not related to entrepreneurship.





## Top 20 countries of Ukraine's foreign trade partners in Jan-Feb 2021 (thousand USD)



## Ukrainian Smart Energy plans to invest \$400 mln in hydrocarbon production

Smart Energy plans to invest \$ 400 million in hydrocarbon production by 2031, CEO of the group of companies Serhiy Hlazunov has told reporters, presenting the results of ten years of activity in the market.

According to him, the total volume of Smart Energy investments in production for 2011-2020 amounted to UAH 3.5 billion, in particular, in 2019 – UAH 687 million, in 2020 – UAH 541 million. Hlazunov said that in the next ten years, the group plans to drill over 30 new wells, while in the previous ten years, 13 wells were drilled. The existing Smart Energy park currently consists of 29 wells.



As reported, Smart Energy in 2020 increased natural gas production by 8.6% (by 31.8 million cubic meters) compared to 2019, to 400.6 million cubic meters, gas condensate – by 4.8% (by 1,600 tonnes), to 34,700 tonnes, and production of liquefied propane-butane – by 9.5% (by 800 tonnes), to 9,200 tonnes.

# Ukraine climbs to ninth place in ranking of steel exporters in 2020

Ukraine in 2020 reduced steel exports to 15.2 million tonnes from 15.6 million tonnes a year earlier, but rose in the ranking of exporters from the tenth to the ninth place, according to the World Steel Association (Worldsteel).

According to the report, India was ranked higher than Ukraine last year among exporters with 17.1 million tonnes, Italy closed the top ten with 14.9 million tonnes, and China is still at the top of this list with 51.4 million tonnes, followed by Russia with 31.5 million tonnes and Japan with 29.8 million tonnes.



*At the same time, due to the small volume of imports, Ukraine in the world ranking of net exporters in 2020 retained its fourth place with an indicator of 13.9 million tonnes, which is only slightly less than the 2019 indicator of 14 million tonnes.*

The first place here is taken by Russia with 26.4 million tonnes, the second – by Japan with 24.8 million tonnes, the third – by South Korea with 16.1 million tonnes, while China is the fifth in this list with 13.5 million tonnes.

China was the largest importer of metal last year with 37.09 million tonnes, followed by the EU-28 with 32.6 million tonnes, excluding interregional trade, and the United States came third with 19.9 million tonnes.

In the ranking of net importers over 2020, the United States is leading with 13.6 million tonnes, the EU-28 is in the second place with 10 million tonnes, and Saudi Arabia is in the third place with 7.2 million tonnes.

## Metinvest invests over \$1 bln in launching in Ukraine large-scale project with Italy's Danieli

Metinvest, an international vertically integrated mining and metallurgical group of companies, is launching a large-scale project for the construction of a new workshop for the production of cold-rolled steel, galvanized and painted coils at Illich Metallurgical Plant (Donetsk region). According to a company press release, the group signed a contract for the supply of equipment with the world's leading supplier of metallurgical technologies, Italy's Danieli, on June 10. The total investment in the project will exceed \$1 billion.

At the same time, it is specified that it is planned to build a cold rolling shop at Illich steel mill, which will consist of a continuous cold rolling mill combined with a pickling line, as well as three modern lines for applying zinc, aluminum-zinc and polymer coatings. At the first stage, investments in the project will exceed \$800 million.



*For the construction of the complex, Metinvest will attract a large foreign contractor with experience of participation in similar projects.*



It is planned that in 2025, after the completion of the first stage of the project, the mill will produce about 1.2 million tonnes of highly competitive cold-rolled and galvanized steel, as well as color-coated steel per year. At the same time, the capacity for the production of cold-rolled coils will amount to more than 400,000 tonnes, galvanized coils – over 60,000 tonnes and polymer-coated coils – more than 140,000 tonnes.

Yuriy Ryzhenkov, the Director General of Metinvest, noted that the construction of a cold rolling mill is the company's most ambitious project for the next five years.



# Launch of Alstom electric locomotive project in Ukraine to create over 7,000 jobs

The launch of a project for the supply of electric locomotives to Ukraine can create more than 7,000 jobs in the country in the long term, the French concern Alstom has said.

