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USA TO INCREASE MILITARY AID TO UKRAINE BY ANOTHER \$10BLN



The head of the US Department of State's Interagency Assistance Department, Daphne Rand, has confirmed that Washington intends to provide Ukraine with an additional \$9.9bn in budget support.

"The U.S. has provided \$13 billion in budget support to the government of Ukraine, and we are working with Congress to provide another \$9.9 billion in the coming months," Rand told reporters.

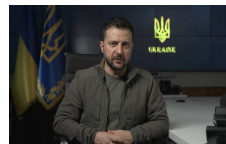
She added that Washington "remains committed to working with the government of Ukraine to maintain its operational capacity and provide additional budget support as needed."

The Washington Post reported earlier this week that the U.S. government is working to have Congress approve an additional \$10 billion military aid package for Ukraine.

The newspaper noted that the next military aid package is expected to be announced next week, almost simultaneously with the announcement of additional sanctions against Russia.

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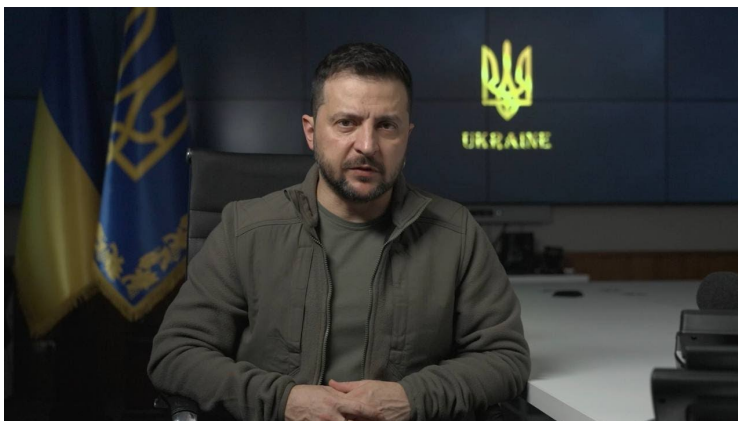
UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT ZELENSKY PROMISES BUSINESS SIMPLIFICATIONS IN DOZENS OF AREAS

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky notes the acuteness of the problem of humanitarian demining and announces simplifications for business in dozens of directions.

“*The agricultural sector is a very acute issue of humanitarian demining of land. At the level of the Cabinet of Ministers an interdepartmental working group has been created to ensure the implementation of this activity – clearing soil of mines and unexploded ordnance,*” he said in a video message.

“Held an economic meeting today on preparations for spring. A lot of issues that relate to Ukraine’s economic recovery, creating economic opportunities for our people, industries,” he said.

According to Zelensky, “Businesses will get simplifications in dozens of ways. This applies to various bureaucratic permits and licenses. Steps are also being prepared to create jobs. Every job is an aid to our resilience and a way for our people to come back to Ukraine.”



SAUDI ARABIA TO PROVIDE \$400 MILLION IN AID TO UKRAINE

Ukraine and Saudi Arabia signed documents on Sunday in Kiev to provide Kiev with a \$400 million aid package, \$100 million in humanitarian aid and \$300 million in oil products, Ukrainian President Andrei Yermak said in his Telegram channel.

“There is a successful visit to Kiev of the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud. He met with President Vladimir Zelensky and the team. This is the first official visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia to Ukraine since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our countries (14 April 1993). And I am personally grateful to Prince Feisal bin Farhan Al Saud for the constructive dialogue that eventually led us to this meeting,” he wrote.



In particular, Yermak also wrote, “we are talking about a joint cooperation program with the King Salman Center for Humanitarian Aid and Relief and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Development Fund.”

“I would like to remind you that Ukraine and Saudi Arabia have common challenges and experience in dealing with them. We are talking about Iranian UAVs, which were supplied to certain ‘insurgents’ and carried out attacks on Saudi oil facilities,” he also wrote.

CLUB OF EXPERTS CONSOLIDATED FORECASTS FOR UKRAINIAN AND GLOBAL ECONOMY IN 2023

A new video dedicated to the situation in the Ukrainian and world economy at the beginning of 2023 has been published on the YouTube channel of the “Club of Experts” analytical center. The official data concerning the main macroeconomic indicators was presented in the program as well as the forecasts of the leading world analytics for the years 2023-2024 were consolidated.



According to the analysts, the indicators of Ukrainian economy are stable on the whole. Thus to support it in the conditions of war in 2023 the increase of volumes of macrofinancial help from partners will be required. Thus, the founder of the Club of Experts, candidate of economic sciences Maxim Urakin referred to the IMF assessment, according to which Ukraine’s needs for external financing in the current year will be not less than 39.5 billion dollars and can reach 57 billion.

