UN IS SHORT OF MORE THAN BLN DOLLARS TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE IN 2025

The United Nations is short of more than a billion dollars to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine in 2025, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator for Ukraine Matthias Schmale said at a briefing in Geneva, Deutsche Welle reports.

He noted that about four million Ukrainian residents received humanitarian aid this year, but funding remains insufficient.

“This year, donors have provided only $1.15 billion, which is 44% of the total amount estimated to be needed for humanitarian aid to Ukraine,” Schmale said.

According to the UN, due to massive Russian strikes, part of Ukraine’s energy, water, and heating systems remain paralyzed, so with winter approaching, the affected regions need urgent support.

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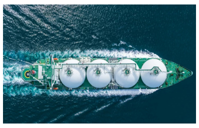

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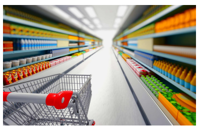

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According to Eurostat, as of the end of July 2025 there are 4,373,455 citizens of Ukraine under temporary protection in EU countries. Over the month their number increased by 30,980 people, that is approximately by 0.71% compared to the June level — the dynamics are moderate but stable, indicating a continuing, though not surging, movement of people in search of safety. The overwhelming majority of beneficiaries of this regime — about 98.4% — are Ukrainians, which makes the group of aid recipients extremely homogeneous and requires focused integration measures.

> *The distribution by countries remains concentrated: the key burden is borne by Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic.*

In Germany there are about 1,196,645 people — roughly 27.8% of the total; in Poland — about 992,505 people (around 23%); in the Czech Republic — about 378,420 people (about 8.8%). Taken together this is almost three-fifths of all recipients of protection, therefore it is precisely these economies and their social systems that first react to any changes in inflow: in large agglomerations the issues of housing affordability become acute, the need for school places and language courses grows, and municipal budgets face continuous obligations.

In such conditions, reception policy inevitably shifts to an integration agenda. Coming to the fore are the accelerated recognition of qualifications, intensive language programs, access to kindergartens and schools, as well as reskilling instruments. The labor market becomes the main shock absorber: the faster people move into formal employment, the lower the budgetary burden and the more noticeable the multiplier effect for domestic demand. At the same time, the housing issue remains the key risk: concentration in capital and industrial regions pushes rental rates upward and increases social tension. Effective responses appear to be targeted rent subsidies, accelerated renovation and construction of social housing, as well as a more even distribution of placements among municipalities.

UKRAINE TO OPEN ARMS EXPORT OFFICES IN GERMANY AND DENMARK THIS YEAR

Ukraine will open offices in Berlin and Copenhagen this year to sell arms for export, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has announced.

> *"We are opening two export capitals. You know that this is co-production and export, which we talked about, of weapons that we can afford to sell in order to have additional money for our domestic production of scarce items, for which we do not have enough money," Zelensky said at a briefing on Monday.*

According to the president, the opening of the first two representative offices was decided not at the level of companies that will be involved in co-production, but at the level of states.

"The first two capitals are our representative offices, Berlin and Copenhagen. This will happen this year," the president added.

LEADERS OF UKRAINIAN INSURANCE MARKET IN TERMS OF PREMIUMS FOR JANUARY-SEPTEMBER TAS, ARKS, INGO, VUSO, AND UNICA

The leaders of the Ukrainian insurance market in terms of premiums collected in January-September 2025 were the insurance companies SG TAS – UAH 5.717 billion (UAH 3.474 billion in the first nine months of 2024), ARKS – UAH 4.238 billion (UAH 3.150 billion), INGO – UAH 3.830 billion (UAH 2.462 billion), VUSO Insurance Company – UAH 3.728 billion (UAH 2.860 billion), and Unica – UAH 3.572 billion (UAH 2.564 billion), according to data from the PRIMA information exchange project of the National Association of Insurers of Ukraine (NAIU).

Changes in the top five for the specified period compared to the same period last year affected SK INGO, which rose from fifth to third place, swapping places with SK Unica.

According to the association's website, the top five leaders in terms of premiums collected in the compulsory motor third-party liability insurance market have also changed, and after nine months, the leaders are TAS Insurance Company with UAH 2.958 billion (compared to UAH 1.049 billion in the same period of 2024), Oranta with UAH 2.206 billion (UAH 1.004 billion), Knyazha VIG with UAH 1.807 billion (UAH 764.9 million), INGO with UAH 948.2 million, and USG with UAH 831.1 million, pushing PZU Ukraine and VUSO out of the top five PZU Ukraine and VUSO, respectively.