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*“The creation of new jobs will be one of the main positive consequences of the contract, which will be signed in the near future. According to our estimates, more than 7,000 jobs will be created or retained in Ukraine thanks to the electric locomotive business in the long term,” the company told Interfax -Ukraine.*



Asked about the delivery times and conditions of locomotive maintenance, Alstom said that this issue is currently being resolved with customers and cannot yet be brought up for discussion.

According to representatives of Alstom, the company is looking for local clients in Ukraine, including among private businesses.

# Chinese company mulling possibility of assembling electric buses in Ukraine



Bus Motor LLC, which is part of the Bogdan Corporation, has signed a distribution agreement with the Chinese company Zonson Smart Auto Corporation, which is part of the large ZTE Corporation, the press service of Bogdan has reported.

According to a report with reference to Director General of Bus Motor Oleh Mischenko, the agreement at the first stage of cooperation provides for the supply of a demo bus for tests in Ukraine. The bus has a European certificate and meets all environmental and technical standards.

“Also, Zonson Smart Auto Corporation is considering the possibility of manufacturing electric buses from SKD/CKD [semi knocked down/complete knock down] kits at the facilities of Bus Motor LLC.

According to the report, Zonson Smart Auto Corporation recently entered the Hungarian market with its new electric bus.

Bus Motor LLC is an exclusive distributor of Bogdan buses, trolleybuses, electric buses manufactured at the subsidiary company Auto Assembly Plant No. 1 (Lutsk) of Bogdan Motors.

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## Ukrhydroenergo to attract \$211 mln from IBRD

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the decision to attract a \$211 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the Clean Technologies Fund (CTF) for PrJSC Ukrhydroenergo as part of an investment project to improve the sustainability of the integrated power system (IPS) for European integration, providing for the establishment of hybrid power generation systems, the Ministry of Energy has said.

According to the report, the decision, initiated by the Ministry of Energy, was made at a government meeting on Wednesday, although it was not on the agenda and was not discussed during the broadcast.

“To implement the project, loans will be attracted in the amount of \$177 million from the IBRD and \$34 million from the Clean Technologies Fund,” the ministry said.



## Pipe enterprises of Ukraine raise production in Jan-May

The main pipe enterprises of Ukraine in January-May this year increased production of pipes from ferrous metals, according to recent data, by 15.8% compared to the same period last year, to 385,000 tonnes, including 96,900 tonnes produced in May.

According to a press release of the Ukrtruboprom association on Wednesday, in particular, the enterprises of the association during this period increased pipe production by 11.8%, to 249,500 tonnes, including 67,000 tonnes produced in May, having raised production by 53.3% compared to the same period last year and by 17.3% compared to April this year.

“Ukrainian pipe enterprises continue to increase production,” the press release said.

At the same time, it is specified that the positive dynamics is demonstrated by Interpipe Niko Tube, which over the five months has increased output of pipe products by 46.1%. At the same time, CentraVis cut production by 8.6% and Interpipe Novomoskovsk Pipe Plant by 21.3%, while Trubostal kept pipe production at last year’s level.

**“ General Director of Ukrtruboprom Heorhiy Polsky noted that the growth of production at pipe enterprises began in March and has continued for the third month in a row..**

“The positive dynamics in May was mainly due to the continued favorable situation in foreign markets. The increase and subsequent stabilization of oil prices led to an increase in demand for oil and gas pipes, and the end of winter has intensified the consumption of pipe products for construction purposes. An important positive factor was also the removal in different countries of restrictions related to the spread of COVID-19,” the press release said, citing the General Director.

At the same time, Polsky noted that demand within Ukraine continues to stagnate: hydrocarbon production is falling, and the renewal of housing and communal services has stalled. In this regard, Ukrainian pipe manufacturers are forced to rely on export markets.



# Ukrainian Interpipe proceeds to expand presence in export markets

The Ukrainian industrial company Interpipe proceeds to expand its presence in the export markets, signing a three-year contract with Société Nationale Industrielle et Minière (SNIM) for supplying of 1,076 mm locomotive wheels according to the AAR standard.

The company said in a press release that SNIM is the only owner of 704 km railway infrastructure in Mauritania and is mainly operates large-scale freight transport.

The railway line connects the city of Zouérat, the center of country's iron ore industry, with the port of Nouadhibou. The length of a single rolling stock consisting 200 wagons may be up to 2.5 km, so from two to four locomotives are usually used at the head of the railway train.