“This forecast is an expression of a high degree of uncertainty on the part of the world’s leading financial institutions with regard to the situation in the Ukrainian economy, and also demonstrates the increasing pressure on it from expenditures,” the expert stressed.

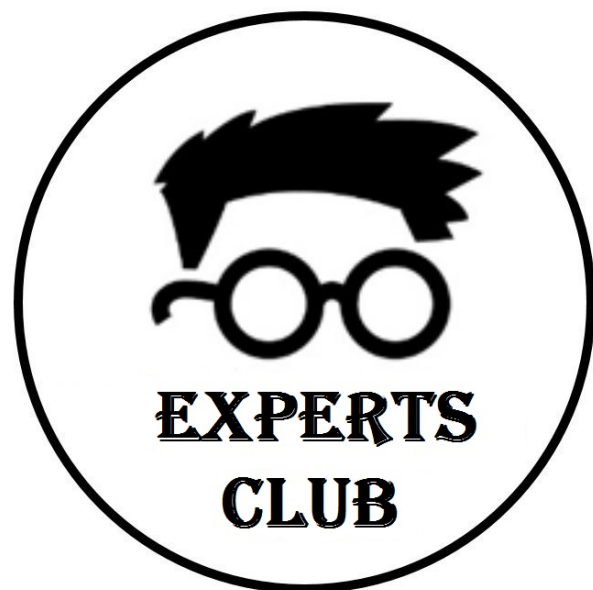
As for the global indicators, the same IMF forecasts that more than a third of the global economy in 2023 will arrive in recession. In turn, Bloomberg notes a record fall in global stock and bond markets in the last months of 2022. At the same time, investors are more optimistic about this year’s prospects.

“The end of the cycle of interest rate hikes, the recovery of the Chinese economy and the end of the war in Ukraine followed by the recovery of our economy could significantly improve the situation both in our country and in the world,” said Maxim Urakin.

For more details on the situation in Ukraine and the world economy, please watch the video on the “Club of Experts” channel by clicking here:

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ZELENSKY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky believes it is important for the country to have meaningful relations with the entire region. Southeast Asia and with every state in the region.

In a video address on Monday, noting a telephone conversation with the president of the Philippines, he said that “Ukrainian diplomacy has a clear task – to reach out to all regions of the world, where our position is not yet sufficiently represented, to make Ukraine and Ukrainian interests understandable to all those states and peoples with whom we do not yet have stable relations.”

“This applies to Asian directions as well as to Africa and Latin America,” he said.

UKRAINIAN-POLISH ART PROJECT “WAR THROUGH PRISM OF ART” PRESENTED IN KYIV

On February 23, the Ukrainian-Polish art project “War through the Prism of Art” was presented in Kiev at the press center of the Interfax-Ukraine news agency.

Art plays an important role in highlighting the horrors of the war and in overcoming its consequences, so the presentation of Ukrainian works in the European scientific and cultural space is very important, said Professor of Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture, Honorary Restorer of Ukraine Yulia Ivashko.

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“In March, a conference will be held at the University of Lodz where the role of the artist and art in covering the war in Ukraine and its post-war reconstruction will be discussed. In addition, exhibitions of works by Ukrainian photographer and defender Sergey Belinsky have already been held in the Czech Opava and Ostrava, and in the near future an exhibition will open in Polish Poznan,” Ivashko said at a press conference in the Interfax-Ukraine news agency on Thursday.

According to her, the tragedy of the war in Ukraine forced everyone to reconsider their system of values.

“Now we Ukrainians are changing the world, and in such projects it is very important to feel a sense of elbow of our European friends, so to speak,” she stressed.

Head of the press service of the 28th separate mechanized brigade of the AFU named after the Knights of the Winter Campaign Sergey Bilinsky, who is the author of the works presented at the exhibition, thanked Polish colleagues for their support and stressed that the art project was started since the first days of the war and gradually became not only artistic, but also scientific.



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According to Anastasia Urakina, an architect and young scholar, a graduate student at the Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture, war and the risks associated with it can lead to various psychological traumas, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and others. That is why the art project “War through the prism of art” together with the Kyiv think tank “Experts Club” are conducting a course of psychological rehabilitation and art therapy for people of all walks of life – children, disabled people, the elderly and others.

“The groups will be led by professional psychologists and artists, and the classes will be held at the Kyiv-based think tank Experts Club. There will also be art therapy classes and exhibitions of works by Ukrainian artists,” emphasized Urakina.

IN APRIL, ITALY WILL ORGANIZE CONFERENCE WITH ITS OWN BUSINESS COMPANIES ON RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE

Italy will organize a conference involving its own business companies on Ukraine's reconstruction in April this year, Italian Prime Minister Giorgi Meloni said.

