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BRDO INITIATIVES: HELPING BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Unemployment due to quarantine: BRDO's recommendations to mitigate social and economic consequences of the economic downturn. By estimates, at least 132,000 Ukrainians are at risk of losing their jobs as a consequence of quarantine and ensuing economic crisis. However, the unemployment rate curve may also be flattened. *Read more* in the column by BRDO CEO Oleksii Dorohan on what economic and regulatory steps Ukraine should take to soften the blow of the crisis.

The State Architecture and Construction Inspection Reform: assessing potential regulatory flaws in the newly drafted resolutions. The Cabinet of Ministers recently drafted two resolutions considering options of optimisation or possible liquidation of the State Inspection. BRDO experts analysed both documents and prepared risk and possible negative regulatory impact assessment of each of the proposed alternatives, in case one of them is eventually adopted. *Read more here.* Additionally, *learn more* about the State Architecture and Construction Inspection Reform in a column by BRDO CEO Oleksii Dorohan.

Open Data activists' Appeal: it is unacceptable to hide data on public transportation during the quarantine. During the quarantine it is critical to ensure transparency and complete access of all citizens to free data services, including reliable and up to date information on public transport. Public transportation is one of the key points of contact for people. In case the passengers do not have possibility to evaluate the transport occupancy and timetable changes with the real-time transport information, they may find themselves at the overcrowded stops and waiting in huge lines that poses an unacceptable risk to public health during the pandemic. Therefore, concealing transport data by local administrations and monopolists is unacceptable. Read the appeal *here*.

BRDO ANALYTICS: INFORMING BUSINESS DURING THE QUARANTINE

Overview of the initial COVID-19 economic national and multilateral response mechanisms. EU FORBIZ key expert Joshua Badach provided a detailed overview of the initial measures taken worldwide to address the COVID-19 pandemic shock and connected economic slowdown. *Read here.*

Quarantine impact on key economic areas of Ukraine: BRDO estimate. BRDO experts analysed main areas and markets of the Ukrainian economy and provided forecast for business development in the face of a possible worldwide recession. *Read more.*

Support for taxpayers during the quarantine: reviewing the Law #3220. BRDO experts analysed the changes introduced in the Tax Law to support taxpayers during the COVID-19 pandemic.The explanations on tax holidays, tax audits, declarations, social insurance, penalties and other important amendments vital for the entrepreneurs and taxpayers can be found *here*.

Quarantine Q&A: Top 10 questions from business. BRDO lawyers provided comprehensive regulatory guidance on how business and employees should act in the new conditions of quarantine. The issue covers details of part-time job, sick leave, payments to absent employees, issues of firing and tax fines. Moreover, the experts further illustrate the concept of force majeure and its application to business according to recent regulation. *Read more.*

INSPECTION REFORM: MAKING SURE RUNNING A BUSINESS IS EASIER

The State Labor Service inspections of business are still regulated by old Soviet laws with total absence of any e-services. In order to optimise the inspection regime and improve business services, **BRDO recommends reducing the number of cases that unnecessarily require special permits** and, therefore, are inspected. Read more *here*.

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