Director of Interpipe Railway Products Division Oleksandr Garkavij said that locomotive wheel is a technically complex product for North African countries. "Their wear resistance indicators have to be at a high level in sandy deserts. Moreover, Mauritanian trains are one of the longest and heaviest in the world. Our strategy is to continue increasing the share of export deliveries of railway products," he said.

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## Ukrainian Windrose expands flight map

From June 2020, the Ukrainian airline WINDROSE launched a program of domestic flights within Ukraine. A transportation network began from six largest Ukrainian cities. However, in almost a year of existence, the flight map has already extended to 12 points: Kyiv, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Odesa, Kherson, Zaporizhia, and Mykolaiv. Flights to Uzhgorod, Kryvyi Rih and Chernivtsi will start next week. And, judging by the fact that the number of cities and new flights is growing, the program is in demand among Ukrainians.

Interestingly, just a few months after the opening of flights within Ukraine, WINDROSE was the first to introduce a fare card in aviation. In Europe, this is a fairly common type of tickets, but we have such an offer for the first time. Earlier in the comments for the media, Commercial Director of WINDROSE Olha Tolstykhina noted that the program of domestic flights has not yet reached a break-even level. Taking into account the situation with the pandemic and the economic situation in general. Therefore, are aviation fare cards relevant in general? The press service of the company provided us with a comment regarding the sales of the fare cards. With the beginning of the summer season, they began to be advertised much more actively. Now there are three types of them: from 10 to 499 flights. The fare for one flight is \$ 51, and the certificate itself is valid for a year.

The benefits are as follows:

- ❖ the cost of the ticket is fixed, so you do not overpay closer to the departure date;
- ❖ there are no restrictions on the booking period. The flight is available to booking until check-in for the flight;
- ❖ the flight using the fare card can be performed by the persons included in the list when ordering an airline fare card.

The identification is the mobile phone number of the owner of the fare card.

Of course, such an offer is beneficial for those who travel frequently – business trips, the family in another city or even for health issues. Sometimes a medical specialist may be in another city, but consultations are needed several times. Also, for the year of the pandemic, domestic tourism has developed significantly and Ukrainians began to travel more within the home country. Therefore, there are many options for how to save money and travel more comfortably.





# Direct freight train China-Europe goes to Ukrainian Odessa

A China-Europe freight train carrying household goods is heading from Guangzhou, China, to Odessa, Ukraine's Ministry of Infrastructure said on its Facebook page.

"A total of 50 containers with a volume of 40 feet each left the territory of Mongolia, 5,330 km are left to the border with Ukraine... This route combines the delivery of goods by sea and rail, as it combines two ports – Chinese Guangzhou and Ukrainian Odessa. The distance between destinations is 8,408 km," – the message says.

The ministry said that in Mongolia, the train was reloaded at the railway docking port of Erenhot. More than 6,000 freight trains from China to Europe pass through this hub.

The Ministry of Infrastructure recalled that the first train from the Chinese port of Guangzhou to Europe left for Poland at the end of April this year.



## Tourism agency of Ukraine plans to launch poll of foreign tourists at border

The State Agency for Tourism Development of Ukraine plans to launch a poll campaign of foreign tourists at the border in August or September, Head of the agency Maryana Oleskiv has said.

"We will soon announce a tender, and I think that in August or September there will be such a poll. They will ask the purpose of arrival, time of stay, what people plan to visit, what expenses are planned, etc. This will allow us to understand how many tourists we have from the entire entrance flow, who is this tourist, what are her/his preferences, where does she/he get information from, the purpose of the visit," Oleskiv told Interfax-Ukraine.

In addition, according to her, the State Agency for Tourism Development will also announce a tender for the purchase of these payment systems.

Among the priority countries for inbound tourism from abroad, Oleskiv named Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Poland, as well as Israel and China.



# Nordic Environment Finance Corporation implementing 117 projects in Ukraine

NEFCO (Nordic Environment Finance Corporation) has 117 projects in Ukraine for an estimated amount of EUR 180 million, on which agreements have been signed and which are under implementation.

“As of June 7, NEFCO has 117 projects, on which agreements have been signed and which are under implementation in Ukraine, and the total investment in these projects is approximately EUR 180 million,” the corporation said in response to Interfax-Ukraine’s request.