"We talked today about the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine and about the Fast Recovery Plan, that is, the reconstruction now ... In Italy a conference will be organized about the reconstruction in April of this year. We will work on its organization. Italian companies have the know-how and the competence to provide, because Italy wants to play a significant role in the reconstruction of Ukraine – starting now," Meloni said at a press conference with the President of Ukraine in Kyiv.



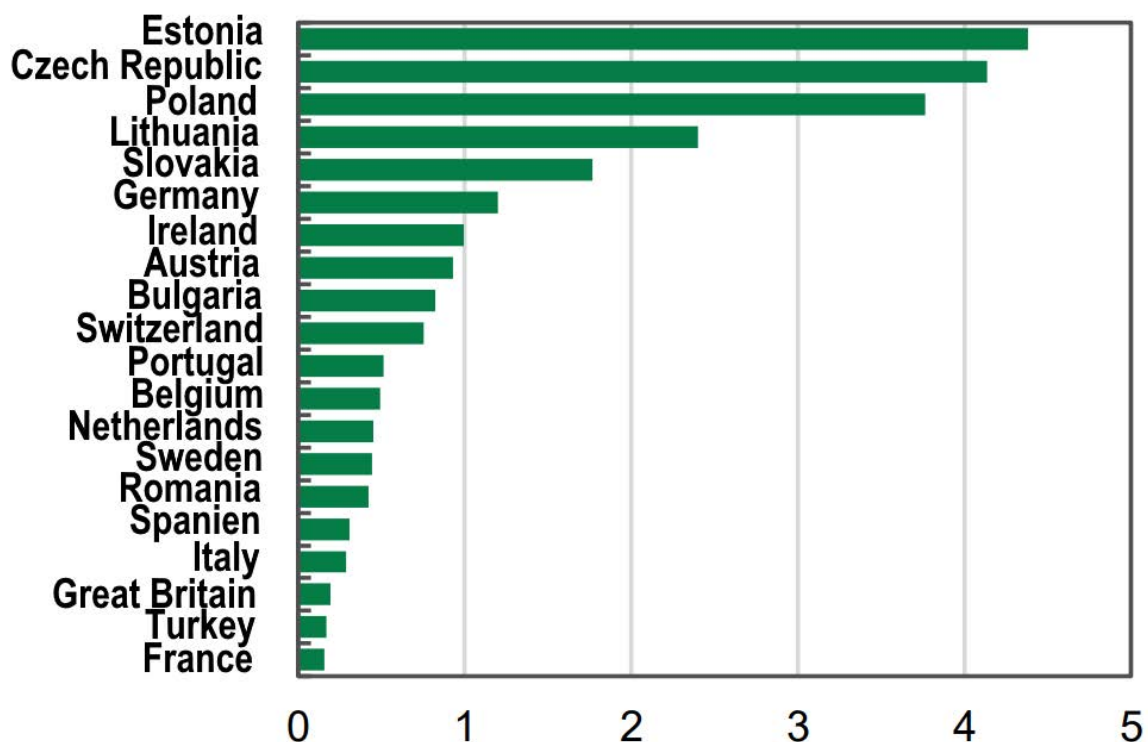
She stressed that Italy can do a lot in this context because it has tremendous experience in many strategic areas like infrastructure, transportation, energy, agriculture, food, etc.

"Our know-how will be able to give an opportunity and the right signal: what was destroyed will be restored," said the Italian prime minister.

In addition, she said, holding the international exhibition Expo 2030 in Odessa, where Ukraine has applied, would be a special signal to Europe, namely: "Belief that everything will be fine in Ukraine."

Also, as Meloni noted, Italy already provides support and assistance to Ukraine in the field of protection of cultural heritage.

RATIO OF NUMBER OF UKRAINIAN MIGRANTS TO POPULATION OF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AS OF 03.10.2022, %



SIMPLIFIED REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR DRUGS REGISTERED IN COUNTRIES WITH STRICT REGULATORY SYSTEMS IS NOT EFFECTIVE – ASSOCIATION

The simplified registration procedure for medicines registered in countries with a strict regulatory system stipulated by the Ministry of Health's order No. 1245 of 2016 is not effective, according to the Indian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IPMA).

“*The simplified procedure stipulated for registration of drugs registered in countries with strict regulatory systems has recently been ineffective, and applicants have had rejections on formal grounds,” the IPMA said.*

According to the association, in particular, based on the conclusion of the State Expert Center (SEC), the Ministry of Health appointed a meeting of the Commission on Problematic Issues, where a collegial decision regarding registration was taken, but since February 2022, there was no commission. At the end of 2022, orders were still signed on state registration of medicines registered by the competent authorities of the USA, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, and the EU. At the same time, on February 10, 2023, the Ministry of Health signed an order to refuse state registration of 34 foreign-made drugs.