Similarly insignificant changes in the comparable periods occurred in the Green Card market, where the top five remained unchanged: TAS – UAH 960.5 million (UAH 1.025 billion), USG – UAH 828.7 million (UAH 553.7 million), PZU with UAH 659.2 million (UAH 411 million), and Knyazha VIG with UAH 286.4 million (UAH 475.5 million), which switched places, and VUSO Insurance Company – UAH 208.5 million instead of Oranta, which ceded fifth place in this type of insurance.

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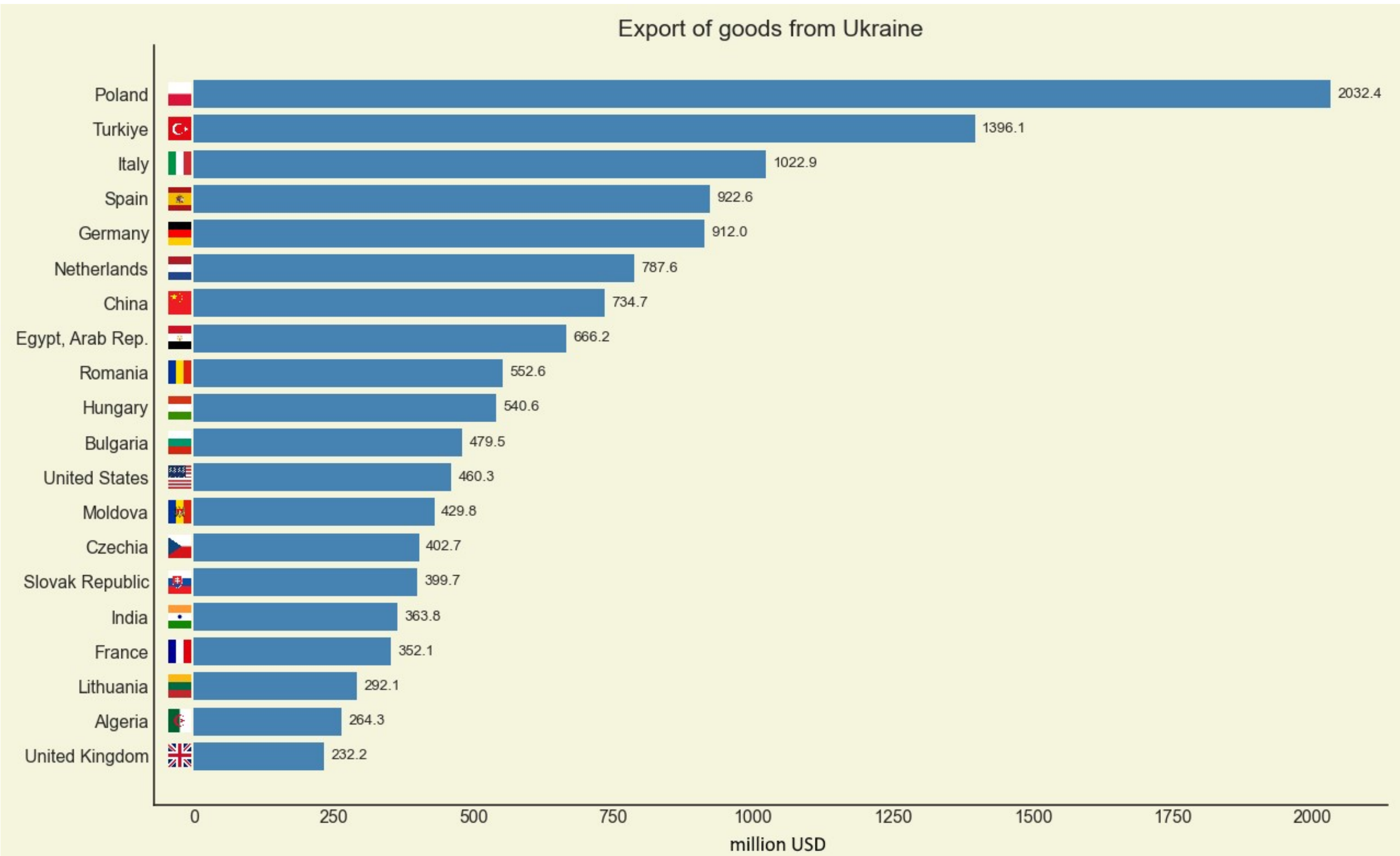