*Of these projects, agreements for seven new projects were signed in 2021. The total amount of investments for them is about EUR 4 million.*



In addition to them, many other projects are in development and at the preparatory stage, the corporation said.

At the same time, NEFCO said that, having decided to abandon investments in new projects in the renewable energy sector in 2020, the organization, to support the sustainable development of Ukraine, will continue developing and financing municipal projects in such sectors as energy efficiency, district heating and wastewater treatment.

## Dutch company plans to invest EUR 50 mln in energy projects in Ukraine

The Dutch company Bontrup plans at the first stage to invest EUR 50 million in energy projects in the Chornobyl exclusion zone as part of the implementation of the concept of Ukraine’s “green” energy transition, the Economy Ministry reported.

According to the report, Bontrup representatives discussed this proposal during a meeting with First Deputy Prime Minister-Minister of Economy Oleksiy Liubchenko, Deputy Minister Iryna Novikova, as well as with Acting Head of the State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving Kostiantyn Hura and Head of the State Agency on Exclusion Zone Management Serhiy Kostiuk.



*“The parties discussed the proposal of the Bontrup representatives on the implementation of an investment energy project on the territory of the Chornobyl exclusion zone as part of the implementation of the concept of a “green” energy transition in Ukraine,” the ministry said.*



Bontrup also estimates the prospect of increasing the volume of investments at EUR 1.5 billion. According to the initiators, the implementation of the project will provide jobs for about 10,000 households, the ministry said.



# South Korean company plans to build \$60 mln plant in Ukraine

The South Korean company Caris plans to build a plant in Ukraine for manufacturing of road safety fences from recycled plastic worth more than \$60 million, considering the Stryi district of Lviv region as a site, according to the website of the city council of Stryi.

According to the press service, Mayor of Stryi Oleh Kanivets last week signed a memorandum with Caris CEO Yu Cheol during his business trip to Kyiv.



***“The company plans to build factories in Ukraine for the production of plastic road safety fences. We are ready to create about 900 jobs. Stryi territorial community is interesting for its convenient logistics location and proximity to the European market,” the press service said.***

In turn, the press service of the Ministry of Economy also announced the plans of Caris to build a \$60 million plant in Ukraine for the production of road safety fences.

According to the report, on June 11, Deputy Economy Minister Iryna Novikova met with Yu Cheol.

“There is a hope that the project will be able to take advantage of new government support for projects with substantial investment, since it provides for \$60 million in investments and the creation of new jobs. Investment projects that take into account environmental issues are important for us,” Novikova said.

The press service of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry also reported about its support of this project.



***“We will accompany this project, and we will use all the possibilities of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry so that the investor does not regret any dollar invested in Ukraine,” the press service said, citing President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hennadiy Chyzhykov.***

According to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the representative office of Caris in Ukraine is headed by ex-head of the State Finance Institution for Innovations (SFII) Volodymyr Stavniuk.

In January 2020, the Korean company announced on its website that it had signed an agreement with SFII for the construction of a plant for the production of plastic fences in Ukraine. In particular, the agreement provided for the creation of a PVC production and technology joint venture. Investments in the construction of the plant were projected in the amount of \$100 million.



# Radisson hotel opens in Odessa

Radisson Hotel Group opened in Odessa on Derybasivska Street early June the seventh hotel of the chain in Ukraine – Radisson City Center Odessa, the press service of the company told Interfax-Ukraine on Tuesday.



"We are delighted to open the doors of our first Radisson hotel in Odessa," Area Senior Vice President for Central & Eastern Europe, Russia and Turkey at Radisson Hotel Group Yilmaz Yildirimlar said, quoted by the company's press service.

He said that Radisson is an upscale hotel brand that offers Scandinavian-style hospitality and has a strong potential for development in the Ukrainian market. Now it is represented in Ukraine by 1,445 guest rooms, including hotels that are under construction.

According to the press service of the company, the Radisson Hotel City Center Odessa offers 90 rooms, decorated in a laconic Scandinavian style, with a view of Derybasivska Street and the historic city center. The hotel has the Gatto Nero restaurant with two halls, seating from 30-80 guests and a conference area for business travelers seating 85 guests.

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In the premises of the Institute of Mathematical Machines and Systems Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 4th floor, assembly hall, 42 Akademika Hlushkova Avenue, Kyiv.

