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President of Ukraine to submit bill on multiple citizenship to Parliament



President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy intends to submit to the Verkhovna Rada a bill on multiple citizenship for Ukrainians living in the countries of the European Union and the United States.

“An important component of our international policy is the support of world Ukrainianness. I know how important the issue of multiple citizenship is for Ukrainians living in the United States, Canada and the EU. Today I am submitting a relevant bill to parliament,” Zelenskyy said speaking in the Verkhovna Rada with his annual address on the internal and external situation of the country.

According to the president, this will for the first time allow Ukrainians from all over the world “to feel themselves not a diaspora, not just people of Ukrainian origin, but of Ukrainian citizenship.”

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Ukraine retains half of \$ 2.7 billion received from IMF as protection against future risks

Ukraine intends to retain the half of \$2.7 billion received in August 2021 from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) during SDR distribution as a buffer against future risks, according to the Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies of Ukraine signed with the IMF, published by the IMF and the Ministry of Finance on Wednesday.



"While the deficit has remained in check, given large gross external financing needs including a significant amount of debt maturing that was issued at concessional rates, we have used about half of the recent general SDR allocation," the government said in the memo. The government said that this will help to buttress our external stability objectives.

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Experts Club presents analysis of current macroeconomic indicators of Ukraine

Within the framework of the YouTube project Experts Club, the Macroeconomic Review column has been launched on a monthly basis. In the December issue, the founder of the project, Ph.D. in Economics Maksim Urakin analyzed the main macroeconomic indicators of Ukraine; the video contains diagrams and illustrations dedicated to the current statistics of Ukraine.

Thus, according to the State Statistics Service, the population of Ukraine for incomplete 2021 decreased by more than a quarter of a million people.



In foreign trade, China confidently ranks first among the trading partners of Ukraine, while India was in the first position among the countries in terms of trade surplus.



In addition, up-to-date data were studied, statistics from the state employment center were presented and the ratio of unemployed to vacancies was derived. The industries with the highest unemployment rates as of November 1, 2021, as well as the indicators of the average monthly wage in the regions were analyzed.

Also, the analytical video presents the TOP-20 countries of Ukraine's trading partners in terms of foreign trade turnover in January-September 2021.

To see a full video on the Experts Club YouTube channel, follow the link:

Ukraine's reserves in November reach \$30.5 bln

The foreign exchange reserves of Ukraine as of December 1, 2021, according to preliminary data, amounted to \$30.549 billion (in equivalent), which is 3% more than at the beginning of November this year (\$29.654 billion), according to the data of the National Bank of Ukraine.

"As of December 1, 2021, according to preliminary data, Ukraine's foreign exchange reserves amounted to \$30.549. In November, they grew by 3%, primarily due to the receipt of the second tranche from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under the Stand-By Arrangement in the amount of SDR 500 million," the NBU said.

As the National Bank said, the dynamics of the reserves in November was affected by the operations to manage the state debt: the total volume of payments for servicing and repaying the state and state-guaranteed debt in foreign currency amounted to \$481.7 million (in equivalent).

Leasing market of Ukraine to grow by 20% in 2021

The growth of the leasing market in Ukraine will exceed 20% over 2021, but there is still great potential for further market expansion due to the still low level of leasing penetration, Anton Diadiura, co-owner of the ESKA Capital leasing company, has said.

"The portfolio of the company [ESKA Capital] doubled this year, income over nine months amounted to about UAH 400 million versus UAH 140 million in the same period last year, net profit also doubled – to UAH 29 million from UAH 14 million in 2020," Diadiura said during a webinar organized by Freedom Finance Ukraine and dedicated to the issue of ESKA Capital bonds.

The co-owner of ESKA Capital noted the growth of competition in the leasing market, in particular, due to the switching of banks from lending to this instrument. "In Ukraine, now about 15% of car sales go through a leasing scheme, while in neighboring Slovakia, with 5 million people, from 50% to 80% of such sales go through leasing. As far as I know, IFC estimates the potential leasing market in Ukraine at \$30 billion," Diadiura said.



Ferrexpo pays taxes and fees in 2.7 times more in Jan-Sept

Ferrexpo's enterprises (Poltava Mining, Yeristovo Mining and Belanovo Mining) in January-September 2021 transferred more than UAH 6.6 billion in taxes and fees to the budgets of different levels, which is 2.7 times more than in the same period in 2020, the company said in a statement on Tuesday.