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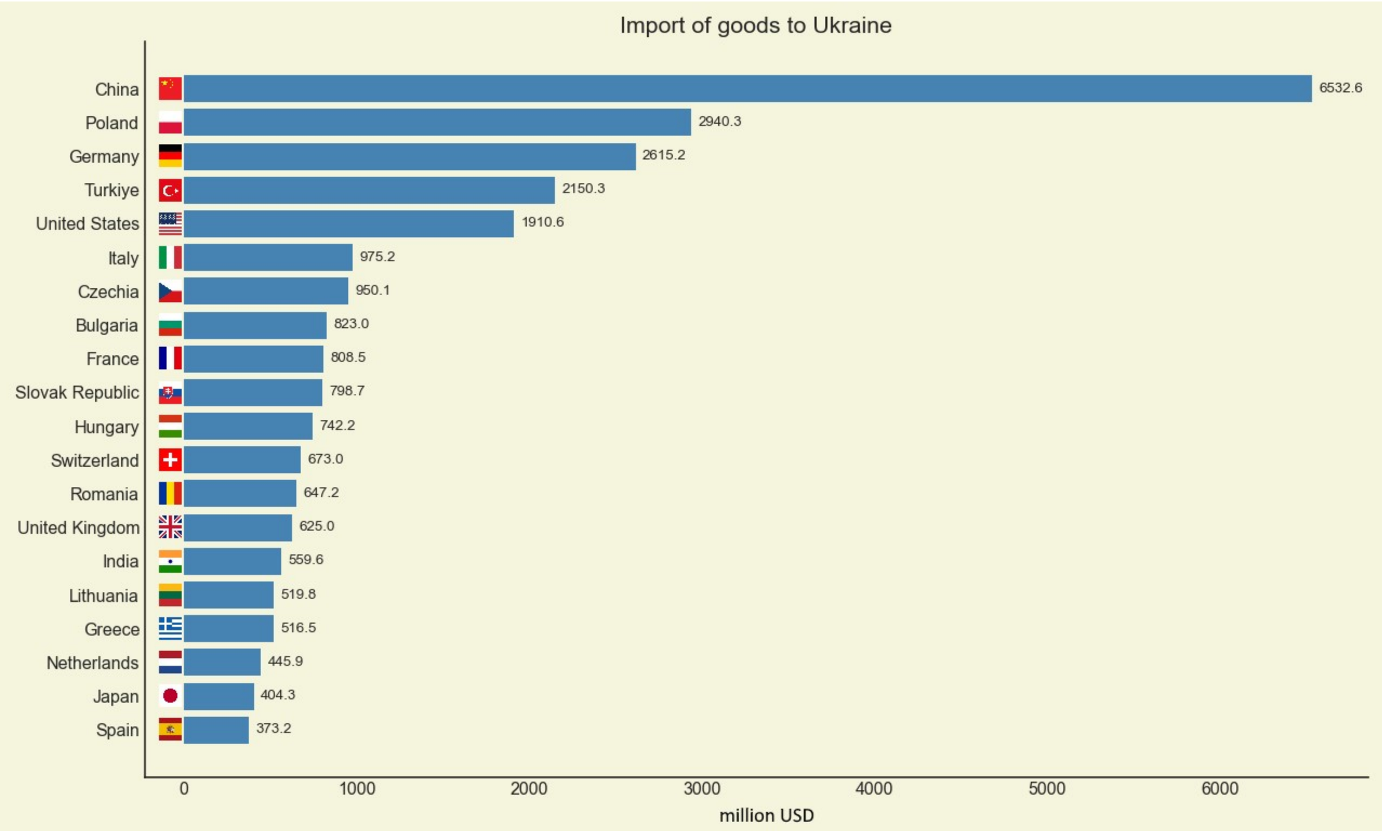

