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BRDO INITIATIVES: HELPING BUSINESS COMMUNITY

BRDO Experts drafted laws on simplifying regulation in road construction and improving the quality of construction products adopted as a basis.

On May 19, the Parliament adopted in the first reading two draft laws concerning the construction sector. The BRDO experts prepared regulatory amendments designed to 1) simplify the procedure of obtaining permits to start road construction activities, and 2) help eliminate entry of counterfeit products on the construction market while simultaneously boosting innovation technologies. If adopted in the second reading, these draft laws will bring Ukrainian legislation in the sector in closer harmonization with the European standards. Read [more](#)

Unauthorised debiting from the mobile subscribers` accounts should be restricted.

In Ukraine, mobile operators have a nasty habit of subscribing their users to services they didn't order and charging their accounts without notification of the transaction. Such charge abuse creates distrust and outrage among mobile connection users. However, almost all providers that operate in Ukraine use such practices. BRDO experts from IT&Telecom sector have prepared the draft governmental Order "On Some Changes to the Rules of Providing and Receiving Telecommunication Services" which introduces the concept of 'double accept' and allows a customer to set monetary limit of content services received. In addition, the Order would require a mandatory automatic notification of subscribers to be sent after payment is proposed in the draft order. The text of the Order along with regulatory impact analysis and explanatory notes is available [here](#) (UA).

In search of balance: protecting Ukrainian forestry as a social value and as a shared natural resource.

Illegal logging of Ukrainian forests is no news. This spring as a result of the extremely warm winter with almost no rain precipitation brought yet another disaster to the industry in the form of forest fires. Present Ukrainian forestry legislation is outdated and is not able to protect forests from such destructive deforestation. Complex approach and new public policy in forestry sector is urgently needed. Read more about threats to the sector's possible ways to mitigate the scourge of deforestation of Ukraine in the [column](#) by Iryna Gruzinska, head of the our Agriculture sector.

Money in search of a patient: what is happening in the Second Stage of the Health Care Reform?

After April 1, a series of debates took place across Ukraine over whether a health care reform had brought expected results for secondary health care facilities as expected. The parties discussed the "money follows the patient" principle of the reform, while the critics did not provide any constructive alternatives to this reform principle. During these debates, the Second Stage of the Healthcare Reform has not been analyzed based on regulatory principles by which it was launched. BRDO participated in the health care reform by drafting laws and the concept of professional licensing of doctors, analyzing regulatory impacts, while voicing its continual support of carrying the Second Stage Health Reform forward. Head of BRDO Oleksii Dorohan [provided](#) much needed clarification to the proposed changes contained in the Second Stage of the Reform and its benefits.

Construction services soon to be online.

On May 20, the Government approved the Implementation Plan for creating a 'Single State e-system for Construction' in development of which BRDO experts have participated. The two-stage launch of e-system is expected starting December 1, 2020, when all services would be available online, except for urban planning restrictions, technical conditions, and e-contracts which are planned to be launched from December 1, 2021.



BRDO ANALYTICS: INFORMING BUSINESS DURING THE QUARANTINE

Safety first: #StartBusinessChallenge provides full recommendations for business during quarantine.

Lifting quarantine restrictions on May 11 allowed a large number of small and medium-sized enterprises to return to work. While COVID-19 continues to spread, entrepreneurs should continue to pay special attention to the safety of their employees and clients. To support safe conduct of business activity in the midst of the pandemic. BRDO in cooperation with the SME Development Office (SMEDO) operating within the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine and the State Labor Service developed cases of safe activities during the quarantine for 53 business types. They are available on [#StartBusinessChallenge platform](#) and in the format of [infographics](#) available for sharing and downloading. Read more [here](#)

Is it true that inspections can be carried out even during quarantine?

During the quarantine, several businesses shared stories about state inspections conducting the inspections the fact that some business inspections are forbidden during the lockdown in Ukraine. BRDO experts [explain](#) what kinds of inspections may be conducted even during the quarantine, as well as, what are your rights and responsibilities as a business owner.



PUBLIC DIALOGUE: WORKING TOGETHER - BUSINESS AND REGULATORS

"Open Data Policy" Green Paper is now in English.

Last month we published the Green Paper by BRDO's "IT&Telecom" sector with the analysis of open data policy in Ukraine and recommendations for its improvement. We are happy to inform you that the analysis is now available in [English](#).

Online survey on melioration infrastructure in Ukraine is on.

"Agriculture" sector experts have begun the analysis of melioration systems in Ukraine. For the first time in 120 years Ukrainians may face the situation when the water supply could be reduced due to unfavorable weather conditions and persistent droughts. What should be done now in agriculture sector to prevent potential water shortage from negatively affect the agricultural sector in Ukraine? Help us gather the information on actual state of melioration in Ukraine through the [online survey](#) (in Ukrainian) which will be used to develop recommendations to the Government.



INSPECTION REFORM

Welcome a new feature on Inspection Portal: schedules of preventive and advisory inspections of the State Labor Service are now online.

During the analysis of the scope of inspections, many control authorities told us that their inspectors, in addition to inspections, also officially carry out preventive and informational tasks. During those inspections, an inspector has no right to check the enterprise or file a report. His or her main goal during such a visit is to inform on up-to-date set of regulations and provide an advise on compliance. Read [here](#) about the importance of such cooperation between the business and the state services.

BRDO in partnership with USAID CEP Program have launched the beta-testing of Business helper on [inspections.gov.ua](#). The platform provides the comprehensive information on inspections, schedules and tips for business. **Be among the first users of Business helper!** Register [here](#)



#STARTBUSINESSCHALLENGE

Apart from recommendations for business on how to operate safely during the lockdown, StartBusinessChallenge is augmented with the new winery business case! You have now the opportunity to get [simple and clear information about steps](#) you need to take to register this type of business without any headaches.

WE'RE HIRING!

BRDO is looking for an Infrastructure sector head. Essential requirements: 5+ years of professional experience in state authorities, international NGOs or business with proven record of in-depth familiarity in the field of transport and infrastructure; higher education in law or economics; advanced knowledge of Ukrainian and English. We offer a job in a team of professionals, interesting challenges in the regulatory field, personal growth, and much more. Please send your CV and cover letter both in English and Ukrainian to hr@brdo.com.ua with a subject "Head of Infrastructure sector". Full description of the job is available [here](#) (in Ukrainian).

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