“We believe that a simplified procedure would work more effectively if the work of the Ministry of Health Commission on Problematic Issues was resumed. The refusal to register 34 medicines of leading foreign manufacturers due to problems in the interpretation of the legislation and on formal grounds is discriminatory and harms the welfare and health of the Ukrainian people in wartime”, the IPMA noted.

The association believes that the order of February 10, 2023, which denied registration of 34 medicinal products registered in countries with strict regulatory systems, should be canceled, and the applicants that were denied registration should have the opportunity to justify the grounds for registration and confirm compliance with legislation.

The IPMA noted that the reason for refusing to register medicinal products, whose applicants are IPMA member companies, could be inconsistencies caused in part by legal requirements and peculiarities of registration in Ukraine.

“We are talking about the first registration of Indian medicinal products whose applicants are members of our Association. These are new high quality medicinal products that have already been evaluated by the competent authorities of the USA, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and Canada and according to the centralized procedure registered by the EU competent authority”, – the IPMA informed.

AFTER LONG BREAK IN KIEV, CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY TO VINOHRADY WAS RESUMED

After a long break, the construction of the subway to Vynohradar has been resumed in Kiev.

As the head of the Kyiv subway Viktor Brahinsky said on the air of TSN, the contractor has resumed the construction of a new subway station in Kyiv – Vinohradar: first the consolidation of already built tunnels will be completed, and then will begin construction of the second tunnel from Mostitskaya station to Syrets station.

“*According to Brahinsky, there is no clear timeline for the completion of the work yet, because the pace of construction is affected by the current situation in the country.*

“Of course, the pace of construction is affected by the current situation, because construction crews and everyone involved in the construction during the air alert must be safe. In addition, the unstable power supply slows down the work process. But despite the difficulties arising from the war, the Kiev city authorities and the subway are making every effort to ensure that this project will continue,” – said the head of the subway.

Previously, the capital authorities had promised the citizens to open the first station at the end of 2021, but it did not meet the deadline, and then the war began. According to the previously published project, the Kyiv subway is going to build four new stations from “Syrets” terminus: “Mostitskaya”, “Prospekt Pravda”, “Vinogradar” and “Marshala Grechko Street”.

UKRAINE EXPORTED ALMOST 32 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN SINCE BEGINNING OF MARKETING YEAR

Ukraine since the beginning of 2022/2023 marketing year (MY, July-June) and until February 27 has exported 31.78 million tons of grain crops, including 18.2 million tons of corn (57.2% of total supplies), 11.24 million tons of wheat (35.6%) and 2.05 million tons of barley (6.4%).

As reported on the website of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food on Monday, the rate of grain exports since the beginning of this MY is by 26.9% lower than during the same period of the previous MY, when 43.52 million tons were shipped abroad on that date. Thus, on February 27, there was achieved the minimum for the season lag of export volumes from the indicators of the previous season. For comparison, the previous smallest gap from last year's figures at the rate of "minus" 28.65% was recorded on February 13.

According to the Ministry, Ukraine has exported 18.2 million tons of corn (-5.8% compared to the same period last year), 11.24 million tons of wheat (1.61 times less), 2.05 million tons of barley (2.75 times less), 15.8 thousand tons of rye (10.2 times less) and 97.7 tons of flour (+43.7%) since the beginning of 2022/2023 MY and until February 27 this year.

It is specified that Ukraine exported 4.7 million tons of grain since early February, including 2.94 million tons of corn, 1.51 million tons of wheat, 229 tons of barley, 15,300 tons of flour and 3 tons of rye.

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TAS GROUP BECAME STRATEGIC INVESTOR IN VOESTALPINE AND ÖBB RAIL CARGO WAGON JOINT VENTURE

Cypriot T.A.S. Overseas Investments Limited of Sergey Tigipko's TAS Group has acquired 40.03% in Austrian TransAnt GmbH (Linz), a joint venture established by Austrian ÖBB Rail Cargo Group and voestalpine Stahl GmbH to produce innovative and cost-efficient rail freight cars.

“Another strategic investor with extensive know-how in the railcar industry and modern available assets for the production of freight cars has been brought on board for the company's recent growth phase in February 2023,” according to information on TransAnt's website.



According to the Austrian register, voestalpine Stahl's share has fallen from 80.2% to 48.1% and Rail Cargo Group's from 19.8% to 11.87%.

The joint venture specifies that after its first cars in continuous operation on the railroad since 2019, another series is being worked on, and TransAnt is focused on creating its own manufacturing technology.

“As early as the second half of 2023, we plan to produce additional railcars in greater numbers using this new manufacturing technology,” the company pointed out.

As previously reported, the competition authorities in Ukraine and Cyprus previously granted TAS Overseas Investments Limited of the TAS Group permission to purchase over 25% in TransAnt.