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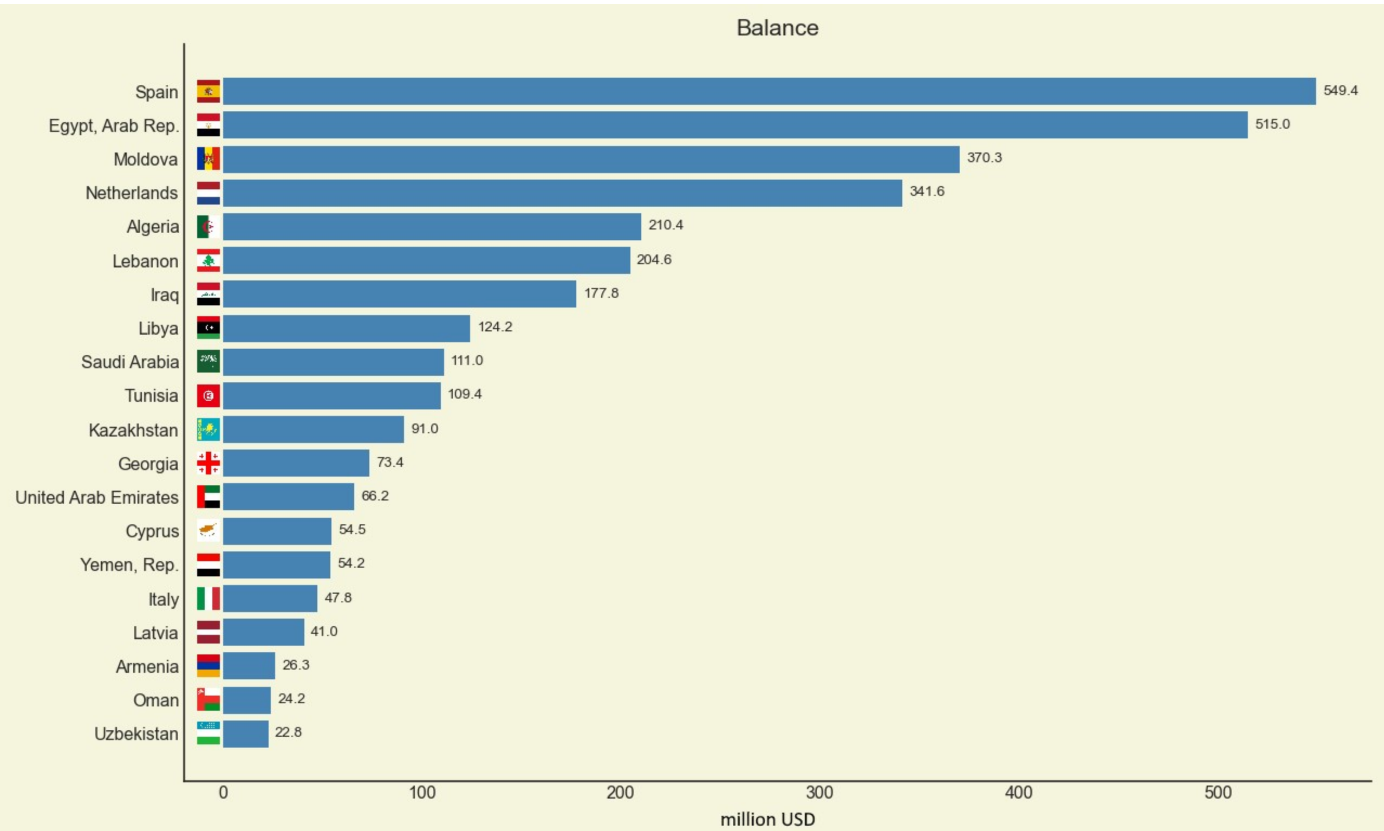

METINVEST WANTS TO BUY PIPE PLANT IN ROMANIA

The mining and metallurgical group Metinvest intends to acquire a pipe plant in Romania (Tubular Products Iasi S.A., AMTP Iasi) from ArcelorMittal, which is controlled by ArcelorMittal S.A. (Luxembourg). According to a preliminary notification from the European Commission on the concentration, on October 21 of this year, the EC's Directorate-General for Competition received a notification of the proposed concentration in accordance with the Council Regulation (EU).

It is specified that the concentration will be carried out through Metinvest's acquisition of shares in AMTP Iasi.

> *After preliminary consideration, the Commission considers that the transaction may fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this matter remains with the Commission.*

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

AMTP Iasi, registered in Romania, is active in the production and supply of small welded carbon steel pipes.

Metinvest is a vertically integrated group of mining and metallurgical companies. Its enterprises are located in Ukraine, in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhia, and Dnipropetrovsk regions, as well as in the European Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The main shareholders of the holding company are SCM Group (71.24%) and Smart Holding (23.76%). Metinvest Holding LLC is the management company of the Metinvest Group.

ZAPORIZHSTAL INCREASED ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTION BY 14.5%

In January-October of this year, the Zaporizhstal Iron and Steel Works in Zaporizhia increased rolled steel production by 14.5% compared to the same period last year, to 2 million 291.8 thousand tons.

According to the plant's press release, steel production for the period amounted to 2 million 660.6 thousand tons (in January-October 2024 – 2.418 million tons), and pig iron production amounted to 2 million 945.1 thousand tons (2.5622 million tons).

In October, Zaporizhstal produced 302,500 tons of pig iron, 275,400 tons of steel, and 204,900 tons of rolled products, while in the previous month it produced 303,400 tons of pig iron, 279,800 tons of steel, and 247,300 tons of rolled products.

SALES OF NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN UKRAINE ROSE BY 11% IN OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO UKRAVTOPROM

Sales of new commercial vehicles (trucks and special-purpose vehicles) in Ukraine in October 2025 increased by 11% compared to the same month in 2024, reaching 1,203 units, which is also 8% more than in September 2025, according to UkrAvtoprom's Telegram channel.

As in the previous year, Peugeot was the market leader in October with 115 units sold, compared to 246 units sold in October 2024.

Peugeot took second place with 121 cars. Last October, the brand was eighth in the ranking with 60 cars.