“The increase in payments occurred in all items, but the largest one was income tax,” Ferrexpo told Interfax-Ukraine.

At the end of January-September 2020, the company reported an increase in taxes and fees paid to more than \$2.45 billion.

Ferrexpo said that Poltava Mining paid UAH 4.87 billion (a year earlier it was UAH 1.92 billion), Yeristovo Mining paid UAH 1.8 billion (UAH 0.51 billion) and Belanovo Mining paid UAH 0.03 billion (UAH 0.013 billion).

Ferrexpo is an iron ore company with assets in Ukraine, which each owns 100% of Poltava Mining and Yeristovo Mining and 99.9% of Belanovo Mining.



FERREXPO

Ukraine increases production of pipes

Ukraine's leading pipe enterprises in January-November of this year increased production of pipes from ferrous metals, according to recent data, by 15.7% year-over-year, to 906,200 tonnes, including 87,100 tonnes produced in November. A source in the industry told Interfax-Ukraine, in particular, the enterprises of the Ukrtruboprom association have increased pipe production by 31.4% over this period, to 649,000 tonnes. Including in November, output amounted to 69,700 tonnes.

In a statement released on Wednesday, Ukrtruboprom welcomed a decision of the Ukrainian authorities to raise the export duty on scrap metal from EUR 58 to EUR 180 per tonne.

“Ukrainian pipe manufacturers expected this measure to restrict the export of strategic raw materials six months ago. It was from the end of spring that the export of ferrous scrap became uncontrolled, which caused a shortage of raw materials and even the import of round billets,” Ukrtruboprom Director General Heorhiy Polsky said, who signed the statement.



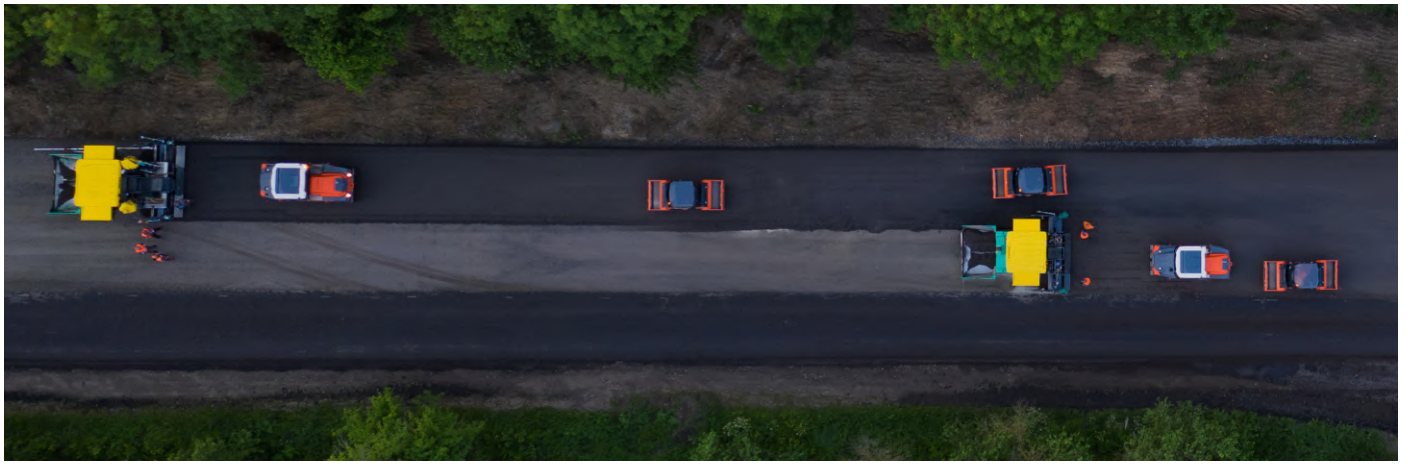
Ukraine needs its own bitumen production

Founder of the Autostrada Group of Companies Maksym Shkil has said that the Group does not currently experience a shortage of bitumen, however, in his opinion, the country needs to have its own production.

“*We do not feel a deficit in the company. We always have stocks for five-ten days, which are located on the territory of Ukraine. But in general, strategically, we need to have our own bitumen production, as well as production of high-quality petroleum products. Ukraine cannot but have this,” he said in an exclusive interview with Interfax-Ukraine.*

Maksym Shkil noted that for this there must be an appropriate state policy.

“If we take today, situationally, we must have the capacity for handling petroleum products in ports. Not exporting something, but accepting it. This issue, I think, should be enhanced so that Ukrainian ports can provide the Ukrainian market,” he said.