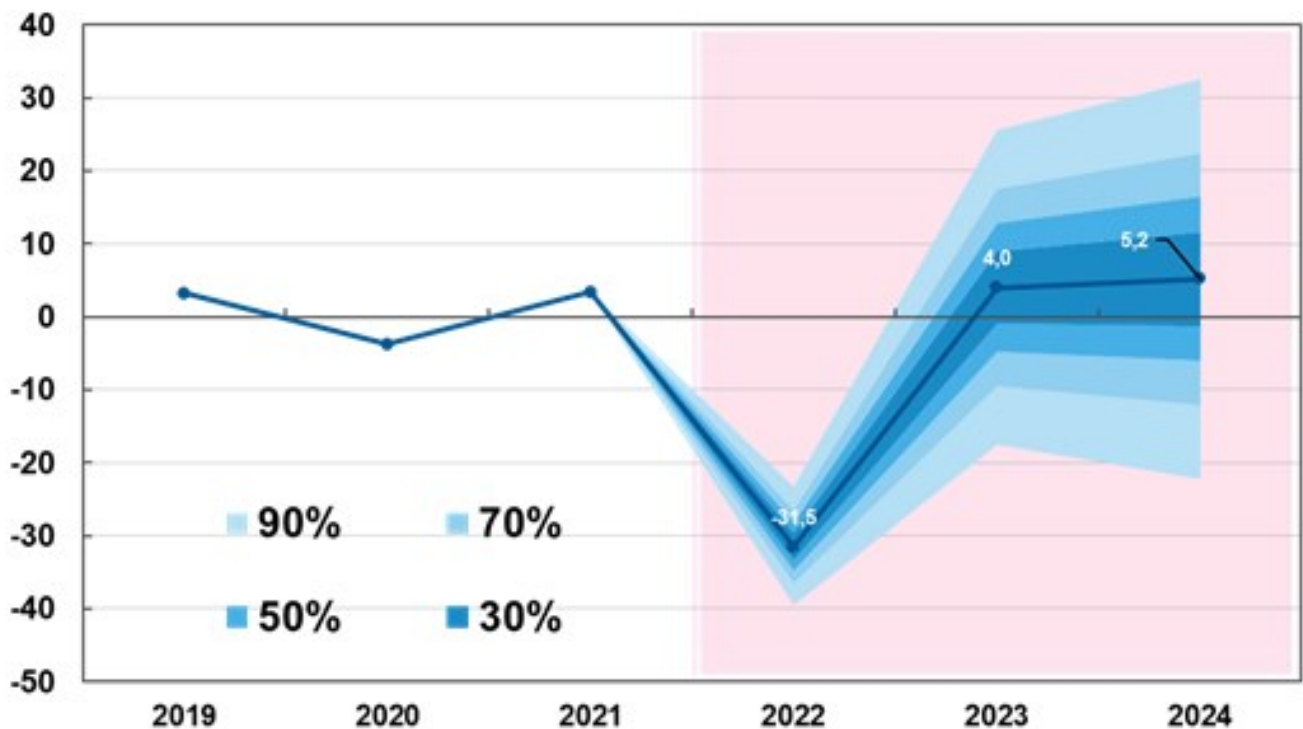
“TransAnt GmbH is a joint venture established at the end of 2020 between Rail Cargo Austria Aktiengesellschaft and voestalpine Stahl GmbH to operate in the rail freight sector. At this stage, TransAnt is not engaged in commercial activities.

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UKRAINIAN IT-COMPANIES ATTRACTED \$1 BLN OF VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN 2022

Ukrainian IT companies attracted about \$1 billion in venture capital investments in 2022, mainly these were investments by foreign companies, while the activity of most Ukrainian companies from other sectors that invested in IT development before the war has dropped to zero, said Deputy Minister of Digital Transformation on IT Development Alexander Boryakov.

“*I will not give a clear figure. I can guess up to \$1 billion last year (the number of venture capital investments in IT) even in conditions of a full-scale war,” he said in an interview with Interfax-Ukraine.*

According to him, since the beginning of the war, the interest of venture capitalists in the sector has declined sharply, but activity resumed in the summer. In particular, Blue&Yellow Heritage Fund (the first venture fund of the American company Venture Capital to work with Ukrainian IT-projects – IFU) was founded for \$50 million. Also several foreign funds ready to invest over \$10 million each are known, added the deputy minister.

“I do not see people in Ukraine today who would allocate funds for this. Just imagine, before the war, the same DTEK, Metinvest had groups that were engaged in innovations and investments. However, I don’t think that against the background of how many facilities suffered because of the full-scale Russian invasion, these groups have funding. Kyivstar, Vodafone, Pinchuk’s group had similar projects. Now the majority of the projects are winding down”, – Mr. Boryakov said. The top three areas of interest to investors, according to Boryakov, include web3, mil-tech, and artificial intelligence.