Citroen took third place in the ranking with 95 units, which is 16 cars less than in October 2024, when the brand was second in the ranking. MAN came in fourth with sales of 90 cars, which is 14 units more than in October last year. Volvo also made it into the top five most popular new special-purpose vehicles with 84 units, which was 13th in October last year with sales of 17 vehicles.

According to UkrAvtoprom, a total of 9,853 new vehicles were added to the Ukrainian fleet of trucks and special-purpose vehicles in January-October, which is 5.5% less than in the same period last year.

As reported, in 2024, according to UkrAvtoprom, 12,900 new commercial vehicles were registered in Ukraine, which is 14% more than in 2023.

UKRTELECOM INCREASED ITS REVENUE TO UAH 3.8 BLN IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2025

Ukrtelecom, Ukraine's largest fixed-line operator, increased its revenue by 5.6% in January-September 2025 compared to the same period in 2024, to UAH 3.8 billion, and its EBITDA by 6.6%, to UAH 906 million.

According to the company's press release on Friday, revenue from fiber-optic internet services grew by 11.3%, and the share of subscribers using fiber-optic internet reached 80%.

The operator added that in January-September 2025, more than 3.5 thousand km of fiber-optic lines were laid, and in total, since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, more than 20 thousand km of optics have been built, which has enabled 1.4 million households to connect to fiber-optic internet. In total, fiber-optic internet is currently available to over 3.3 million users.

Ukrtelecom specified that this year, over 90 medical and nearly 160 educational institutions were also connected to fiber-optic internet, increasing their total number to over 1,360 and about 1,860, respectively.

UKRAINIAN CHAIN AURORA PLANS TO ENTER BULGARIAN MARKET

Ukrainian one-dollar store chain Aurora plans to start operations in Bulgaria by opening test locations within the next six months, co-founder and CEO Taras Panasenko said in an interview with NV.Business.

According to Panasenko, the choice of Bulgaria is due to logistics: the chain is already developing its business in Romania and can deliver from its Romanian warehouse without crossing the EU's external customs border.

Aurora operates in Ukraine and Romania. The first store in Romania opened in October 2023, and the chain is expanding rapidly. In July 2025, it announced the opening of its 50th store in the country (the first in Bucharest).

The company had also previously announced plans to enter Moldova, but there are currently no reports of it starting operations there.

NAFTOGAZ OF UKRAINE AND GREEK COMPANY PLAN TO ESTABLISH US LNG SUPPLIES TO UKRAINE

The Naftogaz Group and Greek company ATLANTIC-SEE LNG TRADE S.A. have signed a memorandum of cooperation with the aim of diversifying liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply routes to Ukraine, according to Sergey Koretsky, CEO of Naftogaz of Ukraine.

> ***"On the sidelines of P-TEC, we signed a memorandum with the Greek company ATLANTIC-SEE LNG TRADE S.A. It concerns future regular supplies of American gas to Ukraine via Greek gas terminals and the Vertical Corridor," Koretsky wrote on Facebook on Friday.***

The long-term partnership is set to last until 2050 and will allow for the gradual implementation of new strategic projects.

He mentioned ensuring stable long-term LNG supplies for Ukraine, integrating Ukrainian infrastructure into LNG logistics routes to Europe, and creating a sustainable system for the supply and storage of American LNG.

"We are laying a new foundation for transatlantic cooperation with our partners. This is another step towards long-term energy stability for Ukraine and new opportunities," commented the head of Naftogaz.

UKRAINIANS PREFER PERSONAL FREEDOM OVER SOCIAL WELFARE – INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LIBERTY

Ukrainians generally prefer personal freedom over social welfare, although most are in favor of balancing these priorities. This is evidenced by the results of a sociological study by the International Institute for Liberty, presented at the Interfax-Ukraine agency.

The survey was conducted on behalf of the Institute by New Image Marketing Group using the Lemur app in the first half of September 2025. CAWI methodology, sample of 1,000 respondents, representative of the adult population of Internet users aged 18+ throughout Ukraine, except for the temporarily occupied territories. The statistical error does not exceed 3.16%.

According to the study, most respondents choose a balance between personal freedom and public interests. Among those who make an unambiguous choice, 29% give priority to personal freedom, while 13% support the primacy of public welfare. Against the backdrop of wartime, a significant proportion of respondents are willing to agree to certain temporary restrictions, but a noticeable portion emphasize that personal freedom should not suffer even for the common good.

In the ranking of agreement with the statements, mutual support in difficult times, even at the cost of personal resources, takes first place. This is followed by attitudes about the right of a person to live as they see fit and the decisive role of personal effort in achieving success. The priority of public interests over individual interests came in last place.

In terms of self-identification of views, nationalist views prevail. 17% identified themselves as liberal conservatives, 5% identified themselves as libertarians, and about 30% were unable to define their ideology. The main sources of information in terms of frequency of mention are Telegram, YouTube, websites, and Facebook.