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# Commissioning of housing in Ukraine 20% up in Q1 2021

Commissioning of housing in Ukraine in January-March 2021 increased by 20.5% compared to the same period in 2020, to 2.306 million square meters, the State Statistics Service has reported.

At the same time, it is clarified that the data are given taking into account the housing introduced in accordance with the temporary procedure for the acceptance into operation of houses built without permission to perform construction work. According to the report, since the beginning of the year, 1.609 million square meters have been commissioned in cities (70% of the total), 697,600 square meters in rural areas. At the same time, 43% of the total volume of housing was commissioned in single-family houses, 56.6% – in houses with two or more apartments, 0.4% – in dormitories.

In general, during the reporting period, 30,371 apartments were commissioned, while in cities – 24,100 apartments, in villages – 6,200 apartments.

The average apartment area was 75.6 square meter, while in single-family houses – 158 sq m, in multi-apartment buildings – 54.2 sq m.

In Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv, Odesa and Ivano-Frankovsk regions, according to the results of the first quarter, 56% of the total housing volume was commissioned. Moreover, in Kyiv – 145,000 square meters (6.3%).

According to statistics, a decrease in the volume of housing commissioned was recorded in Sumy, Rivne, Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Volyn regions.

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## Post-COVID rehabilitation is necessary even at staying in a medical facility

Post-COVID rehabilitation is necessary for patients even at the time of stay in a medical facility, and 20-40% of patients who have recovered will suffer from post-COVID syndrome, a number of experts voiced this opinion during a press conference at Interfax-Ukraine. "Out of 100% of people who are sick with COVID-19, some 20% need hospitalization. Some of these patients need hospitalization in intensive care units, as well as mechanical ventilation. Rehabilitation for such patients is necessary even in the intensive care unit, especially for patients with artificial lung ventilation. Rehabilitation is also important for patients who move from the intensive care unit to the hospital," Vadym Kerestey, the head of the rehabilitation department of the Adonis network of medical clinics, said.

At the same time, the expert emphasized that currently in Ukraine, very few rehabilitation measures are carried out in intensive care units, and rehabilitation centers do not cover all needs.

He noted that the majority of patients who had been ill in a mild form also need post-COVID rehabilitation, since patients have impairments from different systems. Patients often have tachycardia, lung problems, reduced ability to work, acute disorders of cerebral circulation, thrombosis, which increases the risk of strokes, disorders of the nervous system.

In addition, the country also has a demand for post-COVID rehabilitation among foreigners, the expert emphasized.

Physical therapy is especially important, he said.



***Physical therapy will accelerate the recovery of patients. Physical therapists teach patients to move, breathe correctly, determine the physical condition and the body's ability to exercise, ŠKerestey said.***

The head of the department of inflammatory eye pathologies and microsurgical treatment of their consequences of the Filatov Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, Oleksandra Zborovska, in turn, noted that patients after coronavirus also need to undergo rehabilitation with ophthalmologists.

"From the point of view of an ophthalmologist, everyone needs rehabilitation, even those who were not sick, since we were all on isolation, which significantly increased the time of contact with gadgets. There is evidence that an increase in myopia in children is recorded. Therefore, visual hygiene and a dosage visual load regimen are of great importance. Regarding post-COVID rehabilitation, patients come with different complaints and need to be observed by a doctor," she said.

## U.S. Department of agriculture improves forecast for export and harvest of wheat from Ukraine

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in its June report has improved the forecast for the export of Ukrainian wheat in the 2021/2022 marketing year (MY, July-June) by 500,000 tonnes compared to the forecast in May, to 20.5 million tonnes.

In the report, the department also raised the forecast for the wheat harvest in Ukraine in the new marketing year by 500,000 tonnes, to 29 million tonnes due to a long period of favorable weather conditions.

In June, the USDA retained its forecast for corn exports from Ukraine in the 2021/2022 MY at 30.5 million tonnes, the harvest – at 37.5 million tonnes.



As reported, Ukraine has exported 42.61 million tonnes of grains and legumes since the beginning of the 2020/2021 MY and as of June 9, 2021, which is 22.4% less than on the same date of the previous MY. As of the indicated date, 16.04 million tonnes of wheat and 21.77 million tonnes of corn were exported.

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