UKRAINIAN AGRO CONNECTION COOPERATIVE PLANS TO CREATE OVP ON INGULETSKAYA IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Ukrainian Agro Connection, an agricultural service cooperative (ASC) founded by the owner of A.G.R. Group owner Misak Khidiryan, is working to create a water user organization (WUO) in the Nikolayev region.

The project is planned to be implemented on a part of Inguletskaya irrigation system in Mykolaiv region, the Chairman of the cooperative Bogdan Kupriyanov told Interfax-Ukraine.

According to him, OVP as a legal entity is created by owners or users of agricultural land for the use and maintenance of engineering infrastructure of state land reclamation systems. The purpose of its creation is to provide irrigation services for land plots in the WUA service area. In addition, the establishment of the WUA on the Inguletskaya irrigation system as one of the largest irrigation systems in Ukraine will contribute to strengthening the economy, ensuring food security of Ukraine and preventing the negative effects of climate change

“*Kupriyanov specified that now there are three OVPs operating in Ukraine – on the territory of Trushevskaya, Suvorovskaya and Kilchenskaya irrigation systems. They were registered in December 2022. Thus, the OVP created by the Ukrainian Agro Connection cooperative may well become the largest in the country.*

As it was reported, on August, 27, 2022 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved the model statute of OVP that regulates the main aspects of such organizations, their legal status, the order of creation of such legal entities, OVP managing bodies and their authorities, main directions of OVP activity, the order of business activity and OVP termination. Already in December of the same year there were created 3 TCCs.

A.G.R. Agroholding. Group includes more than 20 companies. The main fields of its activities are trading of agricultural products, cultivation and storage of grain crops, and livestock breeding. A.G.R. Group cultivates land in Poltava, Kiev, Chernigov, Nikolaev and Sumy regions. The grown products are sold on foreign markets. The president of the holding and head of its supervisory board is businessman Misak Khidirian.

“SUMYKHIMPROM” LAUNCHES SHOPS SINCE APRIL

PJSC SUMYKHIMPROM has started the step-by-step restoration after the forced stop of the enterprise activity last year, which lasted almost half a year after shells hit the territory of the plant and damaged some objects.

“We have completed the restoration works, overhauls and in April we will start up the basic shops of the plant. The whole technological cycle will be started,” Vladimir Volkov, the executive director of the plant, said at the meeting of the Union of Chemists of Ukraine.

According to his words it is planned to load in full the workshops on production of mineral fertilizers, pigments and sulfuric acid production.



“Already in April our capacities will be able to produce 20-25 thousand tons of fertilizers per month with step-by-step increase up to 35 thousand tons per month, about 1800 tons of titanium dioxide and 35-40 tons of sulfuric acid per month”, – said the director.

He noted that a significant package of orders has already been formed for the coming months.

“We have to fulfill the production plan to produce more than 200 thousand tons of complex fertilizers within half a year,” Volkov stressed, noting that in-house production allows to reduce the risks of import supplies during the war.

The head of Sumykhimprom specified that the production program of fertilizers is adjusted to the demand of Ukrainian agrarians.



UKRAINE INCREASES TONNAGE OF ‘GRAIN INITIATIVE’ SHIPS

Ukraine is increasing the displacement of Grain Initiative ships in order to increase exports and reduce ship downtime in the current conditions of sabotage of ship inspections by the Russian side, the Ministry of Restoration reported.

“In particular, for grain – from 20,000 tonnes to 25,000 tonnes, and for oil – from 6,000 tonnes to 10,000 tonnes. Considering that the average number of inspections of the incoming fleet is only 2.5 ships per day, the increase should be expected in a month and a half,” the ministry said on Facebook.

It also indicated that the ports of Greater Odesa last week sent 1.1 million tonnes of agricultural products as part of the grain initiative.

“In particular, 54,000 tonnes of wheat were sent to Sri Lanka, 57,000 tonnes to Bangladesh, and 90,000 tonnes are expected in Kenya, Tunisia and Egypt,” the ministry said.



According to the ministry, exports via the grain corridor last week increased by 152,000 tonnes compared to the previous week, but the overall rate of new ships entering for loading continues to decline.



“Last week, the ports of Greater Odesa accepted only 16 ships, the day before last – 25,” the department added.

At the same time, as of February 12, some 145 vessels are already awaiting inspection by the Joint Coordination Centre (JCC), of which 122 are heading to Ukrainian ports for agricultural products.

There are 18 vessels in the ports of Greater Odesa. They load 584,500 tonnes of Ukrainian food. Only one vessel moves along the grain corridor after the inspection.