Yaroslav Romanchuk, president of the International Institute of Liberty: “Ukrainians are ready for the market and capitalism. It is part of our value code. Charity, solidarity, and mutual support have become a powerful force that can become the foundation for development after victory.” He stressed that the key challenge remains a lack of understanding of basic economic concepts: “We need educational work on economic freedom, private property, and the role of the state. The state must guarantee security and rights, but not replace private initiative.” Romanchuk also highlighted the link between support for market principles and long-term growth results: “Where support for market principles is higher, investment, productivity, and prosperity are higher. Ukraine can move faster if there is competition between programs and ideas, not just personalities.”

Mykhailo Kamchatnyi, Director of the International Institute for Liberty, emphasized that Ukrainians consistently place individual interests above those of the state and society, while at the same time demonstrating a high level of solidarity.

The full report and an abridged presentation are available on the website of the International Institute for Liberty.

MCDONALD'S PLANS TO OPEN AT LEAST 11 MORE RESTAURANTS IN UKRAINE IN 2026

McDonald's plans to open 11 restaurants in Ukraine in 2026, according to Vitaliy Stefurak, McDonald's development director in Ukraine.

> *"Next year, we plan to open at least 11 restaurants. And in 2027-28, we expect to accelerate the development of the chain to 15 new establishments per year. We see prospects for development in Ukraine, so we are working to gradually increase investment," he told the Interfax-Ukraine news agency.*

According to Stefurak, nine openings were planned for 2025, but the plan was adjusted. De facto, in 2025, the chain will expand by 11 new establishments, and three new and one renovated restaurants will be opened by the end of the year. Last year, UAH 1.8 billion was invested in the development and renovation of the chain, and this year, about UAH 2 billion.

In 2025, the company achieved its goal by opening restaurants in the Zakarpattia region, the last region where McDonald's had not previously been represented. As for future locations, according to the development director, the focus will be on increasing the number of restaurants in cities where the chain is already present.

"Our priority areas for development are Kyiv, cities with a population of over one million, regional centers and their satellites (provided there is sufficient traffic), as well as locations on popular highways. Today, we are concentrating on central and western Ukraine," he said.

He named popular tourist locations as one of the promising areas (at the end of 2023, the chain opened a restaurant in Yaremche). "We will have the final decisions on the development plan for 2026 at the beginning of the year, but I will lift the veil a little: yes, next year there may be new establishments in tourist centers in western Ukraine," Stefurak said.

RETAIL TRADE IN UKRAINE GREW BY 6% IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2025

Retail trade turnover in Ukraine increased by 6% in January-September 2025 compared to the same period in 2024, according to the State Statistics Service (SSS).

According to its data, in nominal terms, retail trade turnover in January-September of this year amounted to UAH 1.892 trillion.

Retail trade turnover in September decreased by 4.8% compared to August of this year, but in annual terms, it increased by 7.1% compared to September 2024.

The State Statistics Service specifies that the turnover of retail trade enterprises (legal entities) in January-September 2025 increased by 5.5% compared to January-September 2024 and amounted to UAH 1.310 trillion.

At the same time, in September compared to August of this year, the retail turnover of enterprises decreased by 4.6%, and compared to September of the previous year, it increased by 6.4%.

IN 2025, 10 NEW GRAIN PROCESSING ENTERPRISES WILL START WORKING IN UKRAINE

In Ukraine, 88 flour milling enterprises have resumed work since the beginning of the full-scale war, with 22 enterprises starting work in 2024 and 10 in 2025, said Rodion Rybchinsky, director of the Union "Flour Mills of Ukraine".

"As of the end of 2021, there were 678 industrial enterprises in Ukraine that worked in the grain processing industry. Unfortunately, during the full-scale invasion we lost 192 enterprises. They either remained in the temporarily occupied territories, or destroyed to the ground and stopped their work, or enterprises that were partially affected, or due to lack of raw materials, logistics capabilities suspended work," he said during the Agro2Food exhibition in Kiev on Wednesday.

The expert noted that starting from 2023, Ukraine has begun to restore the grain processing industry. Rybchynskyy named the problem with grain exports in 2022 as the reason for this.

"Many agricultural producers saw a way out of the situation in opening grain processing facilities. They invested their funds. In addition, the state began to provide grants for restoration and for increasing processing capacity," he explained.

According to Rybczynski, since the start of the full-scale war, 66 grain processing enterprises have resumed their work, while 22 enterprises started working from scratch in 2024. At the same time, about 10 grain processing plants were launched in 2025.