Tourists from Saudi Arabia spend around \$100 mln in Ukraine during nine months

The number of tourists from Saudi Arabia to Ukraine reached 48,700 people in nine months of 2021, which is 10 times more than in entire 2019, the State Agency for Tourism Development reported at a recent aviation tourism forum in Boryspil (Kyiv region).

The agency clarified that its calculations were based on the assumption that the minimum expenses of one tourist are \$2,000, while, according to expert estimates, they amount to \$2,000-3,000. The agency indicated that the cost of the promotional campaign in the Saudi Arabian market was \$120,000, another \$26,000 was spent on promotional tours. Among the success factors, the agency also named the entry of the leading low-cost airline of Saudi Arabia flynas into the Ukrainian market in May this year and the flights of the Ukrainian SkyUp.

At the same time, the agency indicated that in the first half of 2021, the number of tourists to Ukraine decreased by 31.54%, to 1.424 million people. The drop in the indicator was primarily due to tourists from Europe, as a result, their share decreased to 70.4% from 80% in the same period in 2020, while the share of tourists from Asia increased from 10.3% to 24.4%.



Expert: it takes 20 years to build big transport ring

Head of the Transformation Office Maksym Bakhmatov has announced the presentation of the Big Transport Ring tram-bus route project in Kyiv, the construction of which will take UAH 55 billion and 15-20 years.

“For the construction of the Big Transport Ring, Kyiv will need 15 to 20 years and UAH 55 billion. This may seem like large numbers. But this is only UAH 3 billion from the city budget. Such projects are usually funded by international financial institutions,” Bakhmatov wrote on Facebook. According to him, the ring will unite 16 routes and cover six districts of Kyiv. The passenger traffic will be 1.6 million people per day.

Bakhmatov noted that the construction of the route will be cheaper and faster than the construction of new metro stations.

“On December 21, we will present the project to Kyiv deputies and activists. Further, the project will be handed over to Kyiv for implementation. I invite Kyiv authorities, as well as representatives of the central government, for discussion,” he said.



First flight of Ukrainian national air carrier will be in 2022

The first flight of the national air carrier Ukrainian National Airlines (UNA) will be in 2022, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has said. “The first flight of the national carrier will be performed in 2022. By 2025, the airline’s fleet will be completed – at least 20 aircraft. Regular flights, both internal and external, will be launched,” the head of state said, speaking in the Verkhovna Rada with his annual nation address.

He also added that the Ukrainian carrier should be seen not only in Ukraine, but all over the world. And this, according to him, will be greatly helped by the Common Aviation Area Agreement, which Ukraine signed with the European Union.

“Therefore, UNA will definitely land in the EU. And such great plans are really inspiring,” he said.

Speaking about the construction of airports, the president said that now it is underway in 16 cities of the country. “We also want to build an international airport in Zakarpattia region, between Uzhgorod and Mukachevo, and two airports in eastern Ukraine,” Zelensky said.



Ukrainian Steel Construction Center: production of metal structures to grow to 5% in 2021

The production of metal structures in Ukraine by the end of 2021 may grow by 4-5%, this forecast was announced by Executive Director of the Ukrainian Steel Construction Center (USCC) Viacheslav Kolesnik.

“The first half of 2021 was good: the production of metal structures amounted to about 76,000 tonnes. The third quarter was slightly worse in terms of dynamics: at that moment the price began to fall, many believed that buying metal on a downtrend was not always justified. The situation has stabilized. We still expect that in 2021 we will get results somewhat better than last year – growth of 4-5%,” he said.

“According to Kolesnik, the metal structures market is currently in a downtrend in metal prices. “The rise in energy prices halted the downward trend – since October, prices have frozen. We hope that the trend of growth in energy prices will not last long, by the end of winter the situation will stabilize and the downward trend in metal prices will continue,” he said.

According to the expert, fluctuations in metal prices do not have a significant impact on exports, but on the local market they are significant from the point of view of the competitiveness of metal structures in comparison with other structural materials.

Kolesnik noted one more factor that may affect the final results of the year. “Significant volumes of metal are used for road construction, in particular for road fencing. Payments are practically suspended there in October-November. If payments to road fence manufacturers are not resumed, this segment will sag by 25-30% year-over-year,” he said.



Number of Kyivstar users with smartphones grows by 8%

The users of modern smartphones are 18 million subscribers of the network of the mobile operator Kyivstar.