IN 2022 GRAIN AND OILSEEDS TRANSPORTATION FROM UKRAINE TO POLAND BY RAIL INCREASED ALMOST BY 30 TIMES

Transportation of grains and oilseeds from Ukraine to Poland by rail in 2022 increased by 27 times compared to 2021, Rafal Weber, state secretary of Polish Ministry of Infrastructure, said at the International Conference on Transport Development at European level without specifying the absolute figure.

At the same time, Mustafa Nayem, head of Ukraine's State Agency for Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Development, who attended the conference, noted that new logistics routes may have emerged over that period.

Further intensification of trade flows puts Poland before the need to increase the transshipment capacity of port infrastructure, the capacity of which until recently has been a deterrent to the growth of grain shipments from Ukraine, the conference participants noted. "Ports have to be too big to handle growing cargo flows. The Port of Gdansk is currently reaching its maximum transshipment capacity. We have to anticipate what will happen and prepare more berths," Lukasz Greinke, director of the Port of Gdańsk, said at the conference.



UKRAINIAN GRAIN ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR RESTORATION OF FREE NAVIGATION IN BLACK SEA – STATEMENT

The Ukrainian Grain Association (UZA) called on the world community, Turkey and the UN to oppose the Russian seizure of the Black Sea and the establishment of restrictions on navigation for other countries.

"UZA considers it necessary to note that the Black Sea is not an internal sea of Russia, where it can dictate to other countries requirements to navigation. Russia's purposeful actions to delay inspections of ships bound for Ukrainian ports to load grain and other food products under the Black Sea Grain Initiative demonstrate Russia's real intentions to continue destabilizing global food security and turning food into weapons," according to the organization's website.

UZA stressed that because of Russia's deliberate delay in inspecting ships, a queue of more than 140 ships has formed in the Bosphorus, with the vast majority waiting their turn for more than a month. Thus, the food security of the countries that depend on the export of Ukrainian food products was threatened.

In addition, the Russian Federation, despite military aggression, attacks on Ukrainian ports and restriction of navigation in Ukrainian seaports, continues to enjoy unimpeded commercial passage of its vessels from Russian Black Sea ports.

"The involvement of the Russian side in the inspection of vessels going to Ukrainian ports (which it deliberately and intentionally delays) and at the same time the absence of inspections of vessels sailing from Russian ports in the Azov-Black Sea basin is nothing but rewarding the aggressor and restricting navigation in international waters of the Black Sea in its favor," – stated in a statement of the association.

In particular, Russian inspectors are slowing down inspections, regularly demanding unregulated documentation, refusing to work during working hours, and looking for other unreasonable reasons to stop inspections. Typically, fewer than half of the 10 inspections scheduled each day occur.

It is emphasized that such destructive policy of Russia has led to a systematic reduction of cargo turnover in the framework of the Black Sea Grain Initiative. In the past three months alone, the world has under-received 10 million tons of Ukrainian food.

DESPITE WAR AND BLACKOUT, NEW RESTAURANTS ARE OPENING IN KYIV

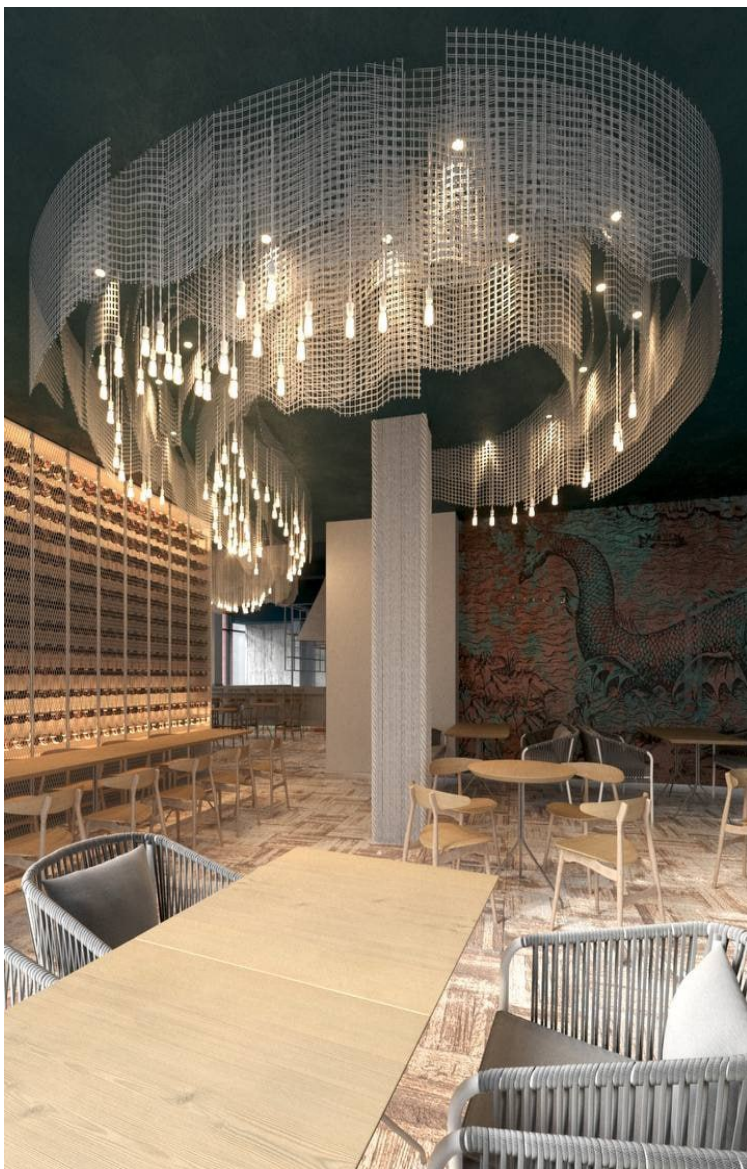
The capital's restaurant business felt the consequences of enemy shelling and power outages the most. Many interesting and unique establishments were forced to suspend or even stop their activities. However, the opening of new locations, in particular the expansion of the restaurant chain of Mediterranean cuisine "Porto", gives hope for the future.