Analyzing the specialization of new plants, the head of the Union "Flour Mills of Ukraine" noted that 40% of new enterprises are engaged in the production of flour, 30% produce cereals, another 30% – pasta. Geographically, the new enterprises are located in western and central Ukraine.

Rybchynskyy emphasized that it is the construction of new plants, not relocation, because processing companies depend on the existing raw material base and consumers. He also noted the difficulty with transportation of mills, search for a new land plot.

UKRAINE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPORT ADDITIONAL 46,000 TONS OF SUGAR TO EU

Ukraine may export an additional 46,000 tons of sugar to the EU as early as 2025, according to a statement by the National Association of Sugar Producers of Ukraine "Ukrtsukor" on its Telegram channel.

The industry association recalled that on October 29, 2025, an updated trade agreement between Ukraine and the European Union came into force, which provides for a 400% increase in the tariff quota for white sugar to 100,000 tons. As part of the agreements reached, the quota for the current year has also been revised, which will allow Ukrainian sugar producers to export an additional 46,625.8 tons of white sugar to the EU by the end of 2025.

According to Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 1368 of October 29, 2025, this volume will be distributed among exporters in proportion to the volume of exports of the specified products to the EU during January-May 2025.

Ukrtsukor specified that in October 2025, Ukraine exported 44.4 thousand tons of sugar worth over $20 million, of which only 2% was supplied to EU markets. Lebanon was the leader in terms of export volume, receiving 48% of all sugar. Syria and North Macedonia were also among the top three importers of Ukrainian sugar in October.

NATIONAL BANK OF UKRAINE HAS INCREASED ITS ESTIMATE FOR GRAIN AND LEGUME HARVEST IN 2025

In its October inflation report, the National Bank of Ukraine increased its estimate for the grain and legume harvest in 2025 to 61.5 million tons from 57.9 million tons in its July report, but lowered its estimate for the oilseed harvest to 19.3 million tons from 21.0 million tons.

> *“According to the NBU’s assumptions, in 2026-2027, grain and legume harvests will grow thanks to further increases in agricultural productivity and an increase in corn and other grain crops in regions less affected by climate change,” the document says.*

However, according to the National Bank, the harvest of oilseeds, which are mainly grown in the southern regions, will be lower due to the negative impact of climate change, exacerbated by the long-term consequences of the destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant for the region’s irrigation systems.

“The security situation in the frontline regions of the south will continue to have an impact, worsening conditions for the 2026 sowing campaign and slowing down the pace of land demining,” the report also says.

As a result, the National Bank has improved its grain harvest forecast for 2026 from 59.6 million tons to 62.9 million tons, and for 2027 from 60.4 million tons to 63.5 million tons.

At the same time, oilseed harvest expectations have been reduced to 21.4 million tons next year from 22.0 million tons, and to 22.2 million tons in 2027 from 22.8 million tons.

“However, the NBU expects the livestock sector to continue to make a negative contribution to agricultural value added due to a further reduction in livestock numbers (with the exception of poultry),” the report also notes.

FRANCE, POLAND, AND ITALY BECAME MAIN BUYERS OF UKRAINIAN FLAX

Ukraine has been increasing its flax exports for the fourth month in a row amid active demand from exporters. Exports in October amounted to 7.65 thousand tons, which is 26% more than in September this year, according to the information and analytical agency APK-Inform.

> *Analysts noted that the main buyers of flax are EU countries. In October, 43.1% of supplies were purchased by France, 16.8% by Poland, and 11.4% by Italy.*

“The increase in flax exports began in July this year, when the active phase of harvesting this crop began. Thus, flax exports in July were recorded at 1.37 thousand tons, and in August at 3.3 thousand tons,” the experts noted.

A sufficient supply of flax is pushing buyers to lower prices. Thus, the maximum demand prices for flax in Ukrainian ports fell by UAH 800/ton over the month and, as of November 6, usually do not exceed UAH 28,500/ton CPT port, according to APK-Inform.

DURING WAR, ABOUT 70 NEW WINERIES APPEARED IN UKRAINE

During the war, about 70 new wineries appeared in Ukraine, which was made possible by significant improvements in legislation, according to Volodymyr Pechko, head of the Association of Gardeners, Winegrowers, and Winemakers of Ukraine.

“Over the past 4.5 years, thanks to improvements in legislation and climate change, we have seen a 70% increase in the number of wineries… The approximate figure is around 70 new enterprises. They have come out of the shadows, started paying taxes, and officially hired people. Small châteaux have begun to develop in Ukraine. There have never been small wine-producing enterprises in Ukraine, either during the Soviet era or since the country became independent,” he said at the Agro2Food exhibition.

The head of the industry association recalled that previously, in order to obtain a license to produce wine, it was necessary to pay about UAH 500,000. After the transition to a simplified registration procedure for wine-producing enterprises, this procedure became more affordable, and anyone who wishes to do so can obtain a license in two weeks.