According to the press service of the company, the data are for the third quarter of 2021. According to Kyivstar analytics, the number of network users who already have smartphones increased by 8% compared to the same period last year. Among them, about 16.6 million devices support 4G.



“For several years now, smartphones from Xiaomi (32%) and Samsung (27%) have been leading in popularity among Kyivstar customers. The next most common smartphones are Apple (13%), Huawei (9%) and Meizu (2%). Other phones make up 17%,” the report says.

At the same time, the company notes that only 1.4 million subscribers have smartphones that do not support 4G technology. Compared to 2020, there are half the number of such phones.



Professor: Investments in agricultural research increase added value by 32 times

Investments in research and development (R&D) and precision farming in the long term will allow raising investment in GDP by more than 30 times, professor of the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) Oleh Nivievsky said during a panel discussion at Interfax-Ukraine.

“One dollar of investment in research in the agricultural sector produces an average of \$ 32 in national wealth in the long term. Compared to investment in infrastructure, the figure there is up to \$ 5 per dollar invested in it. Accordingly, the potential of agricultural R&D is much higher than it might seem,” he stressed.

In addition, according to the expert, for the Ukrainian conditions of investment in agrarian R&D with the simultaneous introduction of precision farming methods, this indicator can be increased by 10%.

The panel discussion on the development of precision farming was also attended by Olha Trofimtseva, the President of the Ukrainian Agri-Food Platform; Serhiy Sychevsky, Bayer business development manager; Dmytro Zaitsev, the head of the precision farming service of Continental Farmers Group agricultural holding; head of the precision farming and telemetry department in Ukraine, Moldova, Scandinavia and the Baltic States at CNH Ukraine Mykola Chornonos; Kyrylo Druzynin, the director for innovation at Agrain.

Representative of Agrain agricultural holding Druzynin, in turn, clarified that the methods of introducing precision farming can differ significantly for agricultural holdings with thousands of hectares in processing and for farmers with a land bank of tens of hectares.

Panel discussion
Transformation of agriculture through digital technology

A-GRAIN CNH INDUSTRIAL АГРОПРОДАВЦІВКА КОНТИНЕНТАЛ BAYER

PARTICIPANTS

Kyrylo Druzynin Mykola Chornonos Dmytro Zaitsev Olga Trofimtseva Serhiy Sychevskiy

Expert Club

According to him, another trend in precision farming will be a reduction in the number of workers in agriculture and a change in the demand for professions: for example, now tractor drivers in an agricultural holding are more likely to perform the functions of operators controlling the autonomous operation of machines.

“I will make a small emphasis: at the Agritech exhibition in Germany, we will offer a solution that we will also offer in Ukraine. It will allow increasing the number of compatible combines that can generate such information in the fields,” Bayer’s business development manager said.

The representative of CNH Ukraine, Mykola Chornonos, emphasized a significant shortage of personnel capable of developing the direction of precision farming, especially specialists in the field of data analytics and machine learning. During the discussion, the participants supported the opinion that not a single educational institution in Ukraine prepares specialists in this industry, while agricultural companies themselves are engaged in their training “from scratch.”

Wine industry reprs will hold specialized forum in Odesa in May 2022

Producers and processors of grapes, as well as representatives of the wine industry will hold the international forum Odessa Wine Week in Odesa on May 25-29, the event will unite the efforts of the Ukrainian wine-making community aimed at developing the Ukrainian wine market, wine and gastronomic tourism, popularizing and promoting the Ukrainian Wine brand and the integration of Ukraine into the world wine community.

This was announced by the organizers of the event – head of the Ukrsadvinprom public organization Volodymyr Pechko, head of the Expo-Yug-Service projects Bella Khanameryan and head of the wine technology and sensory analysis department of the Odesa National Academy of Food Technologies Oksana Tkachenko at a press conference at Interfax- Ukraine.

According to Ukrsadvinprom head Pechko, his association organizes an annual forum, which was first held this year in Odesa, since this site allows to gather the leading experts of the wine industry, scientists, oenologists (experts in evaluating vineyards), winemakers, government officials, national and foreign wine associations, tourism industry, HoReCa and retail, sommeliers, journalists, wine traders and producers of related products and technologies to popularize Ukrainian wines.

“Last year, one could taste 305 samples from 65 wineries in Ukraine. That is, in one place you can taste Ukrainian wines: craft winemakers, medium-sized producers with vineyards of 40-60 hectares, and large producers from all over Ukraine,” Pechko said.