Restaurant "Porto" is located in the city center at the address: Lesia Ukrainka Boulevard, 30 B.

The main idea of the establishment is to create the atmosphere of a Mediterranean town in the business center of the capital, which helps to distract the visitor from the stormy life of the city and set up for a leisurely visit, immersion in the atmosphere of a small European port, with the opportunity to dive into the depths of the sea, warm up in the warm company of close friends, share a delicious dinner, enjoy the blue waves and emerge refreshed in anticipation of the next visit to the port.

The complex shape of the restaurant immediately suggests the motive of the future design - two halls, like the bays of the port city, flow into each other, connected by a fish market with fresh catch right under the sails of fishermen, and completed with a summer terrace - an exit from the port to the city. And there is nothing better in the traditions of the Mediterranean than the combination of fresh fish with the family winery.

The atmosphere of the port is also created by the snow-white sails of the ships, the wall with the image of the terrible ruler of the seas, the whale from the "History of Animals" by Konrad von Gesner, which was tamed to protect the exquisite treasures of our restaurant - a collection of bottles of selected wine, which according to legend is created on the neighboring hills. Jellyfish lamps hover slowly over the bar against the backdrop of a rusty ship, waiting for guests.



The interior is soaked in deep sea blue with bright white accents of sails and tablecloths. On the ceiling, uniting both halls, the sea waves fluctuate in smooth curves, play with rays of warm, like sunlight from a set of bulbs, twist into a whirlpool, drawing the visitor to explore the entire space, explore both halls, and the columns-cables - carefully stacked gear, without which the life of the port is impossible, attract attention with the skill of their performance.

The restaurant's menu offers a variety of shellfish and fish: sea tongue, mullet, sunfish, stingray wings, turbot and others. Guests can choose the cooking method: sauté, soup, siciliano, in parchment, grilled, homemade and in salt, and then watch the cooking process in the open kitchen. As well as fresh salad, meat dishes, freshly baked bread, homemade desserts and a wide selection of wines. A unique culinary "route" awaits you - from seafood delicacies, through delicious Serbian cuisine to fresh salads prepared with special care.

The guests of the restaurant have already decided on the favorite of the menu - seafood sauté. Sommelier will select a wine pair for each position to emphasize the refined taste of the dish. The wine list contains the best samples of wines from around the world.

LARGE UKRAINIAN TOMATO PASTE PRODUCER AGROFUSION WILL RESUME WORK AT THREE OF ITS PLANTS

Large Ukrainian tomato paste producer Agrofusion (Agrofusion, Mykolayiv) intends to resume operations of its three tomato processing plants in Mykolayiv and Kherson regions, which were on the front line and were significantly damaged during the hostilities with Russian invaders.



The holding company is tasked with restoring the industry in the region, creating jobs and resuming exports of tomato paste from Ukraine, according to the EastFruit information and analysis platform's website Monday.

"We built three tomato processing plants in the Mykolaiv region. These plants were among the best in Europe. Our plants are located in Zhovtnevyi (Vitovka – IF) district of Mykolaiv region and in Snegiriv region. These regions were on the front line and suffered a lot," EastFruit quoted Agrofusion founder and director Sergei Sipko as saying.

He also clarified that now out of 2 thousand employees of the enterprises 400 people are ready to work.

"Agrofusion is a vertically integrated group of companies. Engaged in growing and processing of tomatoes for the producers of juices, ketchups and tomato sauces. Produces tomato paste under the Inagro brand that is represented in 45 countries around the world.

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