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Building back better Ukrainian Cities

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UN4Kharkiv



- Since April 2022 upon the request of the Mayor of Kharkiv, Mr. Ihor Terekhov, UNECE supports the city government of Kharkiv.
- A new Master Plan for the city of Kharkiv is currently being developed by the Norman Foster Foundation, ARUP Berlin and international experts on a pro-bono basis and in close collaboration with and with the full participation of local experts and citizens.
- In parallel, professors Edward Glaeser, Harvard University, and Ian Goldin, University of Oxford, provide expert assistance with developing a new urban economic vision for the City of Kharkiv towards 2030.

- Since July 2022, UNECE is also working to help the city of Mykolaiv ([LINK](#) to the press release)
- One Works, a global design and architecture company, in collaboration with Ukrainian architects and citizens works on a pro bono basis on the development of a new master plan for the city of Mykolaiv to support future rebuilding of the city.
- Weekly coordination meetings are organized engaging the city government, international and local experts to coordinate and discuss planning of work.





115

meetings



2 660

pages translated



204

hours of interpretation





Planned activities for 2023-2024 under the BMZ funded project

“Enhancing urban planning in the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv in Ukraine by supporting to the implementation of the new master plans and facilitating investments in sustainable urban infrastructure”

Components of the new project

Component 1: Support to revisions of the national policy framework for housing and urban development and development of an online platform containing a Toolbox for reconstruction of Ukrainian cities

Component 2: Economic and demographic assessment: Analysis of the demographic and economic situation and development of scenarios that reflect the impact of the war on the cities.

Component 3: Formulation of pilot projects and identification of investors: Support to the implementation of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv reconstruction master plans, including formulation of concrete projects

Component 4: Capacity building and public involvement as well as city-to-city networking activities

Component 5: Monitoring of implementation and investments: Development of an investment tracker.

Component 1

Component 1. Support to revisions of the national policy framework for housing and urban development and development of an online platform containing a Toolbox for reconstruction of Ukrainian cities

1.1 Provision of expert support to the national government for the revision of the legal framework for housing and urban planning, including integrated rehabilitation and housing.

- Facilitated virtual consultations with the Ministry of Reconstruction to foster collaboration, culminating in a mutual agreement that the UNECE will extend its support to the Working Group
- Expertise and analytical support to analyze and comment the draft law
- Inputs into the draft from the pilot cities based on the local practices and from other countries which have relevant good practices.
- Assistance in addressing comments to the draft from other organizations by engaging the junior housing law expert/consultant
- Assistance in the development of regulations under the draft law after the law is adopted

- Work started on providing inputs into the draft law on “Fundamental Principles of the State Housing Policy of Ukraine”
- Conducted an analysis of the draft law and participated in the stakeholder consultation on the draft law
- Organized an expert workshop with the Ministry of Environment of Finland on the draft law on 14 August 2023 online with interpretation

Component 1. Support to revisions of the national policy framework for housing and urban development and development of an online platform containing a Toolbox for reconstruction of Ukrainian cities

1.2 Development of an online platform containing an interactive Toolbox for reconstruction of Ukrainian cities and regions to provide Ukrainian cities and regions with practical case studies of urban recovery and reconstruction and tools for their early reconstruction processes.

- The idea behind the toolbox's creation is currently in the developmental phase
- To ensure efficiency, an evaluation of existing training modules and materials related to the subject was undertaken, with the aim of avoiding redundant efforts
- Simultaneously, an in-depth background paper focusing on urban reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine is in the process of being crafted

Component 2

Component 2. Economic and demographic assessment: Analysis of the demographic and economic situation and development of scenarios that reflect the impact of the war on the cities

2.1 Analysis of population dynamics and development of demographic scenarios that take into account different population re-entry outcomes and are in line with future economic development. Economic scenarios will be developed in parallel to ensure they are in line with the demographic scenarios.

- Kharkiv: A senior consultant was identified, the terms of references were developed for the preparation of the comprehensive restoration programme and agreed with the city government including the recovery plan recommendations. The work will start in September under coordination of the Vice-Mayor on Economy of Kharkiv
- Mykolaiv: Work on the demographic analysis started. Coordination was established with the work by the Mykolaiv anti-corruption centre which is leading the development of the city's local recovery plan

2.2 Capacity development activities will be implemented in order to strengthen and develop the institutional capacity of the cities to promote economic and social development at the city level.

Component 3

Component 3. Formulation of pilot projects and identification of investors: Support to the implementation of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv reconstruction master plans, including formulation of concrete projects

3.1 Concrete pilot projects to support the rebuilding of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv have been identified. The pilot projects will focus on the identified key thematic priorities.

- Three terms of references to support the master plan in Kharkiv, and a pilot project on social rental housing were developed and agreed with the two cities' governments

3.2 Map the funding needs with feasible funding mechanisms (loans, grants, PPP etc., and other innovative funding) connected to donors and national sources to support specific projects aimed at rebuilding Kharkiv and Mykolaiv.

Component 4

Component 4. Capacity building and public involvement as well as city-to-city networking activities

4.1 Strengthening of the institutional systems and building capacity of the local governments of the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv for being better prepared to coordinate donor and investors' rebuilding activities for the implementation of the reconstruction master plans.

4.2 Building capacity through online and in-person trainings targeting city officials, local experts including the local construction sector and civil society who will be responsible for the management, implementation, operation and maintenance of the proposed infrastructure projects of the master plan.

4.3 Building capacities of technical experts and key stakeholders (academia, key NGOs) through field trips to European cities.

4.4 Information and dissemination campaign and public participation to create awareness over participatory mechanisms and inclusive urban development opportunities and to engage local stakeholders and citizens.

- The schedule for capacity-building activities is currently being collaboratively developed with representatives from both cities. Addressing their distinct training requirements holds paramount importance.
- The inaugural workshop, focusing on the exchange of experiences in housing policy development and implementation between Ukraine and Finland, has already been successfully conducted.

Component 5: Monitoring of implementation and investments: Development of an investment tracker

5.1 Monitor the implementation of the master plan and the subsequent investments in the cities by creating an online platform that localizes the projects spatially and visualizes the status of implementation.

- Consultations with the Ministry of the Restoration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the DREAM Team of Ukraine (for the national digital platform) as well as with the cities' governments of Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Irpin and Borodyanka (as examples of small towns) were conducted.



Meeting with Ms. Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany



Project kick-off meeting on 5 June 2023 in Geneva

Mayor Terekhov speaking at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in London



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Information

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