The organizer of the forum, Bella Khanameryan, specified that this year 30 companies have become partners of the event. In addition, 87 speakers and experts from 18 countries spoke at Odessa Wine Week 2021, profile reports and discussions were held on 40 topics, over 3,000 people attended the event.

According to her, in 2022, projects were announced at the forum, including talks about wine and Ukraine's integration into the world wine community Wine Future Forum, as well as the Odessa Wine & Spirit Awards competition.

“In 2022 we will have a creative competition for the best label. We will have a sailing regatta, a special program “Women in Winemaking,” evening performances, musical and artistic performances, exhibitions, biennials, everything that can be shown in the culture of drinking, pay attention to wine as part of the cultural code of the country,” Khanameryan explained.

According to Oksana Tkachenko, Ukrainian industry representatives see recognition in other countries of the world among their strategic goals.

“We already see interest from our closest neighbors, we are waiting for delegations from such countries such as Uzbekistan, Georgia, Armenia, who will not only come to show themselves, but we are preparing educational projects for them, within which they will visit wineries and participate in educational project in B2B and B2C formats,” Oksana Tkachenko said.

Interfax-Ukraine and the Experts Club acted as partners of Odessa Wine Week.



Ukraine processes almost 80 million tons of grain and leguminous crops

Ukraine since the beginning of this season and as of November 25, 2021 has threshed 79.73 million tonnes (3.06 million tonnes more per week, November 18 through November 25) of the main grain and leguminous crops from an area of 15.19 million hectares, according to a report on the website of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food.

According to the ministry, the harvesting of grains and legumes has been completed in five regions: Dnipropetrovsk (4.81 million tonnes in total), Mykolaiv (3.79 million tonnes), Kherson (3.51 million tonnes), Donetsk (2.27 million tonnes) and Ivano-Frankivsk (0.93 million tonnes) region. At the same time, the leaders in harvesting were Vinnytsia with an indicator of 6.21 million tonnes, Poltava (5.57 million tonnes), Chernihiv (5.43 million tonnes), Odesa (5.13 million tonnes), Kharkiv (4.87 million tonnes), Dnipropetrovsk (4.81 million tonnes) and Cherkasy (4.31 million) regions. In total, 102.23 million tonnes (3.48 million tonnes more per week) of major cereals, legumes, oilseeds (as well as sugar beets dug out) have been harvested this season from a total area of 23.97 million hectares.

As the ministry said, 35.07 million tonnes of corn from 4.78 million hectares (87% of the forecast) were harvested as of the indicated date. In addition, 16.17 million tonnes of sunflower (0.38 million tonnes more) were harvested from 6.47 million hectares (99% of the forecast). Farmers of Ukraine also dug up 10.53 million tonnes (0.28 million tonnes more) of sugar beet from 222,700 hectares (98% of the forecast).

Bioniq Ukraine: smart health management system presented in Kyiv

On December 8, a presentation of the British health-tech company Bioniq took place at the Queen Kyiv restaurant complex. The international startup announced that it had signed an agreement with a local partner to promote the brand on the Ukrainian market. The company's products were presented by Vadim Fedotov, the CEO and co-founder of Bioniq, and Oleksandr Orlov, the founder of the Bulldozer Group Ukraine restaurant holding, the general partner of Bioniq in Ukraine.

The British health-tech company Bioniq is dedicated to personalized smart health tracking solutions. The company was founded in 2019 and is headquartered in London. Bioniq currently operates in the UK, Europe, the United Arab Emirates and now in Ukraine, offering its clients individual solutions to optimize their health.

"The task of Bioniq is to make health accessible and provide personalized solutions for everyone. Entering the Ukrainian market with the partner Bulldozer Group Ukraine allows us to expand access to the health monitoring platform for another country and give the citizens of Ukraine the opportunity to learn more about themselves and receive solutions to optimize their health. For a long time, we have heard about the demand of the Ukrainian market in terms of creating a need for the launch of Bioniq. And we are happy to finally announce that in the near future the company's products will become available to Ukrainians," Vadim Fedotov, the CEO of Bioniq, said.

During the presentation, two cutting edge Bioniq products were introduced to the guests. Bioniq LIFE is a concierge service that has already established itself among the advocates of a healthy lifestyle in the UK and the UAE. The product allows you to get rid of vitamin deficiencies on the basis of a blood test. The service works in a subscription format, the program also includes support from a personal manager and recommendations from health experts.