After the boom in the creation of small domestic châteaux began, according to the expert, winemakers began to lack raw materials and, accordingly, vineyards.

According to Pechko’s estimates, there are currently about 20,000 hectares of vineyards in Ukraine, of which 5,000 hectares were planted during the war. These statistics do not take into account the occupied territories in Crimea, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions.

The head of the association said that global warming has given Ukrainian winegrowers the opportunity to plant vineyards in regions that are not typical for viticulture. As an example, he cited the Kyiv region, where about 10 licensed wine-producing enterprises operate. They grow their own raw materials in the Kyiv region and purchase the necessary volumes in the Odesa and Mykolaiv regions.

Domestic winemakers, he noted, are forced to actively import foreign alcohol, mainly from Moldova and Georgia, where viticulture is more developed.

Pechko also said that the creation of an isotope analysis laboratory in the Odesa region had a positive impact on the industry. It allows enterprises to check the wine material from which factories produce higher quality products.

“Thanks to the revitalization of processing enterprises, grape growing has become profitable. While in 2023 the cost of 1 kg of grapes for processing was 5-8 UAH, in 2024-2025 it reached 18-25 UAH, which stimulated the planting of vineyards,” the expert noted, adding that Ukrainian wine exports are still low.

“It is too early to say that we are great exporters and ready to conquer Europe. We need to do this, but we need to protect our own market more. We need to make high-quality products and compete with them in Ukraine,” concluded the head of the Association of Gardeners, Winegrowers, and Winemakers of Ukraine.

FAO FORECASTS GLOBAL WHEAT PRODUCTION TO GROW TO 810 MLN TONS IN 2025

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), global wheat production in 2025 is forecast to reach around 809.7 million tons, which is 1.3% higher than in 2024.

The growth is expected to be driven by increased yields in Canada, Kazakhstan, China, and India, while southern Europe and North Africa remain at risk of lower production due to drought. “The outlook for the global wheat market remains generally positive, and global stocks at the end of the season will remain stable despite active exports from the Black Sea region,” the FAO Cereal Supply and Demand Brief notes in its October review.

Top 20 countries in the world by wheat production in 2025 (FAO and USDA estimates)

1. China — 138 million tons
2. India — 110 million tons
3. Russia — 90–92 million tons
4. United States — 51 million tons
5. France — 34 million tons
6. Pakistan — 30 million tons
7. Canada — 29 million tons
8. Germany — 23 million tons
9. Turkey — 20 million tons
10. Australia — 18 million tons
11. **Ukraine — 16–17 million tons**
12. Argentina — 15 million tons
13. Poland — 13 million tons
14. Kazakhstan — 12 million tons
15. Iran — 12 million tons
16. United Kingdom — 11 million tons
17. Italy — 8 million tons
18. Egypt — 7 million tons
19. Romania — 7 million tons
20. Spain — 6 million tons

These twenty countries produce more than 90% of the world’s wheat.

Despite the war, Ukraine retains its status as one of the largest grain exporters. According to estimates by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, in the 2024–2025 marketing year, the country exported about 15 million tons of wheat, supplying it to Egypt, Indonesia, Spain, Turkey, and Tunisia.

Ukraine ranks 11th–12th in the world in wheat production and is among the top five global exporters thanks to its high yields and logistics routes through the Danube and Baltic ports.

A detailed overview of the world’s major wheat producers from 1970 to 2024 can be found in the Experts Club analytical video: Watch on YouTube

CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE HAS EXTENDED BAN ON EXPORT OF UNPROCESSED TIMBER

The moratorium on the export of unprocessed timber from Ukraine, which was introduced on November 1, 2015, for 10 years, has been temporarily extended by a decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine until the end of the year in the form of a zero export quota.

"At the request of businesses, the government has made an important decision to temporarily ban the export of unprocessed timber. This is a necessary step to take care of people in winter, preserve the work of our enterprises, and reduce the burden on the environment," Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko wrote on Friday on Telegram following her trip to the Rivne region.

She noted that the volume of logging in Ukraine has significantly decreased during the full-scale invasion by the Russian Federation. "Enterprises that could be operating are idle or working at minimum capacity due to a lack of wood. The army needs wood for its own needs. Life in rural communities, where firewood is a key resource for heating in winter, depends on the availability of wood," the head of government wrote.

In addition, according to Svyrydenko, the war has caused significant damage to the environment, as part of the forests are temporarily occupied or damaged by hostilities. "Therefore, timber exports will create an additional burden on the environment," the prime minister noted.

"The decision provides for export licensing – a zero quota until the end of the year. We continue to work on further steps to systematically address the timber shortage," Svyrydenko said.

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