Simultaneously with the release of Bioniq in Ukraine, the launch of a new product – Bioniq GO – was announced at the event. The level of its personalization is 200,000 times higher than analogues on the market. The product is selected individually after passing a non-contact test thanks to the company's database, now the service has performed more than 50,000 blood tests and prepared personalized solutions for 30,000 customers on three continents.

As part of the presentation of Bioniq Ukraine, the guests of the event had the opportunity to be among the first in Ukraine to feel the innovativeness and individual approach of Bioniq, so the first checkups were carried out immediately at the location. After a detailed study of a blood test for more than fifty parameters, Bioniq creates personalized solutions that allow optimizing vitamin and nutrient deficiencies in the body, and therefore optimizing one's health in the face of daily stress and rush.

Learn more about Bioniq Ukraine: bioniq.com/ua, instagram.com/bioniqukr, 067 444 00 33

New Year at forest SPA resort GRAND ADMIRAL RESORT & SPA

The forest SPA resort GRAND ADMIRAL RESORT & SPA invites you to plan the celebration of New Year 2022 in advance. An eventual program has been prepared for the guests of the club: an impressive entertainer who will joke to make you laugh; amazing vocals and world hits from a cover band, so that you dance heartily; author's menu from the chef to make incredibly tasty dishes for you!



Entertainment

December 31. New Year's magic

14:00 – 19:00 Daytime animation for children, Admiral Kids Club

21:00 – 22:00 Welcome aperitif accompanied by live music. SPA hotel hall

From 21:00 Children's New Year's program with buffet table and a cake, Admiral Kids Club

From 22:00 New Year's Eve with a charismatic entertainer, world hits from the Franky Jazz group and a festive menu from the chef. Mozart panoramic restaurant

January 1. Relax day

9:00 – 10:00 Breakfast for young guests, Fusion hall

11:00 – 14:00 Festive brunch with a sparkling wine outside. Atmosphere: folk music and songs from the folk group.

Arbors of the "Pearl Town"

11:00 – 17:00 Daytime fairy tale animation for children at Admiral Kids Club

19:00 – 22:00 Cozy evening with live music at the Mozart restaurant

The cost of the New Year's package, depending on the category of rooms, is from UAH 27,800, accommodation for 2 days is included, check-in on December 31, check-out on January 2; New Year's menu and a program for two persons.

What to do in the Club in winter

1 Visit Ukraine's best Wellness & SPA according to the World Luxury SPA Awards. It offers six bath houses and saunas, an outdoor Jacuzzi, a warm indoor pool, contrasting hot tubs and a spacious relaxation area with a Wellness bar. We recommend special offers with an integrated approach: a SPA day, a SPA tour and relaxing duet rituals in a double suite.

2 Free your body from the heavy ballast of stressful experiences, sleepless nights, possibly prolonged holidays, excesses in food and alcoholic drinks. Improve your health and make a full check-up of the body in the comfortable conditions of the Medical SPA, by completing a medical program for detoxification, anti-age or weight loss.

3 Spend a cozy evening in the Mozart panoramic restaurant with signature cuisine from the chef and a rich wine list. Live music creates the atmosphere every Saturday.

4 To unite with the family, friends or business partners: the club area of 23 hectares, a forest trail with original installations, signs for interactive recreation and the sculpture park "Away from the Hustle and Bustle" from world famous Ukrainian sculptors are at our guests' service.

5 Give children an interesting weekend: every weekend there is an animation program in the Club for young guests and special offers for school holidays.

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Ukraine doubles seed export to EU

Ukraine exported 1,640 tonnes of seeds to the countries of the European Union in January-October 2021, which is twice the figures for the entire 2020 (820 tonnes) and 5 times more than in 2019 (320 tonnes), according a Thursday posting on the website of the State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

"Opening the European market for us is a 10-year way. Negotiations on the recognition of domestic seeds as compliant with EU requirements began in 2011 and lasted a very long time. Now, we have every opportunity to benefit from the many years of work of negotiators – dozens of people from business and government," the authority quoted its head Vladyslava Mahaletska speaking at the online conference Seed Forum 2021.

According to the authority, in January-October 2021, 1,210 tonnes of corn seeds, 330 tonnes of wheat seeds, and 50 tonnes of sunflower seeds and all other crops in total were exported to the EU. To open the export of seeds from Ukraine and to comply with the phytosanitary requirements of the EU, in 2021



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